



Newsletter

16th October 2026

HUXLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS...

Autumn Days...

What a wonderful week we've had in school! The children have been working incredibly hard, and there has been so much going on. It's hard to believe that we're already approaching the end of our first half term!

Autumn has certainly arrived, and we're really beginning to feel the change in seasons. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our beautiful school field and woods, discovering all sorts of autumn treasures and noticing how the natural environment is changing.

We even had a rather unexpected visit earlier in the week when two pheasants decided to make an appearance after school! They had a wonderful time running around the school field, much to the amusement of the staff watching them. There's never a dull moment here!

As we head into our final week before half term, there are lots of exciting things happening and a few important reminders to share.

Parents' Consultation Afternoons – Next Week

Our parents' consultation afternoons will take place next Wednesday and Thursday.

Appointments have been arranged across the two afternoons, so please make sure you know which day and time you are attending.

If you haven't yet booked an appointment, please contact Miss Lloyd in the school office. You may find that an appointment has already been allocated to you, so please check your emails carefully.

A few important reminders to help everything run smoothly:

- Arriving: Please follow the signs as you enter the school, which will direct you to the appropriate waiting area for your child's class.

- Refreshments: Tea and coffee will be available in the Intervention Room at the front of the school.

- Appointment times: Please arrive for your allocated appointment rather than coming early. This will help us manage the number of people on site, particularly if the weather is wet and we need to avoid families waiting outside.

- Keeping to time: Please be mindful that staff have a limited amount of time for each appointment. If you feel you need a longer discussion, please arrange a separate appointment through the school office.

Flexi parents- if you don't already use Showbie or use supported school work and instead want to bring along work, projects, journals, photographs etc to that meeting as evidence of home learning then please do- we love to see what you've been up to.

Remember this meeting is about celebrating and supporting your child as joint educators and is a useful review point for everyone.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you and sharing how well your children have settled and the progress they are making.

Following Parents Consultation Afternoons we always have a Come Talk With Me – Book Look

We know that many of you enjoy having the opportunity to look through your child's books and celebrate their learning together. Our next Come Talk With Me – Book Look will take place on Wednesday 4th November, the first Wednesday after half term.

Classrooms will be open straight after school, and the children's books will be available for you to look through together. This is a lovely opportunity to see what your child has been learning, talk about their achievements and share in their school experiences.

We hope to see lots of you there.

DIARY DATES

- Come Talk 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



Poppy Appeal – Items on Sale Next Week

Our Poppy Appeal items have arrived and will be available to purchase from next week. Children are welcome to bring in some money if they would like to buy something. Our Mighty Oaks children will be visiting classrooms to sell the items to pupils. Items will continue to be available after half term, right up until Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November. Thank you, as always, for supporting this important appeal and helping us remember those who have served and sacrificed.

Friends of Huxley – Clothing Collection

If you're planning a clear-out over half term, please don't forget our upcoming clothing collection! Wednesday 4th November – Straight after morning drop-off

Our wonderful Friends of Huxley have organised a clothing collection to raise funds for the school. Please bring your bags of unwanted clothing to school and leave them in the designated area on the playground on Wednesday morning. 4th November

This is a great opportunity to have a good sort-out over the holiday, clear some space at home and support our school at the same time!

We'll send another reminder when we return after half term, but we wanted to give everyone plenty of notice.

Friends of Huxley – School Disco!

There's more fun to look forward to after half term!

Our Friends of Huxley Disco will take place after school on Thursday 5th November.

You may already have seen the information shared last week, and I'm sure there has been plenty of discussion in the parent WhatsApp groups!

Alongside the disco, there will be some lovely craft activities for the children to enjoy. We'll be using the school hall for dancing and the Mighty Oaks classroom for crafts.

Please remember:

- Tickets are limited due to health and safety restrictions on the number of people we can accommodate.
- All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Parents and carers are responsible for supervising their children throughout the event.

It's sure to be a lovely afternoon, and all money raised will help support our school.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising these events. We really do appreciate the time and effort our Friends groups put into supporting our children.

Important Reminder – Mobile Phones on School Site

We would like to remind everyone that mobile phones must **not** be used on the school site.

We know that the vast majority of parents and carers are already aware of this expectation and follow it carefully. However, we have noticed a few occasions recently when adults have entered the school site while still using their phones. Please make sure that any phone calls are finished before entering the school grounds.

If you need to take an emergency call while on site, please speak to a member of staff, who will help you find a suitable place to take the call safely. We would also like to remind families that we have a Trust wide Mobile Phone Policy for pupils too, which is available to read on our school website. Whilst we don't have many pupils who own phones, we do recognise that there are occasions when children may need to bring a device (ipads, Kindles etc) into school, for example when they are staying with grandparents or going to a sleepover after school.

Any devices brought into school for these reasons must be handed in and will be securely stored in the school office cupboard until the end of the day.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and appropriate environment for all our children.

Car Seats – A Little Help, Please!

We have noticed that quite a few car seats are being left at school recently.

We have always been happy to support families by storing car seats during the day, particularly when children are travelling home with another parent or carer. We completely understand how important this is for children's safety.

However, we currently have a large number of car seats being stored, and they are taking up considerable space, particularly in our accessible toilet. If there is any possibility of arranging for car seats to be transferred between cars before arriving at school, we would be really grateful.

Of course, we will continue to support families who genuinely need to leave a car seat with us, but anything you can do to help reduce the number being stored would be much appreciated.

Going Home Arrangements – Keeping Everyone Safe

Another important reminder concerns children going home with other parents or carers.

If your child is going home with someone different, please make sure the school office has been informed.

This applies even if the person collecting your child is someone we know well or another parent who regularly helps with collections. If you have a regular arrangement in place, please make sure that the office has up-to-date information about who is authorised to collect your child. Please don't be offended if a member of staff contacts you to check an arrangement. We have a responsibility to make sure every child leaves school safely, and we will always put their safety first.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Football Tournament – Well Done, Team!

A huge well done to our Year 5/6 football team, who represented the school at the CDAT Schools Football Tournament in Stretton! It was a fantastic event, and the children played brilliantly, finishing in a very respectable fourth place!

There was even a rather unexpected encounter with some wasps, which certainly added a little excitement to the day! Despite this surprise, the children continued to give their best and should be very proud of their achievements.

Well done, everyone!

Outdoor Learning – Wellies and Spare Shoes, Please!

As autumn really begins to take hold, our school field is becoming increasingly wet underfoot. However, we don't want a little mud or damp grass to stop the children enjoying our wonderful outdoor spaces!

We are very fortunate to have access all year round to our field and woods, and we want to continue making the most of these areas throughout the autumn and winter months.

Please make sure your child has:

- A pair of wellies or spare trainers suitable for outdoor play.
- A change of socks, just in case their feet get wet.
- Suitable outdoor clothing for the changing weather.

Having a change of footwear /clothes makes such a difference and means children can enjoy playing outside without having to spend the rest of the day with wet feet!

Have a Lovely Weekend!

As we approach the final week of this half term, I would like to thank all our children for their hard work, enthusiasm and positive attitudes towards learning.

It has been wonderful to see them growing in confidence, embracing new challenges and making the most of all the opportunities school has to offer.

Thank you also to our families for your continued support. We know how busy family life can be, and we really appreciate everything you do to work alongside us.

We have one more busy week ahead before a well-deserved half-term break!



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! ♥