

# Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



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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 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Y3 visit Hull Museum 26<sup>th</sup> January  
Y1-6 in school Mass for pupils January 28<sup>th</sup>  
Y4 visit Hull Museum 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Spring Half Term – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Easter Holiday – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
May Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Summer Half Term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Inset Day – school closed to pupils 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



## AMERICAN CENSUS DAY

*Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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**





## **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 11<sup>th</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mr Guthrie and Miss Jackson will be hosting SATs booster sessions after school on Tuesdays. This will start on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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