



November - 2025

# CREATE



Courage, Resilience, Empathy, Aspiration, Tolerance, Empowerment



## Welcome!

**Mr Tucker, Interim Head of School**

Autumn Term 2 is underway and there's a range of exciting things happening in school.

Looking back over Autumn Term, I'm proud of all of the ways that our new school values have begun to be lived each day. The next steps with the values is truly embedding this into our school culture.

I'm proud to share that we have a handful of children who have accomplished a Cogan Scholar award. For all of our pupils who have achieved this so far, it hasn't been easy for them. But this epitomises our values, particularly 'Resilience', and it teaches the children that they can achieve anything as long as they set their mind to it and work hard.

Autumn Term 2 in a Primary School is a special place to work. Especially as we count down to Christmas! Check the calendar dates page for information on the Christmas service, nativities, Rocksteady concerts and Scholar Graduations! And finally, we are a cashless school, so please ensure that you have ParentPay installed for all payments.

Best wishes,

*Mr Tucker*



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## Community Corner:

## Black History Month: Art Exhibiton

**"It was brilliant to see so many parents attend our Art Exhibition!" Miss Robinson**

Well done to all of the children who created such amazing artwork for our Black History Month Exhibition. To see such creativity from all year groups is a joy to see.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to look around the gallery. I'm sure you agree that there are a few future Picassos in the school!

We look forward to seeing if these skills are matched in our Christmas Craft Fair in December!



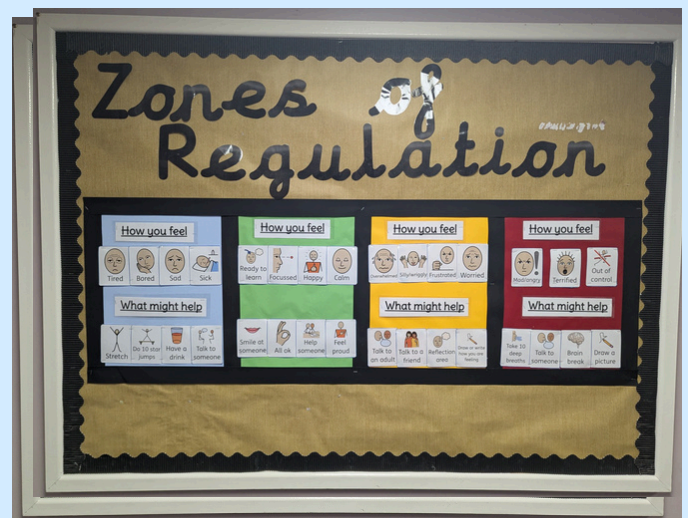
## PFA to fund new sensory space

Mr Tucker recently met with Kim and Julie from our wonderful PFA: Friends of Cogan recently.

Discussions around funding to better support pupil wellbeing was at the forefront of the meeting. Autumn is often a challenging time for children when adapting to changes in classrooms, teachers, long half terms and, of course, external pressures from outside of school.

We thank the PFA for their time and commitment on improving life chances for our children by helping build regulation strategies.

Our newly formed 'Zones Area' will hope to benefit many of our pupils.





# Voice 21: Catalysing Oracy, a National Priority

By Mr Tucker



The introduction of the Voice 21 scheme marks a revolution in developing oracy—the strategic priority for our school and the UK government. Oracy, defined as effective speaking and listening, is critical for academic success and future employment. Voice 21 offers a structured, whole-school approach, embedding talk into every subject. It uses the Oracy Framework to explicitly teach skills across four strands: linguistic, physical, cognitive, and social/emotional.

This program moves talk from an expectation to an explicitly taught skill, closing the language gap and empowering every child with the confidence to articulate their ideas and succeed in school and life.

Mrs Hawkrige added her thoughts: “Voice 21 is a reputable platform within many primary and secondary schools and we are extremely excited about the three year commitment that our school has made towards developing teachers’ knowledge around effective oracy strategies.”

Miss Robinson and Mrs Hancock are our ‘Oracy Champions’ and piloting Voice 21 in their own classrooms before imparting their wisdom upon the rest of the school after Christmas.

