



BROUGH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Welcome to our October newsletter. I do hope that you are all well and that your children have settled well into their new classes. September was certainly a very busy month and October is going to be just as busy.

In school we have been working hard, getting to know our new classes. There has been a real 'buzz' around the school this year and it is so lovely seeing the children building new friendships. This is especially true for our EYFS pupils who have completed their first month in school. They are doing so well and are getting used to being a part of our school. I would like to say a big thank you to our Y5 and Y6 pupils who are 'Reception buddies' at lunchtime. They are absolutely brilliant and I know the EYFS pupils love spending time with the older children.

Thank you as well to our new parents, those who are joining our school for the first time this year. It is such a busy time at the start of the a new year, but if any of you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you

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ASDA REWARDS – CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to ASDA Cashpots and registered for our school. To date we have raised £221.68 which is a brilliant start.

If you have not yet signed up, then please do so. It is really easy to do, you just need to download the Asda Rewards APP and navigate to the Cashpots section. Once there, select our school by entering the postcode (HU15 1AE) and select our school. Every time you shop at ASDA, money will be added to our Cashpot. We can then use this to support the children in our school.



BROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL – PUPIL ADMISSION NUMBER

Every school has a pupil admission number (PAN) which states the number of places available in each year group. As you may all know, we have seen a steady decline in pupil numbers across the local authority area and this has been replicated in our school. Therefore it is our intention to reduce our PAN from 60 to 45.

This is now out for formal consultation and the links to the ERYC website and consultation page are included below for you to submit your consultation response should you wish to. If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please note that this will not affect any of the children, or classes, in the school currently but will mean that from the academic year 2026/2027 we will have no more than 45 pupils admitted to the new reception class.

What change is being proposed?

The governing body of the school requested that the admission number for the school is decreased from 60 to 45 for the Reception year group for the start of the 2026-27 school year.

What reasons have the school given for the change?

- the school is seeing a fall in demand which is linked to a decline in the birth rate;
- pupil projection information demonstrates a clear decline in pupil numbers;
- there would be no changes to the physical capacity of the school which is able to accommodate up to 60 pupils in each year group;
- the physical accommodation and built capacity of the school will not be reduced in such a way as to make the proposed decrease irreversible in future years. All spaces that can be used as classrooms and teaching spaces may be used alternatively when not required as classrooms, but all shall be retained as potential future classrooms for the future needs of children in the community.

What other information is available about this change?

- the school currently has 276 children on roll, far fewer than the current PAN of 60 which would have available places for 420 children, with 46 children in the largest year group at present;
- the school currently has an average of 39 pupils on roll in each class which is far below the current PAN of 60.
- six of the current year groups on roll at the school have less than 45 pupils on roll.
- latest information regarding the number of resident children living in the school's catchment area shows that there are no more than 45 children, or less, resident who are due to start school between September 2025 and September 2027.

If approved, this change will not come into force for the year group starting in September 2025, but only from September 2026.

Link to ERYC website

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions/school-admission-arrangements-for-2026-27/>

The consultation survey is available here: <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-meals/free-school-meals/>



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ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

We are delighted to inform you that The Royal Shakespeare Company are coming to Brough Primary School!

As some of you will know, Miss Roberts' class (Mrs Paice) from last year were involved in a production of Romeo and Juliet at Hull Truck Theatre. This was part of the associate schools program where work was undertaken, by The Royal Shakespeare Company, with school staff who then supported the children in school – this culminated in a collaborative performance between the schools involved at Hull Truck Theatre.

The Royal Shakespeare Company run annual productions of Shakespeare plays entitled 'First Encounters' which are aimed at 7-13 year olds and are abridged versions of the full plays. These are performed in theatres at the beginning of a week and then in local schools at the end of the week. In March 2025, they will be bringing their First Encounters production of The Tempest to Hull Truck Theatre and to Brough Primary School.

As you can imagine, we are very excited about this and are so incredibly proud that our school has been selected. All of our Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 children will be able to see the play, free of charge, and we will be selling tickets for an evening performance in due course. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to see actors from The Royal Shakespeare Company performing a Shakespeare play in their own school.



FOBS EVENTS

FOBS held their AGM this week, focusing on events for the children to get involved with throughout the Autumn term.

The money raised by FOBS helps to pay for a wide range of activities and resources for all of the children to enjoy. Their participation in all of these events is not only fun for the children but also enables us to help enhance their school years.

