



Friday 5th December 2025 (7 Pages)

ATTENDANCE

Oh dear-even more children succumbed to the nasty flu bug this week. Wishing everyone a speedy recovery and great to see lots of children back at school. Let's hope the next few weeks are germ free!

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE %</u>
RECEPTION	100%
YEAR 1	78%
YEAR 2	76%
YEAR 3	100%
YEAR 4	91%

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to our Superstars Thomas and Ella; our Handwriting Heroes Willow, Spencer, Mollie and Archie. Congratulations also to Andrej for the Helping Hand Award and Violet for the Kindness award. Well done to Florrie and Harry for receiving the Perseverance Award. Well done to our Maths Whizzes Ada and Elijah. Congratulations also to our PE stars Hugo H and Alfie. All children were given a special sticker and a duck to sit on their desk for the week.



MISS HOLMES

As some of you may know our lovely Miss Holmes has been on long term sick leave for quite a while. We are sad to announce that she has made the very difficult decision to take ill health retirement to focus on her wellbeing.

While we are very sad to see her go, we fully support her decision and would like to thank her for her dedication to our children and her contributions to our school over the 10 years she has been our Early Years teaching assistant.

If any of our parents who remember Miss Holmes would like to send in a card or message or contribute to a leaving gift please send in cash to the school office before Monday 15th December. Miss Holmes has been an invaluable member of our team and will be greatly missed.



READING BEARS

Tuffy and Elvis are very excited to be going home with Logan and Ava this weekend.



Here is Tuffy and a lovely time reading with Willow.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS



R- YEAR 4 -CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Rehearsals are going well for our Christmas performance-**LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION!**

Please encourage your child/ren to practise their dialogue, songs and moves at home.

The children have a costume photo shoot on Tuesday 9th December.

Most costumes have been provided. A few characters need home clothes-see email sent on 1.12.25.

All children to wear trainers please.

Just a reminder of the performance details:



Reception to Year 4-Lights, Camel, Action! Tuesday 16th December 9.15am and 2.30pm.



POST BOX

The Christmas Post Box will be in the corridor near the classrooms from Monday if your child/ren would like to send Christmas cards to their friends. **This is completely optional** so please do not feel obliged to buy cards. Homemade cards are just as special.

Please ensure that you write the recipient's **name (with surname initial** if more than one!) and their **year group** so the children organising the deliveries know who to deliver to.

The last day for Christmas post will be Wednesday 17th December.



TRAVELLING CRIBS

The Travelling Cribs have been sent home this week. Each day a different child will get to take the crib home. Please talk to your child about the figures and let them play with the crib at home. Please encourage your child to add a photo or draw a picture of their favourite character from the Nativity and write a label or short paragraph about it.

Please remember to bring the crib back to school the next day so that everyone gets a turn.

There is a list in the back of the book so you can see who your child needs to give the travelling crib to next.



QUEENS HALL SHOWS

CLASS 2/3 Little Red Riding Hood-Monday 15th December at 1.00pm.

Please can you provide your child/ren with a packed lunch so we can eat earlier before being collected by the coach.

CLASS 1 The Great Christmas Wrapping Disaster-Thursday 18th December 10am

A massive thank you to The Friends and a very generous local business for their support with providing this amazing treat for all the children.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 18th December in the afternoon (including a special visitor)

CHILDREN CAN COME TO SCHOOL IN HOME/PARTY/CHRISTMAS CLOTHES

LAST DAY OF TERM

Just a reminder that the children will have party food for lunch and school closes at 1.00pm so please collect your child/ren promptly.



CELEBRATING EXTRA CURRICULAR PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Very well done to both Elijah and Jenny who recently completed and passed their Judo gradings- what a fabulous effort!



Please let Mrs Long know if your child/ren take part in extra-curricular clubs and activities and achieve awards or prizes. We love to celebrate and share their efforts and successes.



THE FRIENDS OF HUMSHAUGH



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEXHAM PARTNERSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Hexham Schools Smartphone Policy

With Christmas coming, we thought it would be helpful to send this reminder of school policy regarding smartphones.

