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Welcome from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful term it has been. The last two weeks, in particular, have been filled with Christmas cheer, creating a magical atmosphere across the whole school. The children have truly shone in all their productions and concerts. From the enthusiastic singing to the confident acting, every performance reflected the hard work and dedication they have shown throughout the term.

Our Preschool and Reception children deserve a very special mention for their beautiful production of “The Very First Christmas.” Their enthusiasm, confidence, and unforgettable stage presence brought the story to life in the most heart-warming way. They truly set the tone for a joyful festive season.

Lower Prep delighted audiences last week with their lively and humorous production of “The Fleece Force.” Blending a traditional Nativity with the added fun of Police Sheep—including Chief Fleecy, Constable Jumper, and new recruit Constable Woolly—the children delivered a memorable performance full of energy, character, and festive charm.

We are also incredibly proud to recognise that Hydesville has been featured in The Times Parent Power List 2026 as one of the Top 30 Independent Schools without a Sixth Form. This exceptional achievement is testament to the dedication of our pupils, staff, and whole school community. It reflects our commitment to excellence in education and the nurturing environment we strive to provide for every child.

Well done to all pupils across the school who performed so wonderfully at the Christmas concert. Their teamwork, musical talent, and festive enthusiasm made each performance a memorable celebration for families and staff alike.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support, particularly at this year’s Christmas Fair. Your contributions, attendance, and generosity helped make it a hugely successful community event. We are also grateful to the senior school pupils, who were superb in assisting with stalls, guiding visitors, and ensuring the event ran seamlessly.

My sincere thanks go to the entire staff team for their efforts throughout the term. Their dedication to the children’s learning and wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do. A special mention must go to the Senior Leadership Team for their continued hard work behind the scenes, ensuring our school remains a nurturing and thriving environment for all.

As we approach the holiday break, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the festivities bring you rest, joy, and special moments together. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the new term ahead.

Warm regards,

Mrs Samra

Christmas Fair

FESTIVE SPIRIT SHINES AT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

The school was filled with festive cheer on Wednesday 10th December as families, pupils and staff came together for this year's much-anticipated Christmas Fair. The event proved to be a lively and memorable occasion, capturing the true spirit of the season.

Guests were treated to a wide range of attractions throughout the evening, including live music and joyful carol performances, beautifully presented gift stalls and an abundance of seasonal refreshments. Hot chocolate, sweet treats and other festive favourites were enjoyed alongside a magical winter disco, which proved especially popular with younger visitors.

One of the highlights of the evening was Santa's grotto, where children delighted in meeting Father Christmas, adding an extra touch of excitement and wonder to the celebrations. The evening was a wonderful example of our school community coming together and the event would not have been possible without the support of those who attended, and supported with donations.

Winners of the Super Draw Raffle were announced on Monday, providing yet another moment of festive anticipation. See page 16 for further details.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the Christmas Fair such a success and wish all our families a warm, joyful and very Merry Christmas.



Nursery

A MAGICAL MORNING AT THE FIRST CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Well done to all our Nursery pupils who performed in The First Christmas Nativity play, which took place on Tuesday 9th December. It was a wonderful and festive morning that brought great cheer to both parents and staff. Every child, from the angels to the wise men, performed exceptionally well, creating a truly memorable experience for the friends and family who came to watch. The performance was heart-warming and filled with joy, bringing smiles to everyone involved. The children looked wonderful in their costumes, demonstrated a clear understanding of the Nativity story, and were eager to showcase their hard work.

Guests enjoyed refreshments before being warmly welcomed by our Headteacher, Mrs Samra. At the conclusion of the performance, the Head of Prep, Mrs Chand, congratulated the children on their excellent efforts before the audience departed.

Congratulations to all involved on a brilliant and thoroughly enjoyable performance.



Nursery

FESTIVE FUN AT SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Christmas cheer arrived early in our Nursery on Friday 12th December, as our youngest pupils enjoyed a wonderfully festive morning at Santa's Workshop. Taking place during the final full week of term, the event brought together children and staff alike in a joyful celebration of the season.

