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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the days grow longer and signs of spring begin to appear, we are delighted to welcome you to our Spring Newsletter. This is always a special time of year at Hungerhill School - one filled with renewed energy, fresh opportunities, and plenty to celebrate.

Over the past term, our students have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, resilience, and achievements both inside and outside the classroom. From academic successes to creative projects, sporting accomplishments, and community involvement, it has been wonderful to see our school community thriving.

Spring is a season of growth, and that spirit is reflected in everything we do. We are proud of the way our students are developing not only in their learning, but also in confidence, character, and kindness toward one another. None of this would be possible without the continued support of you, our parents and carers, thank you for being such an important part of our journey.

In this newsletter, you will find highlights from across the school, updates on upcoming events, and a glimpse into the exciting opportunities ahead as we move toward the summer term.

We hope you enjoy reading and celebrating these moments with us.

Mrs K Crawford
HEADTEACHER

Croissants, Cheese and Conversation: Year 8 Taste France

On Wednesday 4th March our Year 8 French cohort took part in a French food tasting day. This was an opportunity to learn a little bit about the history of certain popular foods and decide whether some of the smelliest French cheeses, like Camembert and Roquefort, were for them or not!

The students loved the taste of croissants, pains au chocolat, madeleines, macarons, biscuits pur beurre and tarte flambée from the Alsace region. Also, who does not love the taste of a fresh baguette, baked on the morning itself? It has to be said, however, that the mashed-up olives in the form of Tapenade from southeast France were not for most of them!

The students really enjoyed being able to practise their French in order to place their orders and there was a

lovely atmosphere in the Modern Foreign Languages department, as they compared their food preferences. A quick survey at the end of the lessons showed that our students gave the event a very big smiley face of an approval!



Sport, Dance and Smiles: A Brilliant Term of Primary Festivals

This has been a busy term for the Primary Festivals with our Sport and Dance Leaders hard at work leading our community primary children. Both Sport and Dance Leaders attend weekly training sessions to plan and prepare for all events.

On Wednesday 28th January we held the Year 3 and Year 4 Tag Rugby Festival. This was a great opportunity for the primary children to learn about Tag Rugby and develop their rugby skills. Our Sports Leaders did a super job teaching the children how to play and refereeing all the games. The tournament was a huge success with the children fully engaging in the Tag Rugby and enjoying the experience.

On Tuesday 3rd February and Friday 6th February we held our annual Year 1 and Year 2 Dance Festivals. Our Dance Leaders worked very hard choreographing dances for the event. This year's theme was Disney which our Dance Leaders and primary children absolutely loved! The festivals are very popular and the KS1 children thoroughly enjoyed visiting Hungerhill and experiencing different dances with our Dance Leaders. Our Dance Leaders had the opportunity to develop their confidence and dance leadership skills. Both our Dance Leaders and the primary children had a fabulous time!

Well done to all primary children who took part in all the festivals and our Sport and Dance Leaders who are amazing ambassadors for our school.



Maths Meets Horse Racing

On Friday 23rd January, a group of 30 Year 7 students attended our annual Mathematics trip to Doncaster Racecourse.

Based in the Old Weighing Room, a listed building, we undertook many tasks including calculating speed, distances, working with different units of weight and learning about all the job opportunities available in the Horse Racing industry.

We braved the cold to go out onto the track to have a look at the fences and learn what a furlong is. We also visited the stables and managed to see a few horses arrive in preparation for their race later.

We even had time to get a photo with one of the jockeys who was kind enough to pose with us before his big race. Unfortunately, we didn't bring him any luck as he came third.

A great day was had by all!



A New Chapter for Duke of Edinburgh at Hungerhill

We are pleased to introduce Mr Healey as the new Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) Co-ordinator at Hungerhill School. Mr Healey will be overseeing the delivery of the programme and supporting pupils as they work towards their Bronze Award.

The DofE offers students a fantastic opportunity to develop confidence, resilience and teamwork while taking part in a range of activities including volunteering, physical activity, skill development and expeditions. Mr Healey is looking forward to working with our pupils and helping them gain the most from this rewarding experience.

Recently, our Bronze participants successfully completed their practice expedition at Thurnscoe. Over the course of the practice, pupils demonstrated

excellent determination and teamwork as they navigated their planned route. Despite the challenges that come with expedition life, pupils showed resilience and a positive attitude throughout, supporting one another and gaining valuable experience that will help prepare them for their qualifying expedition.

In preparation for the expedition, pupils also spent time developing essential campsite and route planning skills. They practised pitching tents, organising their kit efficiently and learning how to cook meals using expedition stoves. Alongside this, pupils worked on route planning, learning how to read maps, measure distances and plan safe and manageable routes. These important skills help ensure that pupils are well prepared, safe and confident when taking part in their expeditions.



