

Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Executive Headteacher: Mrs. M Stead

Newsletter 9th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a truly wonderful first week back at school. Seeing the children return with such bright smiles and renewed energy after the Christmas break has brought a fantastic warmth to our corridors, despite the January chill.

This week, we gathered as a whole school community to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. During our Tuesday worship, we reflected on the journey of the Magi and the "revelation" of Jesus to the world. It was a moving start to the term, reminding us all of the light that guides our path throughout the year.

As we move into January—traditionally the month of beginnings—we look toward this Sunday's Gospel: The Baptism of the Lord. This story offers a profound lesson for our school community. Although John the Baptist felt Jesus had no need for baptism, Jesus insisted on it. He did this to stand alongside the community, offering a powerful example of humility and a "new start."

At Endsleigh, our mission is to ensure every child has the opportunity to flourish. This doesn't happen in isolation; it happens because, like Jesus, we choose to stand alongside one another. Whether it is a teacher supporting a pupil through a challenge or a child showing kindness to a peer, we are building a family where everyone belongs.

By following this example, we draw closer to one another and to our shared goals. As we embark on this Spring term, let us embrace this 'time for new starts' by being role models for each other. When we work together and joyfully share in our school life, we create the perfect environment for every child to grow into the person they are meant to be.

We look forward to a term filled with growth, discovery, and community spirit.

God Bless,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

American Census Day Lunch – Thursday 15th January

Y3 visit Hull Museum 26th January

Y1-6 in school Mass for pupils January 28th

Y4 visit Hull Museum 2nd February

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

Inset Day – school closed to pupils 26th June

Thursday 16th July – Close for the Summer Holiday

Site maintenance

We will continue to monitor the paths at the rear of the building as we await proper drainage solutions, Mr. Conway, our site supervisor will let you know when the paths are closed so that you will know which entrance to take your children to.

Lunchtime Supervisor

We currently have two vacancies for lunchtime supervisors in school. These will be advertised on the 'My New Term' website next week. If you or anyone you know could be interested in these roles please feel free to contact the school office for more details.

American Census Day

Special Lunch

Themed Lunch — Thursday 15th January!

We're making school dinners on the 15th January extra special with an American-themed lunch featuring some of the children's favourite meals (see menu below!). It's a great chance for your child to enjoy a fun themed meal.



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AMERICAN CENSUS DAY

Thursday 15th January

**Cheese Burger in a Bun with
Potato Wedges
or
Golden Mac & Cheese & Garlic Bread**

**Served with
Sweetcorn Salsa
BBQ Baked Beans**

**Dessert
Chocolate Brownie
Fresh Fruit Salad**



Autumn Winter 2025 2026		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE W/C 3 rd November W/C 24 th November W/C 15 th December W/C 19 th January W/C 9 th February W/C 9 th March	Option One	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Chicken Bryani	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne	Veggie burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW BBQ Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese and Bean Pasta 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 Crackers	NEW Apple Cumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Jelly with Mandarins	Syrup Sponge with Custard
WEEK TWO W/C 10 th November W/C 1 st December W/C 5 th January W/C 26 th January W/C 23 rd February WC 16 th March	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Sals	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise	Vegetables of the Day	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl 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 W/C 17 th November W/C 8 th December W/C 12 th January W/C 2 nd February W/C 2 nd March W/C 23 rd March	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken 50% Enchilada Bake with Poprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild 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 and Gravy	Caribbean 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	Coriflake Tort
MENU KEY		Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	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		<p>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 contamination.</p>				



National Year of Reading 2026

If you're into it, read into it.

Everyone knows reading expands worlds, sharpens minds, builds confidence and fuels creativity. But fewer of us are making time for it.

It's time for the nation to Go All In.

This year, Endsleigh Holy Child will be taking part in the National Year of Reading. This is a UK-wide campaign designed to help more people rediscover the joy of reading. The theme of the National Year of Reading is 'Go All In'.

We all know the benefits of reading, but fewer of us are doing it due to more distractions and less time. 2026 is the year to change that!

Stay tuned for more information as the year unfolds, to find out how Endsleigh Holy Child will be further expanding our reading world in fun and creative ways!

For more information about the National Year of Reading, visit @Go_All_In_2026 on Instagram.

Year 6 Booster Sessions

KS2 SATs May 11th – May 14th

Mr Guthrie and Miss Jackson will be hosting SATs booster sessions after school on Tuesdays. This will start on Tuesday 20th January. Letters will be sent out next week. The starting focus will be on maths.

Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYFS Lead – Mrs. J Leach