The morning was filled with lively festive activities and seasonal surprises, with plenty of laughter, play and merriment throughout. From the very start, excitement was in the air as the children enthusiastically joined in, fully embracing the magic of the occasion.

Dressed proudly in their Santa hats, our Nursery children marked the countdown to Christmas in the most delightful way, spreading smiles and festive spirit as Christmas fast approaches. It was a heart-warming morning and a perfect way to round off the term.



Prep

PREP PUPILS SHINE IN FESTIVE NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

Our Prep School pupils delighted audiences with a confident and engaging performance of their Nativity play, Fleece Force, showcasing both their talent and enthusiasm in a thoroughly uplifting production.

The performance captured the attention of all who attended, with pupils embracing their roles and delivering a polished and joyful retelling of the Christmas story. Fleece Force provided every child with a valuable opportunity to shine on stage, and their hard work, growing confidence and clear enjoyment were evident throughout.

Staff and audience members alike were impressed by the pupils' commitment and energy, making the production a memorable highlight of the festive season. The play not only entertained but also reflected the dedication and teamwork shown by the children during rehearsals.

The school extends its thanks to the many parents, friends and family members who attended the performance. Their presence and encouragement added greatly to the occasion and helped create a warm and celebratory atmosphere.

Congratulations to all the pupils involved on a wonderful achievement and a performance that truly captured the spirit of Christmas.



Christmas Concert



Senior

CELEBRATING THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH OUR COMMUNITY

A group of Hydesville pupils had the pleasure of visiting the residents of McCarthy Stone Residential Home, where they shared music, readings and warm Christmas spirit. Their visit provided a thoughtful and uplifting beginning to the festive season.

The pupils presented a well-prepared programme of performances, including accomplished vocal solos, a refined violin solo and two piano solos, delivered with both confidence and sensitivity. Residents were also invited to join the pupils in singing traditional Christmas carols, creating a welcoming atmosphere filled with familiar melodies and a shared sense of celebration.

In addition to the musical performances, several pupils read Christmas poems with clarity and expression, evoking imagery of winter scenes and cherished seasonal traditions. The morning was characterised by smiles, appreciative applause, and meaningful interaction between pupils and residents. We are exceptionally proud of all the pupils who took part. Their conduct, talent, and thoughtful engagement left a lasting and positive impression on everyone present. This visit proved a truly fitting way to commence the Christmas celebrations within our local community.



SPORT

RISING STAR: JAY SCOUTED BY ENGLAND BOXING AFTER DEBUT VICTORY

We are proud to announce an exceptional sporting achievement by one of our pupils, Jay, who has been identified as a promising boxing talent following a remarkable debut performance.

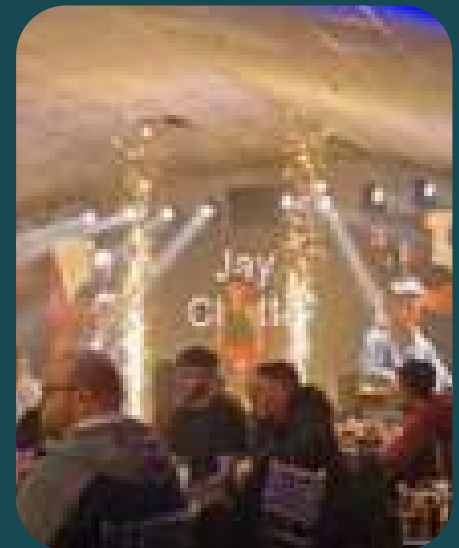
Jay competed in his first-ever boxing match on Saturday 6th December, delivering a commanding display that saw him comfortably defeat his opponent. His skill, confidence and composure in the ring distinguished him as a standout competitor on the day.

The bout was attended by a representative from England Boxing, who was sufficiently impressed by Jay's performance to approve him to begin competing in regional tournaments and for championship belts. Achieving this level of recognition at such an early stage is highly unusual and reflects Jay's outstanding potential within the sport.

Mr Berry, Head of Physical Education, praised Jay's achievement, stating:

"Jay recently took part in his first boxing bout and was extremely successful, easily beating his opponent. The match was spectated by a representative from England Boxing, who recognised Jay's prowess and confirmed that he is good enough to start competing for regional belts."

