Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy

Executive Headteacher: Mrs. M Stead

Newsletter January 30th 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another productive week at Endsleigh Holy Child, we find ourselves reflecting on the beautiful message within this week's Wednesday Word: Happiness.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. These blessings challenge our modern ideas of what it means to be truly happy. Jesus teaches us that lasting happiness isn't found in what we own, but in how we treat others - through gentleness, mercy, and having the courage to stand up for what is right. It is about being "meek" or genuine and finding the strength to see the point of view of those around us.

It has been a week filled with exactly this kind of communal joy. We have seen firsthand how welcoming new faces into our team - such as the return of Miss Rollinson to Class 6 - brings a fresh sense of positivity and happiness to our hallways. As all of our staff know, a shared commitment to a warm, loving, and inclusive environment is the foundation upon which our children flourish.

True happiness also stems from a sense of belonging and being heard. It was a pleasure to communicate directly with many of you at this week's Parent Forum. Involving the community voice is vital to our school's success, and your input helps us ensure that pupil well-being remains at the very heart of everything we do. A huge thank you to everyone who attended the forum. Your engagement is what makes our school a true family.

We value this partnership greatly and will be holding a follow-up forum later in the Spring term to keep the dialogue moving forward.

I encourage you to spend some time this evening hearing your child's thoughts on the Beatitudes and what makes them feel truly "blessed" and happy.

We wish you all a restful, peaceful, and very happy weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Stead & Mr Guthrie

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Y1-6 in school Mass for pupils Wednesday 28th January
Y4 visit Hull Museum 2nd February
Friday 13th February and Monday 23rd February Foundation Stage 1 & 2 only closed to pupils School open to Years 1 - 6
Spring Half Term – Friday 13th February – Monday 23rd February
Year 1 to The Deep – February 27th
Easter Holiday – Friday 27th March – Monday 13th April
May Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May
Summer Half Term – Friday 22nd May – Monday 1st June
Inset Day – school closed to pupils 26th June
Thursday 16th July – Close for the Summer Holiday

Site Maintenance Update

As well as the EYFS flooring being completely refitted during the February half term, the path around to the field and EYFS entrance is having new drainage installed during the break to help make it accessible all year round.

Staffing Update

Mrs Johnston will be joining us at Endsleigh for 60% of the week as Associate Asst Head Teacher and SENDCO. Anna is a highly qualified teacher of SEND and is also the Assistant SENDCO at St Mary's College. We welcome Anna to the team; she brings a wealth of experience with her and is excited to begin work at EHC from Monday 2nd February 2026. Mrs Johnston has almost ten years' experience working in SEND and has supported children and families in both mainstream and specialist settings. She is passionate about regulation, equity, and making sure every child has the opportunity to thrive. Mrs Johnston is committed to creating supportive environments where all children feel valued, understood, and able to succeed.

Mrs Johnston really likes:

- playing with her dog, Brian

- going to the gym

- playing games (and winning them!) with her friends

- a long walk on a cold, sunny winters day

Racial Justice Sunday 2026

This weekend we mark

Racial Justice Sunday

which takes places in our parish churches on Sunday 1st February

"Whoever loves God must also love his brother and sister"

The words 'brother and sister' do not refer to our siblings but to the Catholic belief that we are all children of God so everyone is part of God's family.

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Racial Justice Sunday 2026

Our Mission

Treat every person with dignity and respect

Speak out when we see racial injustice

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Racial Justice Sunday 2026

Let us pray

For our community,
that we may challenge prejudice
and learn to listen, respect and support one another.

Lord hear us...
Lord graciously hear us

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For our schools,
that we may be a place where racism is challenged, diversity is celebrated,
and every person is welcomed as a child of God.

Lord hear us...
Lord graciously hear us

Parents' Forum

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Forum this week. It was wonderful to see many of you there as we work together to build a warm and loving community.

