

Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Headteacher Mrs. E Barrs
Newsletter 3rd October 2025



Dear parents and carers,

This week, the Sunday Gospel presents two powerful images for us to consider: the mustard seed of faith and the humble servant. Both speak directly to how we live out our Endsleigh Holy Child vision, 'Flourishing for God is with us.'

Jesus teaches us that even the smallest amount of faith can move mountains. This reminds our students that every small act of faith—a shared toy, a moment of peaceful reflection, or a persistent effort in their learning—is meaningful and has the power to help them flourish.

The Gospel also calls us to a life of humble service, doing what is asked of us simply because it is our duty. At school, this means working hard, being kind, and following our rules with dedication. When we approach our daily tasks—whether it's learning to read or helping a friend—with genuine effort and a humble heart, we are truly living out the faith that God has given us.

We pray that the Holy Spirit helps all members of our school community to nurture their faith and serve with a joyful spirit, knowing that God is with us in all we do.

This joyful spirit is so important, especially in a week which culminates in World Mental Health Day. World Mental Health Day reminds our children that while the world can sometimes feel overwhelming, it is vital to openly talk about their feelings. By learning to name their emotions and supporting their friends, they become part of a movement that chooses kindness and understanding over negativity, helping our whole community to flourish.

Have a lovely weekend,
God Bless

Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

On Friday 10th October the children are asked to wear something yellow for World Mental Health Day, please bring a £1 donation which will be used to purchase resources for ELSA interventions.

Reading

Your child should be bringing home an Endsleigh reading book each day. For children in Years 1 and 2, this will be a *Read, Write, Inc.* phonics story book and book bag book. For children in Years 3-6, this will be a chapter book. Some children in Key Stage 2 may also bring home phonics books to further support their reading development. Please encourage your child to read their reading books at home.

If you have any questions about your child's reading book, please speak to their class teacher in the first instance.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7th October KS1 Film Night 3.30pm – 5pm Tickets £5 cash

Thursday 9th October KS2 Film Night 3.30p. – 5.00pm Tickets £5 cash

Thursday 9th October – Re-scheduled Harry Potter Lunch Menu

Friday 10th October – Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day

Friday 10th October – Flu Vaccinations – Please check your email for the link for consents or follow this link <http://www.schoolvaccination.uk/>

Parents Evening – 15th and 16th October. Bookings are live.

Y4 Swimming Lessons 20th – 24th October and 3rd – 7th November

Autumn Half Term – Friday 24th October 2025 until on Monday 3rd November

Christmas Fair 3rd December

Christmas Disco 4th December

Christmas Music Concert 9th December 2pm

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

Police Presence and Campaign

You may have noticed our local University Ward Neighbourhood Beat Officers at our gates this week. As well as introducing themselves to the community, their focus has been on educating families about e scooters and e bikes. Currently, Humberside Police and Fire Services are concerned about fires which are being caused by e scooters and bikes whilst on charge in family homes. Many people are also unaware that the vast majority are illegal and are not insured. Parents can be held responsible for their children on the roads and may be issued fines and points on licenses. We will continue to work closely with our Neighbourhood Beat Officers to help ensure a safe and educated community.

Read, Write, Inc. Phonics

At Endsleigh, we recognise Phonics as an essential ingredient in the rich recipe of learning to read. We teach Phonics using the Read, Write, Inc. phonics programme. All pupils in Reception (F2), Year 1 and Year 2 are currently accessing phonics teaching every day. Some pupils in Key Stage 2 may also access phonics teaching to support their progress in reading.

Please use the QR codes below to find out more about the programme.

What is Read, Write, Inc. Phonics? Understanding Phonics How To Say The Sounds



If you would like any further information about Read, Write, Inc., or your child's progress in Phonics, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Mrs Broadhead – our Phonics and Reading Lead – is also able to provide more information should you require any further guidance. Please keep an eye out for our Reading updates each week in the newsletter.

Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYFS Lead – Mrs. J Leach

