



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER - 15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 24/04/25	Week Ending 01/05/25	Week Ending 08/05/26	Week Ending 15/05/26
Rabbit Class	100%	82.3%	94.1%	93.3%
Owl Class	100%	95%	97.9%	93.8%
Deer Class	96.3%	97%	98.2%	95.9%
Hedgehog Class	92.8%	93.3%	93.2%	97.5%

Year 6

A huge well done to Year 6, who worked incredibly hard during their SATs assessments this week. They approached everything with such maturity and positivity, and we are very proud of them all for doing their very best—they truly deserve a well-earned rest this weekend!

Mini Monsters Visit

At Great Hockham Primary School all of the classes got the opportunity to either hold or stroke different animals. We got to hold: a bearded dragon (a type of lizard), a milk snake, a giant millipede and a giant African land snail. And it was a pleasure! We also learnt lots of facts about these curious creatures. Did you know you can tell the mood of a bearded dragon by looking at its bristles. If they are orange - it is happy, but if they are grey - it is angry. We all really enjoyed the experience.

Bow and Eden





Staffing

As you may already be aware, Miss Wade will be going on maternity leave later this term. Her final day in school will be Friday 3rd July (unless her baby decides to arrive a little earlier!).

We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Leverage will be joining us from that date and will be teaching Owl Class for the final two weeks of term.

During Miss Wade's absence, Miss House will be taking on the role of SENDCo and will be available to support pupils and families.

Teachers for 2026–2027

We are pleased to share the current teaching arrangements for the next academic year:

- **Rabbit Class:** Mrs Leverage will teach the class until Miss Milton returns from maternity leave in December 2026.
- **Owl Class:** Mrs Penn
- **Deer Class:** Miss House
- **Hedgehog Class:** Mrs Fowler and Mrs Ambrose

My School Fund Initiative

We joined the My School Fund initiative in 2020 and would love to promote it more widely to all parents and carers. With your support, we can make this a real success and generate additional funds for the school.

Launched by ESPO, in partnership with Sainsbury's and Argos, My School Fund is a fantastic scheme that turns your everyday shopping into extra funds for our school. It's completely free to join, and it means you can earn 2% cashback for yourself and help us earn 1% cashback too, in the form of eGift rewards.

Here's how it works:

- Sign up at myschoolfund.org and link to Great Hockham Primary School & Nursery
- Link up to 5 cards for maximum rewards
- Shop as usual at Sainsbury's or Argos
- Earn eGift rewards for you and your chosen school
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So far, My School Fund has raised over £800,000 to support schools and families across the country and the scheme is going from strength to strength.

"Everything is easy with My School Fund. It's a win-win as parents get cashback as well as the school!" – Participating parent, Suzanne.

It's quick, easy, and makes a real difference. Just imagine what we could achieve if we all get involved – every little shop adds up!

You can find out more information at myschoolfund.org.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you'll join us in making the most of this brilliant opportunity.



The poster features the My School Fund logo at the top left, with the text 'In association with Sainsbury's Argos ESPO' below it. To the right is a photograph of children walking in a school hallway. The main text reads 'We are part of My School Fund' in large yellow letters, followed by 'Join now and start earning rewards for yourself and our school. It's a win-win!'. Below this is the website 'Find out more myschoolfund.org'. A speech bubble contains the text 'A scheme that benefits us both!'. Another speech bubble says 'It's quick, free and easy to sign up!'. At the bottom right is a yellow 'Sign up now' button with a QR code. The background is purple with a target graphic on the left.

Friends

The Friends would like to hold a casual clothes day on Friday 22nd May in exchange for donations of sweets to use in their stall at the Horn Fair. No heels or midriff showing please!

Visit Us at the Horn Fair on Sunday 24th May!

Come and find our tent at the Horn Fair, where we'll be raising money towards improving the playground tarmac surface.

We'll have:

- Fun games for everyone to enjoy 🎯
- Lots of chances to support our school community ❤️

We'd love to see you there. As always thank you for your continued support — we truly appreciate it!

DEBRA – The Butterfly Skin Charity

We would like to raise awareness that a child in our school lives with EB (epidermolysis bullosa). EB is a group of rare and incredibly painful genetic skin conditions that cause the skin to blister and tear very easily, even from the slightest touch.

We would like to raise funds for DEBRA, the charity that supports people living with EB, by holding a pyjama / comfy clothes day on Friday 12th June. Please donate using the Just Giving Link below.

DEBRA works to improve the quality of life for children and families affected by this condition, providing vital care, support and research funding. We hope you will help us support this important cause.

Donations can be made through our [Just Giving](#) page

Dates for your Diary

May

Monday 18th May: Homework due in

Tuesday 19th May 8.40-8.55: Hedgehog Homework Celebration

Tuesday 19th May 9am: Reception Vision and Hearing Screening

Wednesday 20th May 8.40-8.55: Deer Homework Celebration

Thursday 21st May 8.40-8.55: Owl Homework Celebration

Thursday 21st May: RE enrichment day

Friday 22nd May 8.40-8.55: Rabbit Homework Celebration

Friday 22nd May: Casual clothes day in exchange for sweet treats

Sunday 24th May: Great Hockham Village Horn Fair – where our children will be dancing around the Maypole.

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May: Half term holiday

June

Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June: Year 4 Multiplication Table Check

Wednesday 3rd June: Deer Class Trip to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse

Friday 12th June: Pyjama day/ Comfy clothes to raise money for Debra

Monday 15th June – Friday 19th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Thursday 18th June @ 1.15pm: Sports afternoon

Wednesday 24th June: Hedgehog Class trip to the Royal Norfolk Show- details to follow shortly

July

Monday 6th July- Friday 10th July: Activities Week

Monday 13th July: Transition day to new classes

Thursday 16th July @ 2.15pm: Whole school celebration of learning in Church

Friday 17th July @ 2.30pm: Year 6 leavers celebration

Friday 17th July: Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend,

Warmest regards

Lisa Hazard

Mrs L Hazard