We would love to welcome some new members into the FOBS team so please do get in touch via their Facebook page - Friends of Brough School.

Tickets for the Pantomime at Hull New Theatre are now on sale via the page also so please grab yours at a highly discounted rate before they sell out!! The Halloween Disco Tickets are also now live!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbroughschool>

FRIENDS OF BROUGH SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

21 OCT	PUMPKIN COMPETITION Draw, paint, colour and design your pumpkin on the sheet sent home / bring in your pre-carved pumpkin for a chance to win a prize £1 TO ENTER	24 OCT	HALLOWEEN DISCO £51 - 4.30 - 5.30pm £52 - 6.00 - 7.00pm PRE-ORDER SPOOKY TREAT BAGS PRIZES FOR BEST FANCY DRESS SCHOOL HALL
22 NOV	CRAZY HAIR DAY! Come to school with the craziest hair you can think of! All we ask is for a chocolate donation for the tombola at the Xmas Fayre Chocolate Donation	07 DEC	CHRISTMAS FAYRE Christmas Shopping with Craft and Gift Stalls, Raffle, Food and Drinks. Guess the Teddy, Santa and much more! FREE ENTRY
19 DEC	GOLDILOCKS PANTOMIME There's no better start to the Xmas Build Up! £20 per ticket (saving up to 50%) www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbroughschool £20 per person	EVENTS PLANNING: AGM - Tuesday 8th October @ 5.00pm - Brough Primary School. Join us to meet the team and discuss the coming year ahead. WE NEED YOU! Without you future events may not be able to go ahead!	

Find us on Facebook - Friends of Brough School or EMAIL: friendsofbroughschool@gmail.com



FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

All children are entitled to a free school meal until the end of Y2. From Y3 onwards, meals are charged for unless they are entitled to a free school meal. This is based on a set of criteria, set by the government.

We often find that parents of children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 don't apply for free school meals, even if they are eligible, as their child(ren) receive a free meal anyway.

In addition to their meals, pupils eligible for free school meals can also benefit from a Pupil Premium payment made directly to the school. This money is used in school to support with other aspects of school life such as additional support in the classroom, additional resources to support learning and can also be used to support with purchasing school uniform and paying for a proportion of school visits or music lessons.

The eligibility criteria is below, as well as the link to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council website where applications can be made.

If you think your child may be eligible but would like to have a chat with someone about it, please don't hesitate to contact the school office who will be able to point you in the right direction.

Your child(ren) will be entitled to free school meals if you as the parent are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- ***Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)***
- ***Income Support***
- ***Universal Credit - Your annual income assessed by the Department for Work and Pension must be less than £7,400. Any pupil eligible for free school meals before 1 April 2018 when the earned income threshold is introduced will retain their eligibility until then end of universal credit roll-out which is March 2025***
- ***Child Tax Credit (but NOT receiving Working Tax Credit) – provided your annual income, assessed by the Inland Revenue, does not exceed £16,190
(Please note: this amount is subject to change in April every year)***
- ***Employment Support Allowance (income-related)***
- ***Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit***
- ***Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.***

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-meals/free-school-meals/>



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DINNER MONEY PAYMENTS

Can we please remind parents to ensure that paid school meals are paid for in full and that outstanding balances are not accrued on their account.

If you are struggling to pay for school meals, or to make payments on the APP, please get in touch with the school office who will offer support and guidance.

BBC 500 WORDS COMPETITION

As you may recall, we asked for children to enter the BBC 500 Words Competition last year, with a number of children reaching the second round. We would love for the children to take part in this again this year and I have included a link to the BBC website with all the information you need below.

Last year we were happy to submit stories on the children's behalf – we are happy to do this again or you can submit them yourselves via the website – whatever is easiest for you.

If you would like us to submit a story for you then please let me have it before we break up for half term.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zbx4jfr>



READING BOOKMARKS

We will be launching our reading bookmark competition as we break up for half term. This competition is open to all children in the school and they will all receive a bookmark in the last week of this half term.

Each time they read for 15 minutes, either independently or to an adult/older sibling, they can put a tick (or a sticker or whatever else they choose) in a box. Once the bookmark is completed, it can be handed in to be entered into our prize draw at the end of term. Last year our winners all got to visit Waterstones in Hull and choose a book – as well as have hot chocolate and cake.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance at school is essential and something that we monitor very closely. In addition to attendance, we monitor when children are arriving to school late frequently. In both cases, we will always strive to work with families to look at the reasons for absence or being late and to put in any support that we are able to offer.