We were privileged to have such a strong representation from our trust and school leadership team, including Mrs McEvoy (CEO of the Trust), Mrs Stead (Executive Headteacher), Mr Guthrie (Assistant Headteacher), Mr Fox (SENDCO/DSL), Mrs Leach (EYFS Lead), Mr Turner (Deputy Headteacher St Mary's & DSL), and Mrs M Broadhead (Lead Governor).

Listening to your opinions and answering your questions is vital to our school's growth. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us, and we want to personally promise that we are not only listening but are committed to acting swiftly on your suggestions to make immediate improvements. This collaboration is key to ensuring our Endsleigh Excellence vision truly flourishes.

Minutes from the meeting are attached to the end of this newsletter. We look forward to sharing our progress with you very soon.

Parent Volunteers

As part of our National Year of Reading, we would like to involve more members of our school family in Reading here at Endsleigh Holy Child!

We are extending an invitation out to our families as we look for suitable volunteers to support our efforts in ensuring that every child can read.

If you are able to volunteer some time each week to listen to children reading, please get in touch with the school office, with the days and times that you are available, and further information will be provided.

With your support, we can ensure that every child can flourish through reading!

2026 Book Missions!

For each month of the National Year of Reading, there is a small challenge to be completed. This is a fun book mission is for any reader, of any age, so why not see if you can complete the monthly mission as a family?

January's mission is to **read a book that makes you laugh!**

How many of the monthly missions will you be able to complete?

School Emails

The below email addresses have been set up for parents to contact SENDCOs and DSLs directly. These will be responded to and actioned promptly. Thank you.

send@ehchull.org

safeguarding@ehchull.org

Date: 28/01/2026

Parent Forum Summary – Key Updates
Thank you to all parents who attended our recent Parent Forum. Below is a summary for anyone who could not join us.

Leadership & Stability

- Rachel McEvoy (CEO of St Cuthbert's Trust) introduced herself and the leadership team currently supporting Endsleigh Holy Child (EHC).
- Mrs Stead (SMC) is leading EHC alongside a strong team, with Mr Turner acting as Deputy Head on site when she is at St Mary's College.
- The Trust acknowledges that EHC has had many leadership changes in recent years and apologises for the instability.

Vision for the School

- The Trust shared its ambition for a more joined up approach between EHC and St Mary's College, including potential plans for a future through- school. This is not yet agreed with necessary parties and is in the very early stages of formation.
- This would allow access to specialist teachers and improved space, although this is part of a long-term process.

Teaching, Learning & Support

- Parents raised concerns about consistency in Year 6 following staff changes. Leaders reassured families that Year 7 assessments (including NGRT testing) will identify and fill gaps.
- Specialist staff from SMC are already supporting pupils at EHC.
- Teaching quality and staff accountability were discussed—improving this remains a key priority.

Communication & Office Organisation

- Parents expressed that communication from the school office needs to improve, including responses to emails and the overall welcome at reception.
- A dedicated **SEND email** and **Safeguarding email** will be introduced and shared in this week's newsletter (live from Monday 2 February).
- The school website is currently being updated.

Safeguarding & Wellbeing

- Parents shared concerns about safeguarding communication and access to first aid. Leaders assured that any safeguarding matters should be reported directly and will be treated seriously.
- Miss Rollinson has returned to EHC and will again lead the CLOS.

Staff Morale

- Leaders acknowledged the need to support staff wellbeing, though pupils' needs must always come first. Staff reported feeling supported with new systems already in place.

Next Steps

- A second Parent Forum will be held in the coming months so families can see progress on the issues raised.

Code Club – Raspberry Pi

After a visit from a Raspberry Pi Foundation representative our Code Club has been awarded Star Club status. This means we are an exemplar club (an exclusive group of around 30 clubs worldwide at present) that other club leaders can visit to see how to run a successful Code Club.

Designated Roles

Executive Headteacher – Mrs M. Stead

Assistant Headteacher & DDSL – Mr J. Guthrie

SENCO & Safeguarding Lead – Mr J. Fox

Associate Assistant Headteacher & SENCO – Mrs A. Johnston

EYFS Lead – Mrs J. Leach