This remarkable accomplishment is a testament to Jay's dedication, discipline and natural ability. The school community extends its congratulations to Jay and looks forward to supporting him as he progresses in what promises to be an exciting boxing career.



SPORT

CLIMBING ADVENTURES WITH HYDESVILLE PUPILS

Hydesville pupils enjoyed four exciting and highly successful climbing visits, each providing valuable opportunities to develop confidence, resilience and teamwork.

Year 7 – Rock Up

Year 7 pupils embraced the challenge at Rock Up, tackling a wide variety of climbs with enthusiasm and determination. Highlights included an exciting speed challenge, where Mahaan and Gia competed for the fastest time. Radha demonstrated outstanding courage and commitment, moving confidently from one challenge to the next and even completing the 'Leap of Faith' twice.

Year 9 – Redpoint

Year 9 pupils took on both roped climbing and demanding bouldering routes at Redpoint. Many confidently reached the top of the 15-metre walls, while others showed admirable perseverance in overcoming their fears. Several pupils achieved impressive V5 climbs, with particularly strong performances from Amreen, Salah, Taran and Ryan, all of whom climbed with confidence and skill.

Years 3 and 4 – Redpoint

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic afternoon exploring the bouldering areas and attempting clipped climbs. All pupils demonstrated excellent commitment and resilience. Bethany impressed with her thoughtful approach to problem-solving, while Aydin, Navan and Rutendo stood out for their energy and confidence throughout the session.

Year 8 – Redpoint

Our final climbing trip of the term saw Year 8 pupils pushing beyond their comfort zones. Despite initial nerves, many rose to the challenge with determination and resilience. Yusuf led the way with exceptional skill and enthusiasm, earning the title of Climber of the Week. Aarya and Ayaan also showed great progress, growing in confidence and tackling every challenge with perseverance.

Well done to all pupils involved for their positive attitude, courage and commitment throughout these memorable experiences.



AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK

R'Nira Francis in Yellow group. She has adapted positively to nursery boundaries and routine. She is kind towards her peers and teachers and shows a lot of compassion.
Well done R'Nira.



Naryan is Star of The Week because his confidence has blossomed, and it's been wonderful to see him participate with enthusiasm and believe in himself more each day.



Congratulations!



AWARDS

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Subhan for his excellent effort during
all lessons.



Congratulations!



AWARDS



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION



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This is in recognition of
of her collage, which was
inspired by the work of
artist Amanda Clark



Priya for contributing to
the whole school
Christmas concert.



Jay,
for winning a boxing match
that was spectated by a
representative from Boxing
England. Jay's prowess was
noted and he has been
selected to start
competing for regional
belts

SENIOR AWARDS



This is for demonstrating an extremely high level of skill using acrylic paints.



Karina for contributing to the whole school Christmas concert.



Radha showed fantastic determination and nerve in our recent Year 7 trip to Rockup in Birmingham. She was incredibly driven, attempting the whole range of daring climbs, and was the first to attempt the leap of faith. Radha was a splendid example of the courage and confidence we aspire to develop at Hydesville.



CONGRATULATIONS HOUSE POINTS



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LERAH M
ALFIE SS
KAVI P
AMITOK K,
NISHAAN N, BELLA J

100

JAYAN B

150

JORAH D
KARAMVEER K,
ALISHA B,
AMRIT K

200

MAYA P,
RUMBIDZAI C,

Winning House Bradford



Congratulations

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🎉 Supper Draw Results Are In!

🎉 We are thrilled to announce the lucky winners of our Supper Draw:

- ★ Veeran (Year 1) – Winner of the luxury Hamper
- ★ Rudhra (Year 2) – Winner of the Specsavers Hamper

A huge congratulations to both winners! 🎉👏

Thank you to all our wonderful parents and children for your fantastic support and participation – your involvement made this draw a great success.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to our generous sponsors, Nars Fencing and Bahia's Specsavers, for their kind donations and continued support. Parents are kindly asked to collect the prizes from the school reception. 🍷





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Merry
Christmas
AND
Happy
New Year