As you may know, the guidance to schools changed in August 2024, along with the processes associated with unauthorised absence. The information below is taken from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's website and applies to our school as well as other local authority maintained schools.

All children between the ages of 5 and 16 (compulsory school age) are required, by law, to attend the school at which they are registered. Legal action can be taken, if it is considered that a parent or carer is not fulfilling their parental responsibility to ensure their child receives a full time education.

Failure to ensure regular attendance may result in the matter being placed before the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1a) of the Education Act 1996. Penalties can include fines up to £2,500 for each parent, **consideration of a parenting order or a period of imprisonment**. A parent is defined as a person with day-to-day care under the Education Act 1996.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 introduced penalty notices as an additional sanction to address the problem of poor school attendance and absence accrued due to taking a term-time holiday. This means that for pupils with unauthorised absence from school (ie. any absence that the school has not given permission for) their parents or carers may be subject to a fine.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into effect for Penalty Notice Fines issued after the 19 August 2024. Penalty Notices are issued to change behaviour and reduce the number of school days lost during term time for the purpose of a holiday. The pathway below outlines the decision-making process regarding the action that will be taken when a penalty notice referral is received from your child's school. However, please be aware that action will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may not follow this path.

Per Parent Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent for each child that was absent.

Example: three siblings absent for term-time leave would result in each parent receiving three separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term-time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be **£160 per parent per child paid within 28 days**.

Reduced to **£80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days**.

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Second Offence (within three years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term-time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be **£160 per parent per child within 28 days**.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within three years)

The third time an offence is committed for term-time leave or irregular attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to the **'failure to safeguard a child's education'**.

5 Consecutive Days of Term-Time Leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term-time leave of **5 or more consecutive days**.

Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term-time leave.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-Week Period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

For more information from the Government please visit:

[GOV.UK Guidance: Working together to improve school attendance \(external website\)](#)

As a reminder to all parents, our doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am for children to enter school. Any children arriving after 8:55am will need to enter school via the main entrance. Here the time of arrival and reason for being late will be recorded for monitoring purposes.

We do accept that sometimes things happen which make being late unavoidable and our purpose is not to cause unnecessary worry or stress on a busy morning. We also accept that there are some children who find it more difficult than others to come into school. Where this is the case we will always work with families to support them and find solutions together. Instead we are monitoring for patterns of being late repeatedly and will contact parents directly to discuss strategies to support to ensure all children are in school on time, ready to learn.

OCTOBER

Wednesday 9 th :	Y5/6 Meeting – Cloughton & SATS
Tuesday 15 th :	EYFS & KS1 Phonics Meeting
Mon 21 st -Fri 25 th :	FOBS Pumpkin Competition
Thurs 24 th :	FOBS Halloween Disco
Friday 25 th :	Break up for half term

NOVEMBER

Monday 4 th :	Back to school
Wednesday 6 th :	Diwali Performance (afternoon)
Thursday 7 th :	Diwali Performance (evening)
Monday 11 th :	Flu Vaccinations
	Remembrance Assembly – 10.45am
Friday 15 th :	Children in Need
w/c 18 th :	Parents' Evenings
Friday 22 nd :	FOBS Crazy Hair Day

DECEMBER

Saturday 7 th :	FOBS Christmas Fayre
12 th :	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Dinner
20 th :	Break up for Christmas

JANUARY

Tuesday 7 th :	Children back to school
29 th – 31 st :	Theatre Club visit to Edinburgh

FEBRUARY

Friday 7 th :	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 11 th :	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th :	Break up for half term
Monday 24 th :	Back to school

MARCH

Thursday 6 th :	World Book Day
w/c 17 th :	Parents' Evenings
Friday 21 st :	Comic Relief
	World Poetry Day

APRIL

Thursday 3 rd :	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd :	Back to school

MAY

Monday 5 th :	Bank Holiday
w/c 12 th :	Y6 SATS week
Friday 23 rd :	Break up for half term

JUNE

Monday 2 nd :	Back to school
w/c 9 th :	Multiplication Tables Check - Y4
10 th – 13 th :	Y5/6 Residential visit to Cloughton

JULY

2 nd & 3 rd :	Theatre Productions – Mary Poppins
w/c 7 th :	Reports out to parents
Thursday 10 th :	Exhibition of Work Evening
Friday 11 th :	Summer Soiree