



SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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EDITION



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to all our wonderful families! As I discussed with the children in Tuesday's assembly, this is a time for fresh starts and new beginnings; all the staff at school are excited to see what we can achieve together with the children in the months ahead. Let's embrace this new term with positivity, determination and a shared commitment to making 2025 Hutton Rudby Primary School's best year yet.

NATIVITY

What a great nativity the Key Stage 1 and Reception children put on for their parents. The pride in the room was palpable as our youngest children danced, sang and acted their hearts out. Congratulations to the children and staff for bringing the Christmas story to life in such a magical way.

STUDENT TEACHERS

In non-Christmas news, we bid a fond farewell to two fantastic student teachers at the end of last term. Miss Louwrens and Miss Clements were both a credit to themselves and their respective training providers. They will be missed by children and staff alike. We are very fortunate to be able to look forward to Miss Clements returning to the school for a few weeks in the summer term.

CAROL SERVICES

For the first time, we held two carol services at All Saints' Church. Both of these services were very well supported by parents and carers – thank you. I am sure anybody that attended will agree that the children were, once again, excellent. From the Key Stage 2 poetry to the Key Stage 1 and Reception singing and readings, the true meaning of Christmas shone through. Two services also allowed more opportunity for children in each Key Stage to shine – didn't they grab that opportunity with both hands!



KEY STAGE 2 PANTO TRIP

The PTA organised a fantastic trip for our Key Stage 2 children... Oh yes they did! The children loved joining in with the Snow White story and had a fantastic afternoon out (particularly enjoying Mr Johnson receiving a custard pie in his face!)

FATHER CHRISTMAS & THE GRINCH

We must also extend a huge thankyou to Father Christmas. The Big Guy took time out of his busy December schedule to visit our children on the Wednesday before we broke up. He chatted with everyone and left the children with some fantastic memories. Jolly Old Saint Nick assured me that all of our children were on the Nice list. Have a scroll through our Facebook page to see his remarkable entrance!

We were also visited by the Grinch on the final day of term. Special thanks to Mr Grinch for not stealing Christmas!



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

All of our children enjoyed some fantastic Christmas parties over the last two weeks of term. They enjoyed party food, games and demonstrated some phenomenal dance moves!

SONDS AROUND THE TREE

We had a fantastic turn-out for our first ever 'Songs Around The Tree'. Thank you for coming to school early and joining in.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thank you to our catering team for making a delicious Christmas dinner that the children all enjoyed.



PSHE

This half-term, the children will be looking at Dreams & Goals. They will be thinking about ways to stay motivated, having a positive attitude and helping others achieve their goals.

As always, if you would like more information about what your child will be learning about in PSHE, please contact the class teacher on Class Dojo.

NEW STARTERS

There is still space in Reception 2025! If you, or anybody you know, has a child who is starting school in September, please let them know that we will happily provide a one-to-one tour of the school and answer any questions that they have about the education we offer.

HOMWORK

The homework that is set in school is designed to support children's learning through practise, pre-teaching or consolidation tasks. Our weekly homework expectations are:

Times Tables Rockstars / Numbots

Spelling Shed

Century

Reading – please continue to add your comments on BoomReader so that teachers are able to follow the progress that your children are making at home.



SAFEGUARDING

With new devices and games from Christmas, now is a great time to focus on online safety. Here are some quick tips:

- Parental Controls: Set up controls on devices to limit inappropriate content and manage screen time. Visit [Internet Matters](#) for guides.
- Privacy Rules: Teach children not to share personal details like their name or address online.
- Be Involved: Learn about the games and apps your child uses and discuss online interactions.
- Stranger Danger: Remind children that not everyone online is who they say they are.
- Cyberbullying: Encourage children to speak up if they feel uncomfortable or see bullying.
- Gaming Safety: Monitor in-game chats and disable in-app purchases if needed.

For more help, visit [ThinkUKnow](#) or contact the school for advice. Let's work together to keep children safe!

HOUSES

This is a reminder that our school is split into 4 houses, red, blue, yellow or green. In the past, these were named after castles / abbeys, but we thought it was time for a change. Following nominations from the children, we have renamed our school houses after planets (and therefore also after Roman Gods).

Neptune (blue)
god of sea, rivers
and horses

Venus (green)
god of love and
victory

Mars (red) god of
war and
protection

Saturn (yellow)
god of farming
and wealth



REMINDER

Please can parents / carers remember to park considerately when dropping children off and picking them up. It is important that enough space is left for emergency service vehicles to be able to pass by cars if necessary. Please do not drive into school unless there is an emergency, this includes parking in the small car park at the bottom of the drive and the main car park at the top of the drive. Please also do not park on any grass around the school. Please remember that there are children present at the start and end of the school day.

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