



## HUNTLEY NEWS January 2026

### Our School Vision

Nurtured individuals, learning together with God's love, living life to the full.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!! All the best for 2026

### Curriculum:

**Look Who's talking** - A huge thank you for all your support at home with this. We were so impressed with the overall standard and the children were amazing! This is the third year we have taken part and each year just gets better! Every child in Y1 upwards took part with the majority of the reception children choosing to give it a go.



### Class Winners

Y6 – Violet, Y5 Ralph, Y4 Eli, Y3 Jacob, Y2 Guy, Y1, Raffy and YR Lily and Rex. Overall winners going on to the Forest competition KS1 Guy, Lower KS2 Eli and Upper KS2 Violet.

### Look Whos' Talking- Reported by Norah and Willow.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> all class winners from Look who's Talking performed in front of the school. In year two Guy and Quin won, but Guy was the overall KS1 winner

Guy's talk was about knights. He said he chose knights because he thought everyone would like it. Also is great, great, grandad was soldier. Guy has got into the finals so he is going to St Whites. If he wins again, he will go to Guildhall in Gloucester in June. He was very happy he won.

In Lower Key stage One Eli was the overall winner. Eli spoke about World War 2 medals that were his great grandads. He thought it would be a good topic and everyone would like it. Eli is very proud. Now he's going to St Whites school and competing in the finals.

He explained that his great grandad would make sure that every house had their blackout curtains up. Eli then explained about what the stripes represent he said about how the different colours represents different meanings. Eli had the piece paper that was sent with the medals saying that they were his grandad's medals.

In year 6 Violet, Samuel and Ida won but Violet won out of all of them. She talked about homework. She made some very good points saying why we shouldn't have homework including not having homework at all but we should still have reading. It was very funny and everyone enjoyed it!

We can't wait for the results of the next round.

## My Happy Mind – Reported by Georgia

In Class Estuary we have been learning about character strengths. Character strengths are how you describe people's strengths such as love and kindness, love of life and our world, honesty, bravery, exploring and learning. We all have the same strengths but in different amounts. We are finding out about our own strengths and strength spotting in others as well. We all have character strengths that we need to develop.

I also use my happy breathing at home which sometimes helps me sleep or helps me not worry. I use it on a phone and there are lots of different happy breathing videos as well. My favourite one is the grateful turtle. I even have a cuddly turtle to help me. I am a happiness hero and will be helping others with their happy breathing.

## Personal Development:

**Certificates:** These children have been awarded certificates over the past few weeks.

**Head teacher award-** James D for showing our values of friendship and respect especially if other children need help at playtimes.

**Class Stream-** Rex, Lilah-Mae, Pearl, Arthur,

**Class River-** Isaac, Jessica, Guy

**Class Estuary-** Ted G, Harley, Teo, Freya, Brody, Matilda

**Class Ocean –** Tamlyn, Samuel and Daisy

**Writers of the week-** Ted G, Jasmine, Finley C , Harlow , Willow, Cecelia

**Hand writer of the week-** Henry

**Times Table Rockstar-** Jude



### Numbots

**Brass:** Finley

**Copper:** Oliver

**Tungsten:** Henry

**Glass:** Amelia

**Kevlar:** Guy and Zack

**Chrome:** Quinn

### 99 Club passes

Martha (2) , Bailey (2) , James G (x2)

Matilda, Milo, Freya , James D, Georgia, Angus, Henry

Theo, Bailey, Eli, Harley, Norah, Georgia, Teddy,

Zack, Isabella, Felix, Rafael, Charlotte (2)

Monty, Jacob, Henry, Harlow

### **Cross County- reported by Henry and Brody**

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January some of the children in year 5 and 6 went to Newent school to take part in the Forest area Cross Country competition.

There were 4 children that went: Willoughby, Daisy, Teddy and Rupert. Lots of schools from all over the Forest of Dean took part. Willoughby was in 13<sup>th</sup> place, Daisy was in 15<sup>th</sup> place, Rupert was in 18<sup>th</sup> place and Teddy got halfway because he got a bad stich which was unfortunate because he didn't get to take part again but were still proud of all of them.

Mrs Curtis took them and they were there for 3 hours because they watched all the races and there was a presentation at the end.



### **Houses**

We are now getting used to our new house names, I thought it would be nice to share the reasoning the Down's family gave for their name choices. They are really thoughtful and link closely to our school values.

#### **Oak House (Yellow)**

Inspired by the 630-year-old oak on Huntley Estate. The oak has stood tall for centuries, weathering storms and sunshine alike. It reminds us to be strong, steady, and dependable, always supporting others.

#### **Yew House (Green)**

Inspired by the 400-year-old yew at Huntley Church. The yew is a symbol of endurance and faith. Even when its trunk hollows, it grows new life. Yew House encourages us to keep going, believe in ourselves, and care for our community.

#### **Maple House (Red)**

Inspired by the field maple tree at Home Farm, planted alongside the chestnut. The maple is adaptable and balanced, spreading its branches wide. Maple House inspires us to be flexible, work together, and celebrate our differences

#### **Beech House (Blue):**

There is an ancient Beech in the woodland behind the school. See woodland trust - "Rooted and Resilient" — inspired by the tangled veteran beech that has stood watch in the woodland for generations. Endurance and quiet strength.

This is a great link which give you information about all the trees in a particular area. It was interesting to find out about some of the significant ancient trees close to school.

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For World book day this year, the theme will be trees with each class choosing a different text. Class Ocean will be using a range of resources to research their house tree and share information with the other children in worships which they will plan.

### **Other news**

#### **Lumi Nova**

This is a great resource- currently being funded for all pupils in Gloucestershire schools. Follow the QR code to get information and free access. It has proven to be very useful for children who have low level anxiety or worry.

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### My Happy Minds

We now have Happiness heroes in school who are leading our happy breathing in worships and organising lunchtime activities one week a term linked to our theme. This term we are focusing on our character strengths and how we can develop these. Click on this [link](#) to the free parent app. Our school authentication code is: **115686**

There is a wealth of information on there, including links to our happy breathing.

### Wellbeing information

I am currently in the process of developing a wellbeing information page on the website. If you have come across any useful parent sites, please let me know and I can add them to the page. Many thanks