***“Oracy is a school priority, and a national priority. Voice 21 will help develop higher level thinking, particular children with lots of curiosity who ask lots of questions. It’s especially important for children who struggle with communication and language.” - Mrs Peel***



***Keir Starmer unveils Labour’s mission to break down barriers to opportunity at every stage***

***“The ability to speak well and express yourself should be something that every child is entitled to and should master...An inability to articulate your thoughts fluently is a key barrier to getting on and thriving in life”.***

***Keir Starmer, Prime Minister***

# East Hull Brass

*Mr R. Shaw, Hull Music Service*



The first East Hull Brass Project rehearsal took place at Maybury Primary school, bringing together 38 pupils from six schools in the east of the city – all playing brass instruments and percussion.

Children from Alderman Cogan, Highlands Primary, Marfleet Primary, Maybury Primary, Neasden Primary, and Woodland Primary schools joined forces to rehearse music including “Shotgun” by George Ezra, as well as “Rocket Ship” and “Little Bird.”

It was great to see pupils from different areas working together and making music as one group. For many, it was a chance to take part in something they wouldn't usually have the opportunity to do.

Everyone did a superb job and represented their schools brilliantly. We'll be back for another rehearsal after half term, and both staff and students are already looking forward to it.

## OPAL to revitalise playtimes!

*Mr Tucker*

We're thrilled to announce the purchase of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) to revitalise our break and lunchtimes at school.

OPAL has a strong reputation for improving the wellbeing of children, pupil outcomes, positive behaviour and much more!

We'll soon be reaching out to our community for any possible donations and assistance in launching our outdoor play offer.



***“Play and lunchtimes during winter can sometimes be boring.***

***OPAL sounds really fun and I like that we can be outside in any weather.” J - Year 6***

# Diary Dates: Autumn Term

*Further dates will be added when confirmed*

| Date                                       | Event                                                       | Additional information                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 10th November                       | Anti-bullying week                                          | Kicking off with 'Odd Socks Day'!                                                                                       |
| Thursday 13th November                     | EYFS Open Evening                                           | For prospective parents of our 2026 EYFS cohort, starting at 4:30pm                                                     |
| Friday 14th November                       | Teacher Training Day                                        | School Closed for pupils.                                                                                               |
| Monday 17th November                       | Hull KR Grand Final Trophy                                  | Hull KR Foundation visiting with the trophy for photos.                                                                 |
| Thursday 4th December                      | Tiny Steps and Nursery<br>Christmas Craft Stay and<br>Plays | Come and join us either at:<br>- 8.30 - 9.30am or<br>- 2.15-3.15pm                                                      |
| Friday 5th December                        | Year 6 Christmas Craft<br>morning                           | Year 6 Parents are invited into the classroom to do Christmas Crafts - 1:30pm - 2:30pm - Bring your best sewing skills! |
| Tuesday 9th December                       | Tiny Steps and Nursery<br>Christmas Carol Singing           | More information to follow                                                                                              |
| Wednesday 10th &<br>Thursday 11th December | Reception Nativity                                          | Miss Taylor and Miss Robinson classes nativity. More information will be released nearer the time                       |
| Thursday 11th December                     | Choir - Hull City Hall                                      | Princess of Wales Concert - more information to follow.                                                                 |
| Monday 15th December                       | Christmas Service at St.<br>Aidan's Church                  | Details and timings for your child are below.                                                                           |
| Wednesday 17th<br>December                 | Rocksteady concert                                          | Rocksteady performance to the school and parents at 09:30                                                               |
| Wednesday 11th February                    | Choir singing at Sheffield<br>Arena                         | The choir will attend Sheffield Arena and sing as part of 'Young Voices'.                                               |

**You are invited to join us for our Christmas Festival at St Aidan's church on Monday 15th December.**

*The class groups and timings are below and each service will hold special readings from our children along with some Christmas singing.*

*Please see below for timings for each classes:*

- 9:10 - Miss Robinson, Miss Brotherton, Mrs Blackmore, Miss Sharp, Miss McLoughlin
- 10:10 - Nursery, Miss Taylor, Mrs Hesp/Mrs Batch, Miss Wells, Mrs Bettney
- 11:10 - Mr Snuggs, Miss Thacker/Mrs Coupland, Mr Clark-Holmes, Mr Peck, Mrs Hancock

*We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate with us.*