Beauty and the Beast Jr. Shines in Sell Out Performances

The school hall was transformed into an enchanted world from February 10th to 12th as our talented students brought Beauty and the Beast Jr. to life in a spectacular run of sell out shows. From the moment the curtain rose, audiences were swept into a magical tale filled with humour, heart, and unforgettable musical moments. "What a fabulous performance by all; we enjoyed the choreography, the singing, the acting and it made us laugh. It was evident that everyone was having fun performing it. We really got absorbed - enchanting!" (Audience member)

Every performance played to a packed house, with families, friends, and community members eager to support the cast and crew. The energy in the room was

electric. "How amazing! They smashed it. What a fab night", said one audience member.

At the centre of the production was our remarkable young performers, who poured passion and professionalism into every scene. Another audience member said "I came to see Beauty and the Beast Jr. last night and thought it was amazing! The whole cast was fabulous, and it was so well done."

The success of Beauty and the Beast Jr. is testament to the power of the arts within our school community. It showcased not only the talent of our students but also their teamwork, resilience, and joy in creating something truly special together. In the words of another audience member, "What a fantastic show it was! Brilliant, just brilliant."



Enrichment in Focus

The Enrichment programme continues to be an integral part of life here at Hungerhill. Weekly we average around 50 different clubs, with some clubs running more than once in the week. Hungerhill students continue to take advantage of the opportunities provided by our incredible and committed staff, who give up their own time to offer those additional experiences outside of curriculum time, that help shape our school into the brilliant place it is.

Club in Focus

Each half term, we put a club 'in-focus', highlighting the incredible work they do. This half term it has been Fitness Club which runs in the Fitness Suite on a Monday after school for Years 7 and 8 and on a Wednesday after school for Years 9 to 11.

At our school, we are very lucky to have such brilliant fitness facilities and these are used to full effect at this club. After students complete their safety induction, they are allowed to use the equipment and tailor their training to their individual needs. Students can develop their cardiovascular fitness on the aerobic machines such as treadmills, exercise bikes and rowing machines. They can also 'tone up' using the resistance machines and, for students in Years 9 to 11, use the free weights. There are also a number of functional options as well including wobble boards, kettlebells and a plyometric jump box. The energy in the room is supported by the music that pumps out of our newly updated sound system.

This club is always popular and well attended and that's why it runs all year-round. There

is a fun and focused atmosphere in this club. Students told me they love the club because they want to get fitter, and that it "helps me burn off stress and energy." They also said that others should join the club because its enjoyable and will help you feel good about yourself. Some regular attendees also highlighted that this club allows you to use a really good gym free of charge, whereas other gyms charge membership fees or won't let you join until you are 16 years old.

In addition to Fitness Club, I have also visited lots of other clubs since I last wrote to you. It has been a privilege to see so much of what goes on in Enrichment. Once again, I want to reiterate that we want ALL our students to be involved, so if you don't already attend at least one club, please check out the schedule on the student bulletin or the school website, choose a club, and come along. You won't regret it. I promise.



Inter Form Competitions

Since the last newsletter, we have completed the 2026 Spelling Bee - both Round One and Round Two, and let's not forget that attendance figures are also factored in to the Inter Form Leaderboards. We all know the importance of attending school for our future, and that is why we reward it in so many ways...with this being just one.

At the time of writing, the Inter Form Leaderboards look like this:



Year 7 Inter Form Competition - Live Leaderboard

	MathsFest Round 1	MathsFest Finals	Attendance	Charity Christmas Dinner	Spelling Bee Round One	Spelling Bee Round Two	Spelling Bee Round 1	Spelling Bee Round 2	Inter Form Sports	Inter Form Sports	Attendance	CHARITY Flatiron	Sports Day	Totals	Current placing
7H	5	7	6	7	1	5	1	5	7					42	5 th
7U	7	5	5	5	2	1	7	2	8					43	4 th
7N	1	6	3	2	3	3	2	3	1					24	8 th
7G	3	3	8	5	5	2	6	1	6					39	6 th
7E	8	8	4	8	7	7	4	7	2					55	1 st
7R	6	4	2	3	6	8	8	8	3					48	2 nd
7I	4	3	7	7	8	4	5	4	4					46	3 rd
7L	2	0	1	1	4	6	3	6	6					29	7 th
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6									

