



The Huntington Buzz



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Dojo Dollar Department Store



ClassDojo

We are excited to launch a new, fun, and highly motivating reward system in our classrooms called the Dojo Department Store. This system is designed to teach the children the value of saving, budgeting, and making choices, by allowing them to convert their earned ClassDojo points ("Dojos") into a classroom currency called Dojo Dollars to purchase prizes and privileges.

The Dojo Department Store will visit the classroom once each half term. Prior to this, the children will have been given a chance to look at the catalogues of prizes. These range from sweets and treats to fidgets, pencils, notebooks and small toys and then more costly items such as a voucher for being first in the line, changing seats in the classroom or even their own non-uniform day.

Children must choose whether to cash in any Dojos for Dollars to spend at the Department Store or continue saving them for the future to get something of a higher price (Conversion Rate: 10 Dojos = 1 Dojo Dollar).

We introduced this to the children this morning in assembly and the excitement was palpable, so I am sure it will be a successful initiative. We have explained to the children that we will need to trial the conversion rate for this term and may need to make adjustments in the future.

The children have been given the opportunity to enter a design a Christmas card competition for the Mayor of York.



David Skaith
Mayor of York and North Yorkshire



This year, I am asking pupils to design a Christmas card on the theme:

"Your Favourite Place in York and North Yorkshire at Christmas"

We are lucky to live in such a beautiful and historic region, full of incredible landscapes, landmarks, and local treasures. Whether it's a favourite park, a historic building, a scenic view, or even a cosy café or playground, I want to see what makes York and North Yorkshire special to the children who live here.

The **winning design** will feature on my official Christmas card, which will be sent to key community figures, organisations, and partners across the region. The winner and runners-up will also receive a special certificate and an invitation to meet me at my office in York.

Entries should be on **A4 paper** and designed using any materials or techniques (paint, crayons, collage, digital art, etc.) Send to the school office by Monday 10th November. Their first name and second name must be on the back of the paper.

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HEARING YOUR VIEWS



Please take a few minutes to complete the Ofsted Parent View survey -

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. Your feedback is highly valued; while it's an Ofsted site, the school can access the results, making it a valuable and official channel for sharing your perspective on the school.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half Term

Thursday 6th November - Open Evening - September 2026

Friday 7th November - FoHPA Disco

Monday 10th November - Odd Sock Day

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Thursday 13th November - Year 2 - NRM visit

Tuesday 25th November - Open Evening - September 2026

Saturday 6th December - FoHPA Christmas Fair

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HUNTINGTON PRIMARY ACADEMY
OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
AT 5PM AND TUESDAY
25TH NOVEMBER AT 5PM

For children starting school in September 2026

Come and visit our friendly school, hear from the Headteacher, meet our experienced staff and see the Early Years classrooms.

Accepting applications from both inside and outside of our catchment area

With on-site School Breakfast Club and After School Club

Proud to be part of Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust

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ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Huntington is committed to providing a welcoming environment where every child belongs and feels part of our team. Thank you, parents and carers, for ensuring your child attends school as much as possible! We also appreciate you keeping us informed when illness requires a rest day.

As part of our commitment to attendance, each week we display the class attendance percentage and award a small trophy to the winning class.

Below is the half-term data. Congratulations to the winning classes, highlighted in yellow! (Note: The school week runs Friday–Thursday for this data.)

	w/c 12th Sept	w/c 19th Sept	w/c 22nd Sept	w/c 26th Sept	w/c 3rd Oct	w/c 10th Oct	w/c 17th Oct
Oak - Early Years	100%	100%	93.33%	95.65%	97.14%	98.57%	97.50%
Willow - Early Years	100%	100%	98.21%	97.50%	98.57%	96.43%	98.93%
Hazel - Year 1	98%	99.33%	94.67%	99%	99.67%	98%	95.67%
Rowan - Year 2	95.56%	96.67%	97.41%	97.41%	97.78%	96.67%	97.78%
Elm - Year 2	92.31%	94.62%	96.15%	95.77%	94.62%	92.69%	94.62%
Chestnut - Year 3/4	95.94%	96.56%	94.06%	94.06%	97.50%	95.61%	97.50%
Hawthorn - Year 3/4	99.35%	97.42%	98.06%	97.42%	95.48%	97.42%	96.77%
Yew - Year 3/4	97%	95%	91.33%	95%	98%	94%	95.33%
Beech - Year 5	83.60%	98.40%	99.60%	97.20%	98.80%	96.80%	97.60%
Birch - Year 5	98%	98.80%	96%	98.80%	97.20%	100%	99.60%
Aspen - Year 6	98.2%	93.44%	96.88%	95.63%	96.25%	99.37%	99.96%
Holly - Year 6	96.88%	95.94%	94.38%	95.31%	94.06%	98.12%	96.88%



At Huntington Primary Academy, we believe that education is about developing the whole child - not just what they know, but who they are becoming. Personal development means helping every pupil grow in confidence, character and wellbeing so they are ready for life beyond the classroom. Through our curriculum and daily school life, children are supported to:



- Show respect and kindness, treating everyone fairly and valuing difference - every child should feel they belong in our welcoming, inclusive community.
- Discover their interests and talents through a wide range of opportunities - we help them to embrace new experiences and find what makes them shine.
- Develop responsibility and independence, making good choices and contributing positively to others - we embrace opportunities for leadership and teamwork across school life.
- Build confidence and resilience, learning to keep going and grow from mistakes - we encourage every child to persevere and believe in themselves.
- Stay healthy and happy, understanding how to care for their bodies and minds - so they can succeed not only in learning but in life.

