



The Weekly Buzz

A Message from Mrs Holton:

We've had a fantastic week of sport! Year 5 supported Kevin Sinfield's 7 in 7 MND challenge at the LNER Stadium, and Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 represented us brilliantly in the schools football tournament.

Thank you all for your resilience through the recent 'back to school' illnesses. To help decide if your child is well enough for school, please check the [NHS guidance](#).



Notices and Updates:

Pre-Loved Uniform: We have a great selection of high-quality pre-loved uniforms available in the main reception porch area for families to take as needed.

Free School Meals: Please check if your eligible for free school meals following the quick and easy link: <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Dates for the Diary:

From Monday 5th October - Harvest - Food Collection in school

Tuesday 6th October - Year 6 - River Foss Trip

Tuesday 13th October - Year 5 - Eden Camp Visit

Friday 16th October - Whole School - Individual Photos

Friday 23rd October - Whole School - Flu Vaccinations



Date: 2nd October 2026

WEEKLY REMINDERS

Children Bringing in Items from Home

A reminder that children should not bring in non school related items from home. Thank you for your support and understanding with this. It is important that we stick to this so that children don't bring unnecessary items into school.

Names in Uniform

We have a large selection of lost property building up without any names in. Please can you ensure names are put on to tags to help support them being returned back to their rightful owner. Thank you.

Head Lice

We have had a report of headlice in school. Please check your child's hair over the weekend and treat them if there are any signs of headlice. This is important as it will help to eliminate the issue and avoid discomfort for your child.

Reading Records

To help us support your child in the classroom, please remember to sign their reading record each time you read together. We have noticed a number of records are currently missing adult signatures, which makes it tricky for teachers to track their reading progress.

PE Attire

We have noticed an increasing number of students wearing short, "hot-pant" style shorts for PE. Please ensure your child has the appropriate length shorts for their active sessions. We recommend these are mid thigh or knee length cycling shorts or sports shorts.



Update from Redrow

Lights are installed by Redrow's contractor and manage traffic flows at the junction of Huntington Road, The Old Village, North Moor Road and New Lane. For queries, please contact Redrow-Yorkshire Customer Services: yorkshire.customerservice@redrow.co.uk, or call the out of hours number on 03450 850005.

VALUES AWARDS

A big well done to our Huntington superstar achievers this week. We are proud of your commitment to the schools values:

Belong, Embrace, Encourage and Succeed.

Willow: Arthur EA
Oak: Felix F
Hazel: John Paul
Cherry: Charlie H
Rowan: Amelia

Hawthorn: James B
Chestnut: Mahta
Yew: Evie H
Birch: Daniel C
Beech: Charlotte S
Holly: Joseph N
Aspen: Arthur

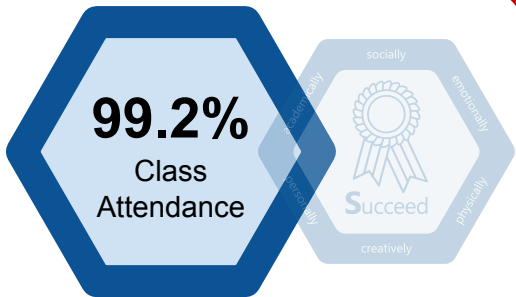




ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Class of the week:

Well done to **Holly** class
with a superb 99.2% attendance!
A **MASSIVE** well done to pupils
and parents.



Year to Date Whole
School Attendance:

93.9%

90% - 94.9% is considered as **at risk**
attendance.

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...





ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL

HUNTINGTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our Commitment

Huntington is committed to providing a welcoming environment where every child belongs and feels part of our team. When a child's attendance is good, their experience of school is more positive; they make firm friendships, maintain strong routines, and access the full curriculum.

Our Attendance Team & Key Roles



Pastoral & Attendance Lead: Mrs V Powell
Monitors attendance patterns and data benchmarking, designs formal Attendance Support Plans, and coordinates targeted interventions. Assists with pastoral care and family engagement.



SENDCo: Mrs C Brett
Manages SEND-related absences through a supportive pathway involving reasonable adjustments, phased returns, and multi-agency coordination.