Year 8 Inter Form Competition - Live Leaderboard

	MathsFest Round 1	MathsFest Finals	Attendance	Charity Christmas Dinner	Spelling Bee Round One	Spelling Bee Round Two	Spelling Bee Round 1	Spelling Bee Round 2	Inter Form Sports	Inter Form Sports	Attendance	CHARITY Flatiron	Sports Day	Totals	Current placing
8H	5	3	2	3	1	2	1	2	3					23	8 th
8U	4	3	4	6	2	8	2	8	8					45	5 th
8N	7	1	6	6	3	4	5	4	4					40	6 th
8G	3	4	8	2	4	1	3	1	1					27	7 th
8E	6	8	1	7	7	5	4	5	7					50	2 nd
8R	8	6	7	6	5	3	6	3	3					47	3 rd
8I	2	7	3	2	8	6	7	6	6					47	3 rd
8L	1	5	5	8	6	7	8	7	5					52	1 st
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6									

Year 9 Inter Form Competition - Live Leaderboard

	MathsFest Round 1	MathsFest Finals	Attendance	Charity Christmas Dinner	Spelling Bee Round One	Spelling Bee Round Two	Spelling Bee Round 1	Spelling Bee Round 2	Inter Form Sports	Inter Form Sports	Attendance	CHARITY Flatiron	Sports Day	Totals	Current placing
9H	3	6	4	3	4	2	5	2	2					31	6 th
9U	1	8	5	5	3	7	2	7	6					44	4 th
9N	7	7	2	7	7	4	6	4	3					50	2 nd
9G	4	6	6	0	6	3	4	3	7					39	5 th
9E	7	4	7	5	8	8	8	8	5					60	1 st
9R	5	2	3	3	1	1	3	1	8					27	8 th
9I	2	3	8	8	5	6	7	6	5					50	2 nd
9L	8	1	1	7	2	5	1	5	0					30	7 th
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6									

Year 10 Inter Form Competition - Live Leaderboard

	MathsFest Round 1	MathsFest Finals	Attendance	Charity Christmas Dinner	Spelling Bee Round One	Spelling Bee Round Two	Spelling Bee Round 1	Spelling Bee Round 2	Inter Form Sports	Inter Form Sports	Attendance	CHARITY Flatiron	Sports Day	Totals	Current placing
10H	8	8	7	9	5	5	7	5	5					59	3 rd
10U	5	7	1	4	1	7	1	7	7					40	8 th
10N	2	0	6	2	4	4	3	2	0					23	10 th
10G	1	9	3	7	3	9	6	9	9					58	4 th
10E	6	7	8	8	9	6	10	6	8					68	1 st
10R	3	7	4	7	7	1	9	1	7					46	7 th
10I	10	10	9	4	8	2	4	3	10					60	2 nd
10L	9	0	5	7	6	8	5	8	4					52	5 th
10S	4	7	2	1	2	10	2	10	0					38	9 th
10C	7	0	10	10	10	3	8	4	0					52	5 th
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	HT6									

Well done everyone - keep up the great work! All to play for in term 3!



Charity

As you know, at Hungerhill we are committed to charity work and helping those less fortunate than ourselves. We believe we can always make a difference, and our community consistently rises to the charity challenges we undertake.

Hopefully you will remember that we hosted our Christmas Fayre on Friday 12th December 2025. This was a huge success and massive thanks must go to the staff and Year 11 Student Leaders who put so much effort into making it an awesome Christmas experience for our students. We are also extremely proud to announce that we have once again broken a charity record, raising an unbelievable £2106 on the day for our whole school charity, The Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

This term our charity push has been Readathon 2026. Readathon is an independent sponsored reading event that raises money for Read for Good, a fantastic charity that provides books and reading materials for children in hospital. They also pay for adult readers to go into these hospitals to bring the books to life! They work extensively with Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Hull Royal Infirmary, Sheffield Hallamshire Hospital and Leeds General Infirmary. At the time of writing, we have not yet calculated how much we have raised, but we want to thank everyone who took part and supported it.

Wishing our entire community a brilliant Easter.

Mr. Clayton.
Enrichment Lead



From Page to Stage: Year 10 Explore Macbeth

On Wednesday 25th February, 96 Year 10 students had the opportunity to experience their GCSE English Literature Shakespeare text, Macbeth, brought to life on stage in a fantastic production at Hull Truck Theatre. This exciting opportunity enhanced students' understanding of Shakespeare's tragic play and brought it to life beyond their classroom studies.



From the moment the performance began, students were engaged by the powerful acting, dramatic staging, and atmospheric set design. The portrayal of key scenes—particularly Macbeth's soliloquies, the witches' prophecies, and the final battle—helped to deepen students' appreciation of the themes of ambition, guilt, and fate. It was especially pleasing to see students engaging thoughtfully with the performance, discussing interpretations, and making connections to their studies.

One Year 10 student commented: "I found the performance of Macbeth very compelling. The play was very accurate to the original text and portrayed the characters well. Watching this performance helped me to better understand the themes and ideas for my exams."