For **pupils in years 5 and 6**, the expectation is that they will not be given access to a smartphone by their parents until they are older. Instead, parents may choose to provide an [alternative](#), e.g. a non-smart 'brick' phone (and/or tracking device) as desired. Non-smart 'brick' phones will be allowed to be brought to school provided they are kept switched off and out of sight during the school day, however smartphones are banned in school other than in exceptional circumstances. [Please note, smartwatches are deemed acceptable provided they have no internet connection or access to social media].

PE KITS

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school on **Monday 8th December**.

Class 2 and 3 are doing Dance this half term so please make sure your child has a suitable PE kit in school and trainers that he/she can fasten independently.

'BE YOU' PADLET

This link takes you to the 'Be You' Family zone which has some really interesting and useful resources for parents and families.

<https://padlet.com/nies1/be-you-family-zone-8jbhdyus7shqhdt2>

UNIFORM

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME OR INITIALS

SNOW COMMS

As we have definitely entered the Winter season, please check Facebook and emails regularly for information regarding closure due to bad weather. We always try our very best to ensure that school remains open but with staff travelling from various areas, we need to make sure that there are enough members of staff on site to maintain the children's safety.

In the event of a closure, a message will be sent via Facebook and email. You will also receive a phone call from an allocated member of staff. If you are yet to join our private Facebook page, please consider doing so as we do regularly post reminders and important information.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please either send them an email directly or ring the school office and they will aim to return your call as soon as possible.

Class 1 (Nursery/Reception) -Mrs Wilkinson

email: melanie.wilkinson@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Class 2 (Year 1 and 2)-Mrs Blythe

email: karen.blythe@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)-Mrs Long

email: jude.long@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

For queries regarding Parent Pay, Nursery funding or sessions, Clubs, Milk, Breakfast Club, Wraparound Club and School Lunches, please email our Office Manager Mrs Clark.

email: admin@humshaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 9th December: Be You-Resilience (Whole School)

Wednesday 10th December: EYFS Christmas Celebration-see communication from Mrs Wilkinson

Thursday 11th December: NO ZUMBA

Friday 12th December: Christmas Lunch

W/C 15th December-All clubs and Wraparound are on!

Monday 15th December: Y1-4 Queens Hall Christmas Show-Little Red Riding Hood p.m.

Tuesday 16th December: Y1-4 Christmas performance-9.15am and 2.30pm-LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION!

Thursday 18th December: EYFS Queens Hall Christmas Show-The Great Big Christmas
Wrapping Disaster a.m. / Christmas party-p.m.

Friday 19th December: Last day of Autumn 2-Christmas break-**school closes at 1.00pm**

Monday 5th January: Spring 1 starts (All clubs and swimming resume)

Tuesday 27th January: Class 3 Viking Experience (in school)


Tuesday 10th February: Be You-Self Esteem (Whole School)

Thursday 12th February: Last day of Spring 1

Friday 13th February: Teacher Day

WHAT'S ON

Both Clair (the piano teacher) and I are involved with this super production. If you would like to reserve tickets, let me know as we would like to sell as many as possible before we hand them over the Queens Hall Box Office who take quite a percentage in commission for each ticket. Let me know if you are interested and I will pop a booking form in your child/ren's bookbag.



HEXHAM AMATEUR STAGE SOCIETY

Disney **THE LITTLE MERMAID**

MUSIC BY
ALAN MENKEN

LYRICS BY
HOWARD ASHMAN
& GLENN SLATER

BOOK BY
DOUG WRIGHT

Based on Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman
& John Musker and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements


Originally produced by
Disney Theatrical Productions

Wednesday 1st April - Saturday 4th April
Queen's Hall Arts Centre, Hexham

Tickets: 01434 652477 - boxoffice@queenshall.co.uk

Adult: £20 - Child: £15 - Family: £60

Wednesday and Thursday at 7pm
Friday at 1pm ('Chilled' performance) & 6pm
Saturday at 1pm



NODA
for every child

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.MTIshows.co.uk