



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Wonderful Start to the School Year

What a wonderful start to the new academic year we are having at Great Hockham Primary School and Nursery!

I am absolutely delighted with the attitudes to learning we are seeing across all year groups. Every single day, our pupils are demonstrating creativity, care and a real sense of daring in their approach to learning, and it is truly a joy to witness. This positive energy and enthusiasm is setting the tone for what I am confident will be a fantastic term ahead.

I would also like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Nursery children. The way they have settled into school has been remarkable. They are confidently following new routines, enthusiastically exploring their environment and, most importantly, developing new friendships. It is wonderful to see them so happy and engaged in their learning already, and we cannot wait to see the excellent progress they will make as the term unfolds.

Attendance

<u>Weekly Attendance</u>	<u>Week Ending 4/9/26</u>	<u>Week Ending 11/9/26</u>
Rabbit Class	100%	98.9%
Owl Class	87%	98.3%
Deer Class	96%	100%
Hedgehog Class	96%	95.7%

Drumming Workshop

Friday 16th October

We are delighted to confirm that our drummer has now been booked for Friday 16th October. We are looking forward to an exciting musical experience for all of the children and will share further details nearer the time.

Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 18th September

Children are invited to support this wonderful charity by coming to school wearing jeans and making a donation.

JustGiving: <https://www.justgiving.com/id/jeansforgenesday65749>

There is also a QR code displayed in the school entrance which links directly to the fundraising page.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Harvest Festival

Friday 6th October at 2.00pm

Venue: Church (to be confirmed)

We look forward to welcoming families to our Harvest Festival celebration. Further details will follow once arrangements have been finalised.

Maths Cafés — 9.00am Start

We are inviting parents and carers into school to join their child during a maths lesson. These sessions provide an opportunity to see how mathematics is taught in school and to gain ideas for supporting learning at home. For year groups 1- 6 these sessions will last for an hour from 9am- 10am but reception's session will be slightly shorter finishing at around 9.40. The dates are listed below.

Please sign up for these sessions through the school office- the children will love to have their parents and carers in their classroom!

Class	Date
Year 3	Monday 28th September
Year 5	Tuesday 29th September
Year 1	Thursday 1st October
Year 4	Monday 5th October
Year 6	Tuesday 6th October
Year 2	Thursday 8th October

Rabbits Class Maths Café

To allow our youngest children time to settle into school routines, Rabbits Class Maths Cafés will take place after half term:

Reception: Wednesday 11th November

Nursery: Wednesday 18th November

Homework Celebration Dates

Date	Event
Monday 12th October	Homework due in for all classes
Tuesday 13th October	Rabbits Homework Sharing
Wednesday 14th October	Owls Homework Sharing
Thursday 15th October	Deer Homework Sharing
Friday 16th October	Hedgehogs Homework Sharing

School Photographs

Thursday 15th October

Tempest Photography will be in school taking individual and sibling photographs.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event
Friday 18th September	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 21st September	Flu Immunisation - Reception to Y6
Monday 28th September	Year 3 Maths Café
Tuesday 29th September	Year 5 Maths Café
Thursday 1st October	Year 1 Maths Café
Monday 5th October	Year 4 Maths Café
Tuesday 6th October	Year 6 Maths Café
Thursday 8th October	Year 2 Maths Café
Monday 12th October	Homework due in
Tuesday 13th October	Rabbits Homework Sharing
Wednesday 14th October	Owls Homework Sharing
Thursday 15th October	Deer Homework Sharing
Thursday 15th October	Tempest School Photographs
Friday 16th October	Drumming Workshop
Friday 16th October	Hedgehogs Homework Sharing
Friday 16th October	Last day of half term
Friday 6th November	Harvest Festival, 2pm (TBC)
Wednesday 11th November	Reception Maths Café
Wednesday 18th November	Nursery Maths Café
TBC	Rabbits and Owls Nativity at the Village Hall
Friday 18th December, 2pm	Christmas Service (TBC)

Kind regards,

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Executive Headteacher