Overall, it was a very valuable and memorable trip.



Turning Pages Together: Hungerhill Celebrates World Book Day 2026

World Book Day was once again enthusiastically celebrated at Hungerhill School. As 2026 marks the Department for Education's National Year of Reading, we were keen to emphasise the importance of reading for pleasure for everyone in our school community - staff and students alike.

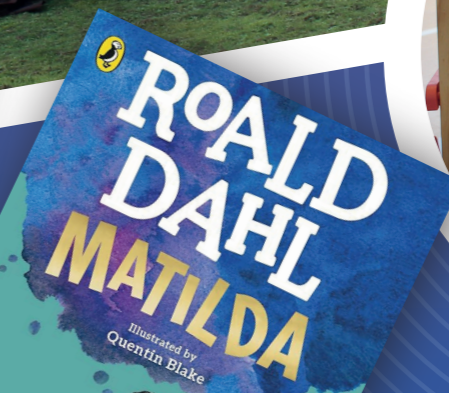
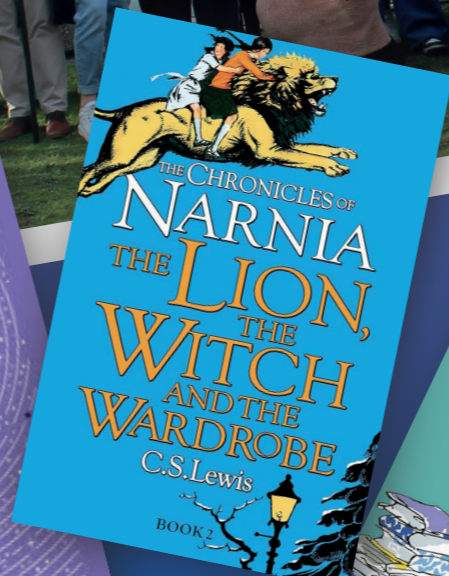
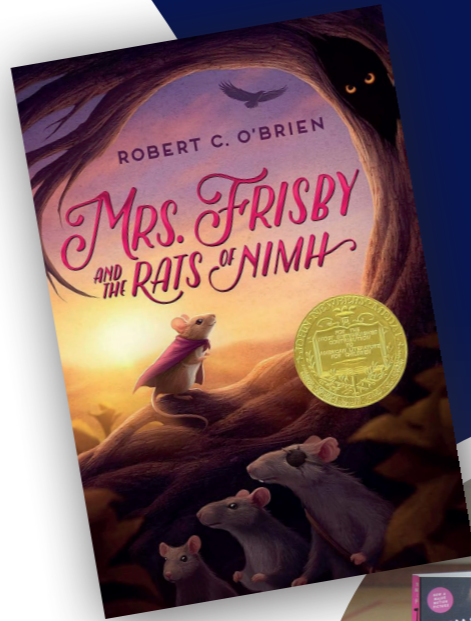
Mr Rookelge delivered a thought-provoking World Book Day assembly, encouraging students to explore a wide range of texts, from fantasy fiction and non-fiction autobiographies to audiobooks. This message also coincided with the launch of our annual Readathon - an enrichment reading competition in which students compete to read the most while raising money for the fantastic charity Read for Good.

Staff and students were invited to dress up as their favourite childhood characters, and we saw some fantastic entries from across the school. A special mention goes to the Mathematics department, who truly stole the show with their creative Lord of the Rings theme.

At lunchtime, more than 200 students attended our World Book Day fair. Activities included "Guess the Book" bingo, identifying foods linked to famous novels, and a "guess the chocolate cake" challenge. Students also enjoyed a free hot chocolate while exploring the impressive range of stalls.

In a world increasingly dominated by instant technology, reading can be a challenge to prioritise. However, at Hungerhill, we remain committed to fostering a love of reading, recognising its vital role in both education and personal wellbeing.

Thank you to all staff and students who contributed to making the day such a success, especially our Year 10 student leaders, who generously gave up their time to help with the setup. Particular thanks go to Jiya Swalle and Maia George, who baked a cake in their own time for one of the stalls.



Goals, Grit and Glory for Years 7–10

Our Year 7–10 football teams have been back in league and cup action this half term, showing excellent commitment and progress.

We are delighted to share that the U13 girls, and the U12, U13, U15, and U16 boys' teams have all successfully progressed to the cup semi-finals—an outstanding achievement!

A big thank you also goes to all Key Stage 3 students who have attended the after-school football enrichment club this half term. Your enthusiasm and dedication have been fantastic to see.

Below is a photo of our Year 10 team, who recently beat Armthorpe 4–0 – a great result after losing to them on penalties in last year's cup semi-final!

We now look forward to any potential finals and the football trip to Barcelona next term!

