

6th October 2026

Dear parents/carers

As the autumn season is here, we are excited to announce a fun and creative event at Howitt Primary Community School – our very own **Pumpkin Parade!** We are inviting all pupils in reception through to year 6 to take part by designing and decorating a pumpkin at home and then bring it into school for the parade.



Please note the change of date to the 21st! This is to account for our inset day on Friday 23rd Oct, when school is closed to pupils.

Bring it to school: On the morning of **Wednesday 21st of October** bring the completed pumpkin to school, where it will be proudly displayed. Please do not include any candles. If you would like to light up your pumpkin, glow sticks or battery-operated lights can be used.

How to Take Part:

1. **Design your pumpkin:** With your child, choose a pumpkin and let their creativity shine! You can carve, paint, or decorate it with any materials you like. (If you choose to carve the pumpkin, please take care).
2. **Enjoy the parade:** The children will be given the opportunity to look at all the pumpkins during the school day. It will be great to admire each other's creations.
3. **At the end of the day:** Please (if you wish) walk through the parade with your children and admire all the hard work. Please ask your children not to touch the pumpkins, just in case of accidental damage.
4. **Collecting your creations:** You are welcome to collect your pumpkins on **Thursday 22nd October** after school if you wish or you can leave them at school for us to admire.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to celebrate the season in a fun, non-competitive way, and we'd love to see as many of them involved as possible!

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to contact us at 01773 713217. We can't wait to see the fantastic creations your children will bring!

Thank you for your support in making this event a success.