



Dear Parents

**News**

As the end of the first term approaches, I would like to thank you all for your continued support since the beginning of September. We have had a really busy and enjoyable start to the academic year. Congratulations to all our new reception children who have settled in well to the school.

**Religious Education Update**

At the beginning of the term we celebrated the first Mass of the Year with Father Elvis. Year 6 prepared the Mass and spoke clearly and received many compliments from parents.

Thank you for all the donations for our Harvest Festival which was celebrated on the last day of term. Goods will be delivered to the Birchwood Food Bank and Let Them Eat Cake charity. We really appreciate your ongoing generosity and kindness. The children spoke and acted to a high standard and it was attended by a number of parents and friends of the school.

The Eco team have raised money for a toilet in a small village in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They have also collected £60 for our Global charity Shepherd Food Ministries as well as starting a recycling school uniform initiative.

**Responsibility positions**

Congratulations to all the children in year 6 who were voted into positions of responsibility. Abdullah was voted head boy and Matthew deputy head boy. Deeksha was voted head girl and Lilah-May May deputy head girl. Enya was voted Netball captain and Ronnie was voted Football

captain. We also voted in Wellbeing champions and a new Eco team representing both key stages.

**Sport**

The football A team have had a successful start to the season. They won their first game 4.1 against Birchwood Academy. We also played a B friendly game. They lost narrowly 3.2. We look forward to the rest of the season.

This past term it has been great to have had such a large number of enthusiastic children attending Netball Practice. **After School Training has now finished for the winter and will restart after the February half-term.**

**Parent/Teacher Association**

Many thanks to the PTA for their hard work organising events for this academic year. If you are interested in helping the PTA at school events please contact Mrs Elvers through school. This year our chosen world charities are Shepherd Food Ministries, Mission Together and CAFOD. We finished with a Halloween disco and the children came in dressed up and excited.

**School Visits**

Year 5 visited the Showground to celebrate Lincolnshire day. There were exhibitions and activities celebrating all things to do with Lincolnshire culture. Year 6 attended a Construction Day where they learned about various trades and skills such as being a plasterer, electrician, financial advisor and builder. The children very much enjoyed the production of Robin Hood this term.

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## **Parents' Evenings and events**

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The Year 6 SAT's evening took place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm. The curriculum coverage for this year was explained together with the contents of the end of year SATs testing in the second week of May.

Individual parent teacher evenings will take place next term.

Reception children held their first official assembly in the final week to a packed audience of family and parents. They have certainly settled in well to St Hugh's. Well done.

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## **Primary School Applications**

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All parents of children starting in Reception 2026 will need to make sure that their application for Primary School is submitted to Lincolnshire County Council. Applications begin on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and close on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Any late applications may mean you will not be able to get the school of your choice. Visits to the school are most welcomed.

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## **Building work**

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The school foyer roof will be repaired during the holiday.

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## **Finally**

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I would like to wish everyone a happy and enjoyable half term break.

We all look forward to seeing the children **for Term 2 on Tuesday 4th November 2025.**

Yours sincerely

*Gregory Hughes*

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