



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER – 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 23 rd January	Week Ending 30 th January	Week Ending 6 th February	Week Ending 13 th February
Rabbit Class	88.4%	94.5%	89.4%	98.5%
Owl Class	95.2%	93.2%	97.2%	88.4%
Deer Class	95.9%	91.1%	95.6%	97%
Hedgehog Class	97.1%	93.3%	97.5%	92.9%

We value your voice!

To ensure we continue providing the best possible education for your child, we invite all parents to complete our upcoming survey. Your feedback helps us understand what's working well and where we can improve, so together we can make our school an even better place for learning and growth. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts—your input truly makes a difference! The survey will close on Friday 13th February.

[Great Hockham- Parent View 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Owl Class Trip

On Wednesday 4th February Owl class went on an exciting trip to Norwich Cathedral to find out all about Edith Cavell linked to their History topic. Edith Cavell was a locally born British nurse, celebrated for her bravery and humanitarian work during the First World War. Our pupils conducted themselves impeccably during the visit. Their behaviour, manners, and positive attitude made them a real credit to our school.

“I enjoyed seeing the cathedral because it was interesting and we got to see Edith Cavell’s actual grave.” Chloe

“I loved seeing the beautiful stained glass windows and enjoyed making our own out of tissue paper.” Isabelle

“I liked the art activities - making the poppies and stained glass windows. It was interesting to see Edith’s grave and hear her story told by an actress dressed up as her.” Noah





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**Drop-In sessions for support, information and guidance.
Thetford Family Hub, Kingsway, IP24 3DY**

DATE	TIME	SESSION TITLE
Tuesday 3 rd February	9am – 1pm	Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team
Tuesday 3 rd February	10am – 2:30pm	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Tuesday 10 th February	9am – 1pm	Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team
Tuesday 10 th February	10am – 2.30pm	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Tuesday 17 th February	9am – 1pm	Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team
Wednesday 18 th February	09:30am – 12:30pm	KIDS – Norfolk Parent Carer Needs Assessment (PCNA) Service



The Friends

🎉 Thanks for Making the Valentine Disco Such a Hit! 🎉

What a night! Thank you to everyone who came along to the disco and made it such a brilliant event! The children had an amazing time showing off their dance moves, playing games, and enjoying all the fun activities. The hall was full of smiles, laughter, and lots of energy — just how we like it!

🐣 Can You Help?

We're getting ready for our annual Easter Fayre and are on the hunt for 100 chocolate Easter eggs. If you or someone you know (a local business, company, or kind-hearted individual!) might be able to donate, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to a member of the Friends team or email us at friendsghps@outlook.com.

❤️ Join the Fun!

We hope you all have a wonderful half term! When we're back, we'd love to welcome new faces to our next Friends meeting on Wednesday 25th February, straight after school in the hall. Come along, say hello, meet the team, and find out about the exciting events and activities we have planned.

Everyone is welcome!

We can't wait to see you there!

— The Friends Team

Times tables Rock Star Trust Tournament

We were thrilled to take part in our Trust-wide TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) tournament recently, and what a fantastic competition it turned out to be! Pupils from Deer and Hedgehog Class showed great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork, and the leaderboard became very competitive as the week went on. At one point, a pupil from Hedgehog Class was ranked the second most successful player across the entire Trust — an incredible achievement! Thanks to everyone's hard work, our school proudly finished in third place overall. Well done to all pupils who took part — we are very proud of you!

Children's Mental Health Week

We were delighted to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week in school, centred around this year's theme: *This is My Place*. This theme focuses on the importance of feeling that we belong — whether that's within our family, school, friendship groups or teams. These positive connections help children feel valued, accepted, happy and safe, giving them the confidence to learn, play and grow both emotionally and physically.

Throughout the day, pupils across the school took part in a range of fun and meaningful activities designed to celebrate belonging. It was especially heartwarming to see classes working together. Hedgehog Class spent time supporting and playing with pupils in Rabbits, helping them with a whole-school art project and showing such kindness and encouragement. Deer Class also enjoyed special time with Owl Class, sharing stories, playing games and building friendships.

It was an absolute delight to see all the pupils at Great Hockham Primary School & Nursery feeling part of something special, demonstrating care for one another and celebrating what it truly means to belong.

Some exciting news...

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Miss Wade and her partner are expecting a baby, due on the *last day of the summer term*.

As a result, Miss Wade will continue teaching Owl Class up until the penultimate week of term, ensuring a smooth and consistent learning experience for the children. We will share further information about class arrangements for the final week of term and for September in due course.

We know you will join us in offering Miss Wade and her partner your warmest congratulations as they prepare for this exciting new chapter.

Dates for your Diary:

February 2026

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February: Half term

Monday 23rd February: Return to school

Friday 27th February: Deer class Bikeability Level 1

March 2026

Thursday 5th March: World book day – dress up as a book character

Tuesday 10th March 3.30pm- 6.30pm: Parent- Teacher Meetings

Thursday 12th March 3.30pm – 6.30pm: Parent- Teacher Meetings

Friday 13th March from 2pm: SEND Café by appointment
Wednesday 18th March @ 1.45pm: Curiosity Café - all parents invited
Monday 23rd March – Wednesday 25th March: KS2 Hilltops Residential trip
Thursday 26th March – Friday 27th March: Computing Enrichment Day
Friday 27th March: Last day of the Spring Term

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable February half term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back for the final weeks of the Spring Term.

Best Wishes

Lisa Hazard

Mrs L Hazard



You are invited to our
FOREST SCHOOL

SESSIONS for children aged 5 – 14 years

10am – 2pm

Monday 16th February

At Shropham Roots & Wings

Forest school NR171EJ

Cost £20 per child per session

Please email Rachael Garrod at
ronniegarrod@rocketmail.com to book

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facebook page for details and timetable

Sessions in: Norwich, Thetford, Diss. Downham Market
Great Yarmouth, Gorleston, Cromer & East Harling

Free family
activities

February half-term
stay and play
sessions across
Norfolk

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