

Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Headteacher Mrs. E Barrs
Newsletter 7th November 2025



Dear parents and carers,

Enthusiasm and Excellence!

What a truly enthusiastic week we've had! As we heard in this week's Gospel, the word 'enthusiasm' comes from the Greek word 'entheos' meaning 'God-filled'. We saw that joyful, God-filled spirit shine through in all our pupils this week, especially in their learning and activities.

A Champion's Inspiration 

A highlight was undoubtedly the visit from the Great Britain world champion athlete, Sean Gaffney! Our pupils were bursting with excitement as they took part in fitness workshops and heard about his journey to success. He shared a fantastic motto that resonated deeply with our school's mission: "Be good today, be better tomorrow." This powerful message of constant self-improvement perfectly links to our goal of seeing every pupil flourishing and striving for their personal best. It's about channelling our enthusiasm into positive action, just as the athlete did in his training, and just as we encourage in our classrooms every day.

Enthusiasm in Action

The enthusiasm wasn't limited to sports in school as we saw it in Year 4's brilliant efforts across their final week of swimming as well. Jesus' enthusiastic action in the Gospel was a call to re-focus on what truly matters—our relationship with God and with one another. Our athlete's passion reminded us to apply that same level of commitment to learning and growth across all areas of the daily school life.

Let's carry this energy forward! Right here, right now, we can all renew our enthusiasm for life and learning. I encourage you to ask your children about the athlete's motto this weekend.

Have a wonderful weekend together, and let's continue to share God's love with
ENTHUSIASM!

God bless,

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November we will be raising money to support the BBC Children in Need appeal. We are having a Pudsey themed non-uniform day so children can come to school wearing something yellow, in spotty clothing, or wearing Pudsey ears/t-shirts. If you don't own anything Pudsey themed don't worry you can simply wear non school uniform. We kindly ask for children to donate £1 to support our fundraising appeal. Also on Friday we will be holding a bun sale across break time to raise money for the appeal. We are asking if children can please bring donations of packaged buns to school from Wednesday 12th November. These buns will be sold on Friday for 50p so please keep this money separate on the day.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class 6 Parents Evening Wednesday 26th November 12 – 6pm

Christmas Fair 3rd December

Christmas Disco 4th December

KS2 Hull Truck theatre visit Tuesday 9th December

KS1 visiting theatre performance (in school) Tuesday 9th December

Christmas Music Concert 10th December 2pm Please note the change of date

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 11th December

Year 1 & 2 Nativity Tuesday 16th December

Reception Nativity Wednesday 17th December

School Closes for Christmas on Friday 19th December and re-opens on Tuesday 6th January

Spring Half Term – Friday 13th February – Monday 23rd February

Easter Holiday – Friday 27th March – Monday 13th April

May Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

Summer Half Term – Friday 22nd May – Monday 1st June

Thursday 16th July – Close for the Summer Holiday

Anti Bullying Week

Next week we will be celebrating Anti Bullying Week. The theme for [Anti-Bullying Week 2025](#) is Power for Good which encourages everyone to use their unique strengths to stand up to bullying. It aims to empower children and young people to speak out, support others, and help build a more inclusive and kinder world.

On Monday 10th November we are asking children to wear Odd socks to celebrate Odd Sock Day and the start of Anti Bullying week. The purpose of the day is to celebrate what makes each of us unique and to raise awareness about bullying. People are encouraged to wear bright, mismatched socks to school.

Open Evening for September 2026

We are holding an open evening for parents of children who are applying for a place in F2 for September. This will take place on Wednesday 12th November at 5pm. This meeting is for parents only, children will be invited into the Foundation Unit for a visit once places have been allocated, we do understand if it is not possible to get childcare and your child has to accompany you. If you know of anyone wanting a place here at Endsleigh please spread the word.

Appeal

If you have any unwanted jig-saws for children under 5 we would very much appreciate them for our after school club. We would also appreciate donations of small cars and small dinosaurs.

Autumn Winter 2025-2026						
MONDAY						
TUESDAY						
WEDNESDAY						
THURSDAY						
FRIDAY						
WEEK ONE	Option One	Plant Boils in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Chicken Curry (Biryani)	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Cheese and Cockles	NEW Apple Cinnamon Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Jelly with Mandarins	Syrup Sponge with Custard
WEEK TWO	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognese	BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese		Creamy Chicken and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Wrap with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken 50% Enchilada Box with Potato Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mid Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	NEW Chef's Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Pear Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Corfickle Tart
MENU KEY						
Added Plant Protein						
Wholesome						
Vegan						
Chef's Special						
Available Daily: Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt						
ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.						
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Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYFS Lead – Mrs. J Leach