



Newsletter

9th October 2026

HUXLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS...

What a week!

What a great week we have had at Huxley! I think we can all agree that the weather has absolutely no idea what it is doing at the moment — and neither do we when it comes to deciding what to wear! One minute we have incredibly warm sunshine at dinnertime, and the next the heavens have opened.

Autumn is certainly keeping us on our toes!

Despite the unpredictable weather, it has been another lovely, busy week in school, with lots to celebrate and a few important reminders to share.

Communication – Keeping Things Simple

This week, we sent out separate communication regarding our school communication flowchart.

Thank you for your support with this and for helping follow the correct procedures. Clear systems help messages reach the right people promptly.

Following feedback from parents, we have simplified things even further: text messages will now come through Compass alongside our emails. Teachers2Parents will be phased out during October.

Please note that you cannot reply directly to Compass text messages. You can however contact us through Compass email or telephone the school if something is urgent. Thank you for working with us as we continue to streamline communication.

Punctuality – Every Minute Matters

We have noticed an increasing number of late arrivals and children coming through the main entrance in the morning. As private calls, meetings and live Google Meets often take place there, we need to reduce traffic in this area first thing.

Children arriving late should now be brought to the children's entrance doors, where a member of staff will have an iPad to sign them in. Children are registered at 8:45am and are in collective worship by 9:00am. A member of staff will remain at the children's entrance until 9:20am, when worship finishes.

After 9:20am, please use the main entrance. If arriving exceptionally late, including after a medical appointment, please use the main entrance if the children's entrance is no longer staffed.

We really need to reduce lateness, which has risen recently. Our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) will visit next week; following this, letters may be issued to families whose punctuality or attendance has declined. Please work with us to help every child arrive on time and settle into their learning.

Counting Our Blessings – A Day of Art

Today I had the absolute joy of taking three of our girls to an art session alongside children from across CDAT. This was the final session in the current series arranged by the trust but we are hoping to continue these opportunities because they have been so worthwhile.

This week's theme was worship songs reflected through art. Our children chose "I'll Do My Best", a firm favourite, and "Counting Our Blessings", another song they love. The standard of artwork across the Trust was phenomenal, and I felt incredibly proud of our children.

Watching their creativity, I was definitely counting my blessings today! I look forward to sharing more about future art opportunities.



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DIARY DATES

- Come Tak with Me Parents eve- 21st and 22nd October
- Half Term: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October
- Autumn 2- Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December
- Come Talk with Me- Book Looks- 4th November
- FoH disco event - 5th November
- Christmas Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January
- INSET 2nd and 3rd January
- 4th January- Pupils return for Spring Term

CLUBS
TUESDAY CHOIR
WEDNESDAY CLIMATE CLUB
THURSDAY HOCKEY CLUB



**MRS
RACHEL
GOURLEY**

HEADTEACHER



Come Talk With Me – Parents' Evenings and Book Look

It is that time of year again! Our Come Talk With Me Parents' Evenings will be held on Wednesday 21st October after school and Thursday 22nd October from 1:00pm, giving families a range of appointment times.

If you particularly need a certain day or time, please let Miss Lloyd know by Thursday 15th October at the latest. Otherwise, a slot will be allocated to you. If you cannot attend either date, please also speak to Miss Lloyd and we will see what we can do.

Our Come Talk With Me Book Look was due on 5th November, but because of the Friends of Huxley event it has moved to Wednesday 4th November, after school until 4:00pm. We hope you can join us to celebrate your child's learning.

Friends of Huxley – Bonfire Night Disco

Our wonderful Friends of Huxley are organising a Bonfire Night Disco on Thursday 5th November! We are grateful for all the time and energy they put into events for our school community. Please see the accompanying poster for full details regarding tickets etc. We can't wait!

Year 5/6 CDAT Football Tournament

Mrs A and Miss Palin have organised for 10 Year 5 and Year 6 children to attend a CDAT football tournament. With limited places, names were picked at random out of a hat to ensure a fair chance for everyone. If your child has been selected, Mrs A or Miss Palin will contact you. Please complete the Google Form that Mrs A will send out. We know the children will represent Huxley brilliantly!

A Final Thought

As I reflect on another busy week, I keep coming back to today's art theme: counting our blessings. Moments like watching children create something beautiful remind us what makes our little school so special.

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Huxley family.

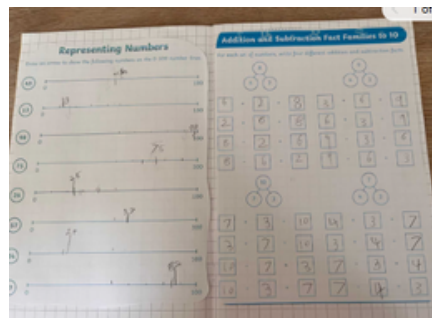
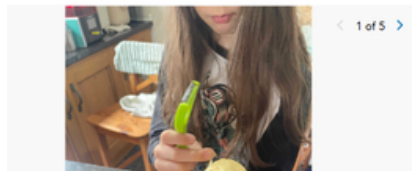
Here's hoping the weather makes its mind up next week — although I wouldn't put away the sunglasses or waterproofs just yet!

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

really enjoyed the Minecraft comprehension and spent some extra time mapping out his character so the drawing was accurate!



- Life Skills: preparing and cooking food, nutrition
- making leek and potato soup
 - preparing the vegetables, knife skills
 - following instructions, weighing and measuring
 - adapting the recipe to add more nutrition (we added cannellini beans for extra protein and fibre).
 - using a hob safely and blender safely.



has been busy on his home ed days. He has continued with his regular tennis sessions and 1-to-1 tennis coaching, as well as starting a new rugby class this weekend. He also had his first drum lesson the other day and absolutely loved it!

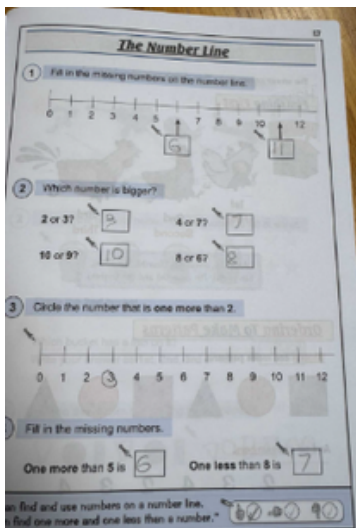
At home, he has been working hard on his phonics. We are trying to go over the sounds as regularly as possible to help him become really confident and secure with the basics. He has also been doing some maths and handwriting practice.

We have also been doing lots of reading together, and he is really enjoying our current read aloud, The Land of Roar.



Monday

- completed some maths this morning. He really got to grips with the number lines and was able to show the numbers accurately. After initially thinking the fact families looked hard he whizzed through the sheet, he has been working on writing his numbers the correct way round and did so well with all of them right today! ☀
- We went to Delamere to do the Gruffalo orienteering course. was chief map reader and navigated his way confidently around the course. He learnt how to use a compass to help orientate the map and successfully completed the course. 🗺
- did lots of reading today which we logged on the reading record 📖
- We then baked some yummy cookies 🍪



Friends of Huxley

SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday 5th November
3pm - 4.30pm

Come along for a fun-filled
afternoon of music, dancing
and crafts!

Disco tickets
£1

Quiet craft
area
£1

Refreshments
available to
purchase

Closing date for ticket sales
3rd November

♥ Siblings welcome ♥

♥ We can't wait to see you there! ♥

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