



HAYTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Mighty oaks, from little acorns grow"

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Welcome Back to the New School Term!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to welcome you and your children back for an exciting new school term! It has been wonderful to see all the children return with their happy, smiling faces, and we hope everyone enjoyed a peaceful and restful summer break.

A special welcome to our new families, including our new Reception and Nursery starters, as well as those who have joined #teamhayton this year. We are delighted to have you as part of our school family!

As a reminder, here is our new school and class structure:

Acorns: Nursery and Reception

Cherry: Year 1 and 2

Chestnut: Year 2 and 3

Elm: Year 4

Maple: Year 5

Oak: Year 6

Our Early Years will be referred to as Little Acorns, whilst Years 1, 2, and 3 will be known as Saplings, and Years 4, 5, and 6 will be called Oakwood. If you have any questions or if anything is unclear, please do not hesitate to ask!

We have an exciting term ahead with lots of engaging activities planned for the children. We are reintroducing our 'Strive for 5' whole school reading challenge - OG is back! Children are encouraged to read five times a week at home, and we ask that their reading diaries (for Nursery, Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) or Homework diaries (for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6) be completed and signed by a parent. Children will earn badges for each five-week reading milestone - please see the attachment for more details.

This year, we are particularly excited to further develop our 'Outdoor Learning' Curriculum. To complement this, we are introducing our 'Mighty OAKS' Learning Virtues 'Character Curriculum'. Our Learning Virtues – Optimism, Adaptability, Kinship, and Service – alongside our school values of Love, Joy, Aspiration, and Wonder, will be fundamental to our teaching and learning approach, all underpinned by "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow." We look forward to seeing how our pupils grow in these areas throughout the year.

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In addition to reading, we will be celebrating 'Number Ninjas' with class 'Ninja Numeracy' challenges! To further promote our Values and Virtues, we will also celebrate 'Virtues' Victors - pupils who demonstrate our school values and virtues exceptionally well. Squiggle the Squirrel is back at school too, and continues to sneak into classrooms each evening to look at the children's writing!

We kindly ask for your patience regarding staffing adjustments during this month's transition. We currently have two staff members undertaking Jury Service this month, and several others who are facing personal circumstances that require them to take time away from school. Rest assured, our committed team is working hard to ensure that these absences do not impact your children's education.

If you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Welcome to the Autumn Term at #teamhayton! We are excited to embark on this journey together and look forward to an enriching and enjoyable term ahead.

Warmest regards,

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#HAYTONLOVESREADING



**Read at home 5 x a week
for 35 weeks**



**Read at home 5 x a week
for 30 weeks**



**Read at home 5 x a week for
25 weeks**



Read at home 5 x a week for 20 weeks



Read at home 5 x a week for 15 weeks



Read at home 5 x a week for 10 weeks



Read at home 5 x a week for 5 weeks

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