



'Our school, our church, our community'

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Elsecar Holy Trinity is a **nurturing, inclusive**, Church school where everyone is **valued** as a child of God. We warmly **welcome** people of all faiths/worldviews and backgrounds, fostering **respect, compassion** and **forgiveness**. Rooted in **faith, family** and **community**, we aim to **grow** together in love, developing **wisdom, knowledge** and **aspirations** for a **brighter future**.

This week



It's hard to believe we're already three weeks into the new school year! The energy across the school has been fantastic, with pupils settling into routines, embracing new challenges, and showing real enthusiasm for learning. From classroom buzz to playground laughter, it's been a joy to see our school community come alive again. As we move forward, we're excited to share some highlights, upcoming events, and ways you can stay connected with all that's happening at school.

Have a great weekend!

Attendance Matters

Top Attendance Awarded to:

Y2 (98%)

Whole School Attendance

This week: 95.6%

This year: 96.7%

Attendance target: 96%



Excellent Attendance This Week!

Year 2 are certainly on a roll, that's two weeks in a row now that they've had the highest attendance in school. Come on year 2 let's go for 100% next week!

Dates for the diary

Diary Dates

Thursday 25th September

Year 5 visit to The Jorvik Centre

Monday 29th September

Year 6 Swimming lessons (please remember your towel and swim costume/shorts)

Celebration Assembly in church
(parents/carers of children receiving awards are invited to attend from 2:45pm)

Tuesday 14th October

Individual photographs

Wednesday 22nd and 23rd October

Parent's Evening

24th October

School closes for half term

Monday 3rd November

Inset Day

Tuesday 4th November

Children return to school

British Values

Can anyone break a record if they try hard enough?



Individual Liberty

For 70 years, Guinness World Records has celebrated the many ways people shine. It shows us that we all have the freedom to follow our passions, try new things, and share what makes us unique.



This week, I had the pleasure of joining Mrs Mellon, Chair of our Local School Board, and Ms Woollands for an RE learning walk across school. We were truly amazed by what we saw – from thoughtful discussions to creative displays, the depth of understanding and respect shown by our children was outstanding.

Their attitudes, engagement, and enthusiasm for RE were a real credit to them and to our dedicated staff. A huge well done to everyone involved – it was a proud moment for our school community!



Collective worship this week focused on the story of Johnny Appleseed, a Christian who planted apple trees across America. This shows how kindness and small actions can make a big difference. Apart from the seeds he gave he also carried a bible to help him spread the stories of God and ways to care for the world and each other. This week we have helped the Barnsley food bank to feed those in need in our community. Our food donation will be spread around our community just like the seeds Johnny Appleseed. We are following in the footsteps of Jesus and Johnny Appleseed by being generous and spreading kindness. **What else can we do to help people in our community this week? One person can make a difference, will that person be you?**

Hoyland Sports Partnership

This week our team of girls from years 4 and 5 took part in a football competition at Hoyland Common primary school. A great effort from all the girls and as always, an amazing team spirit.



In the spotlight this week...

Y1

In Year 1 we have been focusing on forming our letters correctly and writing simple phrases. In maths we have been recognising numbers as numerals and as words. We are also subitising (recognising without counting) small amounts of objects. In RE we have listened to the Creation story from the bible to explore the belief that Christians believe God created the world. We also took part in our Harvest Festival, some of the children felt nervous but they all did their very best and shared the fruits and vegetables that are harvested every year. They also know that harvest is a time to thank God for all of nature's gifts. Great learning Year 1!



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