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Hapton's Weekly News

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Our Christian Value this half term:

Love

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life."

JOHN 3:16



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This week, the children have been exploring the Easter story—a central part of the Christian faith and a beautiful reminder of love, hope, and kindness.

Through stories, discussions, and creative activities, we have been learning that the Easter story is, at its heart, a message about **love**. We talked about how Jesus showed love through his actions, his friendships, and his willingness to help others. The children reflected on what love looks like in their own lives—being kind, sharing, forgiving, and looking after one another.

The children have engaged wonderfully with the story and its messages, and we hope these conversations continue at home too. Easter is a meaningful time for many families, and our aim has been to help children understand the values of love and compassion in a way that feels accessible and positive for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Dates for the diary



- Tuesday 21st April- Hothersall Lodge Meeting for Parents at 3.30pm.
- Monday 4th May- Bank Holiday- School will be closed.
- Monday 18th May- Class photos.
- Wednesday 20th May- Break the Rules Day!
- Friday 22nd May- Break up for half term at 3.15pm.



Achievements!

	Star	Star	Star	Value
Class 1	Eddie Chapstick	Matilda Eastwood		Thomas Abbott
Class 2	Willow Jakovlevs	Nancy Hutchinson		Eloise Hoyle
Class 3	Maiya Shackleton	Marlie Greenwood		Antonia Cioclu
Class 4	Austin Steele	Kyan Chohan	Oliver Willington	Matilda Willington

Attendance winners this week- Class 2!! Well done!!

Menu

School dinners for week commencing 13th April
are:

Monday- Meatballs, Fishcakes or Jacket Potato

Tuesday- Mince and Dumplings, Pasta & Tomato Sauce or
Jacket Potato

Wednesday- Roast Chicken Dinner, Tomato & Mascarpone
Pasta or Jacket Potato

Thursday- Curry, Veggie Sausage Roll or Jacket Potato

Friday- Fish Fingers, Pizza or Sandwiches.



Important Information!

Lancashire County Council is writing to inform you about upcoming works on the Hapton Station footbridge, which spans the railway adjacent to Manchester Road, BB12 7LG. These essential works involve removing the existing footbridge for off-site repainting and maintenance before transporting it back and reinstating it once refurbishment is complete. While the bridge is off-site, ongoing works will take place to prepare for its return and ensure the surrounding area is ready for safe reinstatement.

Site works will commence on 6 April 2026. From this date, a two-way traffic light control system will be in place to safely manage traffic throughout the duration of the works. The bridge lift and reinstatement operations will be carried out overnight for safety reasons. These will take place on the following dates:

•Bridge Lift: Saturday 18 April 2026 into Sunday 19 April 2026

Contingency: Saturday 25 April 2026 into Sunday 26 April 2026

•Bridge Reinstatement: Saturday 23 May 2026 into Sunday 24 May 2026

Contingency: Saturday 30 May 2026 into Sunday 31 May 2026

A full road closure will be required from 19:00 on the Saturday evening to allow for crane setup, with Manchester Road reopening by 10:00 on Sunday.

During both the lift and reinstatement operations, there will be no vehicular or pedestrian access on Manchester Road. Diversion routes for both vehicles and pedestrians will be in place, and a map is provided for reference. Once the bridge has been removed, a single-lane closure supported by two-way temporary traffic lights will remain in operation for the duration of the works. This arrangement will maintain safe access for both pedestrians and vehicles until the bridge is reinstated. Following reinstatement, additional finishing works will be undertaken, with the footbridge expected to reopen to the public on Monday 22 June 2026.

Online Advice for Parents!

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonlinecollege.com for further guides, blogs and tips for adults.

Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!



GET OUT AND ABOUT
If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL
When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX
Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE
Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those gambles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES
Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY
As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME
Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT
Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND
Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK
Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS
When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY
Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert
Mindy Broad design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate master's health qualifications. They offer a range of training and support to education organisations and social authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.

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We hope you have a lovely half-term break!

See you all on Monday 13th April!