AUTUMN 2 - November to December

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS1 CHESS CLUB C BRETT LUNCHTIME	KS2 DANCE CLUB MRS HART AFTER SCHOOL	Guitar MR CURREY ALLOTTED TIME	Rock Steady BAND ALLOTTED TIME	
	KS1 CHRISTMAS STORY CLUB E SALISBURY LUNCHTIME	YEAR 1,2 & 3 TOTAL SPORTS DodgeBall AFTER SCHOOL	YEAR 3 & 6 TOTAL SPORTS AFTER SCHOOL	Years 3 - 6 Total Sports Dodgeball AFTER SCHOOL
	YEAR 3 and 4 TTRS CLUB T CREASY LUNCHTIME	Brass Band - PM ANDREW HILLIER ALLOTTED TIME	LIBRARY CLUB C PURVES LUNCHTIME	
		KIDSLINGO - FRENCH 12.00-12.30pm - KS1 12.30-1.00pm - KS2 LUNCHTIME		
			KS2 BOARDGAME H BULLIVANT & S ASH Lunchtime	

We are delighted to share with you our HPA Experience. This captures many of the experiences we offer the children during their time at Huntington. You will see that the colours link to the year groups that the children will have these experiences as a whole class for example going on a coach trip in Year 1 or 2. These have been grouped as there is often cross over for example the children will experience a night away from home in Year 5 and Year 6. The red Hexagons are other experiences that the children can take part in either as a whole school or as an individual. Some of the experiences are optional. We will be officially launching this with the children after the holiday. A larger version has been shared separately.





TERM DATES - 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026	
Staff Training Day	Monday 7th September 2026
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 8th September 2026
School Opens	Wednesday 9th September 2026
School Closes	Friday 23rd October 2026
October Half Term	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2026
School Opens	Monday 2nd November 2026
School Closes	Friday 18 th December 2026
Christmas Holidays	Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027	
Staff Training Day	Monday 4 th January 2027
School Opens	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
School Closes	Friday 5th February 2027
February Half Term	Monday 8th February – Friday 12 th February 2027
School Opens	Monday 15th February 2027
School Closes	Friday 19th March 2027
Easter Holidays	Monday 22nd March – Friday 2nd April 2027

Summer Term 2027	
School Opens	Monday 5 th April 2027
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
Staff Training Day	Friday 28th May 2027
May Half Term	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027
School Opens	Monday 7th June 2027
School Closes	Friday 23rd July 2027
Staff Training Day	Monday 26 th July
Summer Holidays	Tuesday 27th July – September 2027

Volunteering in school

We're always looking for volunteers to help in school, whether it's by listening to children read or accompanying us on school trips.

To become a regular volunteer, you'll need a DBS check processed through the school. If you'd like to commit to a regular role, please contact the school office to start this process. The school funds this check, which is why we ask for a commitment to regular help.

If you already have a DBS check, we may be able to use it if it's registered with the DBS Update Service.

We are incredibly grateful for our volunteers; many wonderful trips simply couldn't happen without your support. Thank you!

Admissions Consultation 2027-28 Entry

In conjunction with the City of York Council, we are currently consulting on our admission arrangements for 2027-28. The consultation is running from 8 October to 21 November and includes the admissions policies and planned number of places (PAN) available at each school in York for entry in September 2027. For more information and to respond to the consultation, please see the admissions page on our website or visit:

<https://www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation>

Fair Admissions Consultation 2027-28

In line with the City of York Council and York School and Academy Board's (YSAB) commitment to Fair School Admissions we have reviewed our admissions arrangements in line with the Sutton Trust Fair School Admissions Pledge. The Fair Admissions Consultation is open from Wednesday 15 October to Friday 28 November 2025.

Please [click here](#) to respond to the Fair Admissions Consultation.

As part of last year's admissions consultation, we proposed reducing our planned number of places (PAN) for 2026-27 from 60 to 45. This was due to projected lower pupil numbers within our catchment area. This is just a reminder that for families applying for a reception place for September 2026, the number of places available will be 45.

Finding Out About Your Child's Learning

There are several ways you can keep up to date with the topics and activities your child is taking part in:

- School Website – for general curriculum information and subject-specific details.
- Unit Overviews – sent out each half term, outlining the current units of work in foundation subjects such as history, geography and art.
- Seesaw – your child's teacher will regularly post photos (and sometimes videos) of the learning taking place in class.



If you are experiencing any problems accessing the Seesaw app, or if you are unsure whether we have up-to-date permissions for your child to use it, please speak to your class teacher or the school office and we will be happy to help.