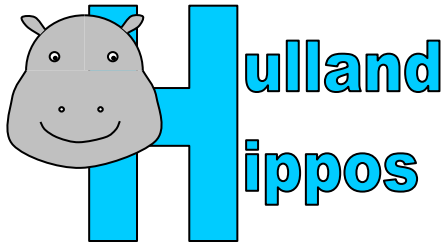


## 2024 Autumn Newsletter



Dear Hippo Families,

**Summer round-up:** We enjoyed having ex-Hippos and older siblings at our summer holiday sessions. Always a pleasure to see how they have grown!

**We say goodbye to** – Teddy, Jack, Joshua, Callie, Henry, Isaac, Otto, Theo, Oliver and Max. They are all starting school. Also Freddy who will have a nursery day on Wednesdays. We will miss them all. We wish them happiness in their new situations and importantly look forward to seeing them at holiday times.

**Welcome!** A warm welcome to Sue who helps the team when she can, and to the new families who have come recently. We look forward to getting to know you and your babies / toddlers.

### Special sessions coming up:

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October: **Hippo Harvest Service** in Hulland Church. Come to the Village Hall as usual, then we'll walk to church together for our toddler-friendly Harvest service at 10:30 led by Rev. Lisa. We will be back in the Hall by 11:00 at the latest for drinks, snack and play. *Please could you bring an item of food with a long shelf-life for the service.* The food will be donated to Ashbourne Food Bank.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October: **Half-term Holiday Hippos** to which we welcome older siblings and old friends such as the children who started school and pre-school.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November: **Our 12<sup>th</sup> birthday!** A session to celebrate.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November: A **Pudsey Bear session** for Children in Need with bacon and sausage cobs and other delights!

*Other events you might be interested in:*

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September: **Messy Church** at Hulland Ward Village Hall, 3:30-5:30pm  
Fun, friends and food for all the family!

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: **Hulland C of E Primary School Open Day**, from 2:00 – 4:00pm  
Fun for all the family - Bouncy castle, games, tractor and refreshments. 'Come and see our lovely school and meet the teachers'. Everyone is welcome, especially new families thinking of applying for a place.  
<https://www.facebook.com/share/eaD5mgCQGEYLdKaA/?mibextid=9l3rBW>

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November: **Messy Church** at Hulland Ward Village Hall, 3:30-5:30pm

Best wishes from the Hippo team,  
Penny, Katrina & Michael, Hil, Pauline, Shirley, Doreen, Margaret, Norma & Rev. Lisa