Attendance Administrator: Mrs D Good
Manages the checking of registers and is often the first stage of contact regarding absence. Liaises between the class teachers and parents to support attendance on a daily basis.

Attendance & Absence Guidance

How Attendance is Recorded: There are computerised registration systems in place to maintain and track attendance patterns. Classroom teachers mark registers morning and afternoon that Mrs D Good oversees and alerts when necessary.

Unwell Children: Notify the school office on **01904 947180** by **9:00am** on the first day of an unplanned absence and each day following. Medical evidence may be required if absences exceed 3 days or if authenticity is uncertain.

If an absence is unexplained, the attendance team will call parents on the morning of each absence. If emergency contacts cannot be reached, home visits, safeguarding referrals, or police contact may be initiated as precautionary measures.

Medical & Dental Appointments: Counted as authorised if notified in advance with proof. Please schedule appointments outside school hours where possible.

Unauthorised Absence

Term-Time Leave & Holidays: Parents must submit request forms via the office in person or via email (office@hpa.pmat.academy) as far in advance as possible (at least 2 weeks). Leaves are only granted under *exceptional circumstances* at the Headteacher's discretion; leisure or holiday trips are not considered exceptional by DfE guidelines.

Penalty Notices & Fines: Penalty notices may be issued by the Headteacher, local authority, or police if unauthorised absence reaches or exceeds the national threshold of **10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days)** within a rolling 10-week period.

Lateness & Punctuality: Learning activities start at 8:40am. Gates close at 8:50am after which entry must be via the front entrance. Arrival after registers close at **9:00am** is recorded as late.

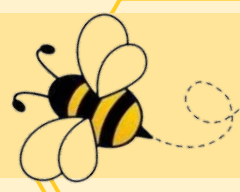
Working Together: We recognise individual family situations while fulfilling our duty to safeguard and monitor attendance.

Please reach out to the school office or pastoral team if you feel your child requires extra support to attend school regularly.





Community Notices



FOUNDATION
JOIN OUR CITY JUNIORS ND
sessions that value neurodiversity

Our City Juniors ND is designed to support neurodivergent individuals aged 8–12 who want to improve their football skills in a safe, secure, and fun environment. This non-competitive programme is ideal for those looking to build confidence, develop gross motor skills, and focus on football-specific techniques at their own pace, all within a supportive and inclusive setting.

SATURDAYS AT 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
3G PITCHES AT YORK SPORT VILLAGE, YO10 5FG

PROGRAMME RUNS 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025 TO 23RD MAY 2026

£5.50 PER WEEK | TERM TIME ONLY | BLOCK BOOKINGS

At this time and due to funding guidelines, places are open to individuals with a formal diagnosis.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE

A FUNDRAISER FOR **FAMILY MATTERS YORK**

CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT
AT THE PARVIN
Indian Cuisine

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2026 FROM 7PM

169 YORK ROAD, HAXBY, YO32 3HB

Tickets on sale now!
www.trybooking.com/uk/GVQC

YORK RESTAURANT WEEK IS BACK!

5-18 OCTOBER 2026

Time Out for Parents of Children with Autism
6 free support sessions:

Starts Thursday 5 November
10:00am–12:00pm, SEND Central

A supportive space to explore autism, anxiety, communication, sensory needs and practical strategies.

Find out more and book a place

Left to their own devices
FREE Short course for parents/carers
looking at screen time use within families and how to keep children safe... helping them to thrive in a digital world.

2 FREE SESSIONS
Session 1 Weds 7th Oct
Session 2 Weds 14th Oct
7.15-9.15pm
Online Via Zoom
(please attend both sessions)

SIGN UP FOR THIS FREE ONLINE COURSE:
www.fmy.org.uk
jenwootten@fmy.org.uk

Tackling questions like:
How much screentime is OK?
How can I keep my child safe online?
How can I manage 'ipaddies'?
What am I role-modelling?

** Suitable for parents with children aged 5-16 yrs*

Share concerns & ask questions **Know that you are not alone!**

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