



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER –17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 26/06/26	Week Ending 03/07/26	Week Ending 10/07/26	Week Ending 17/07/26
Rabbit Class	79.3%	96.7%	93.4%	99.1%
Owl Class	87.7%	94.2%	95%	99.6%
Deer Class	95.1%	100%	97.8%	95.9%
Hedgehog Class	89%	99.2%	100%	99.2%

I can't quite believe that we have come to the end of another school year. As I sit down to write this final newsletter, I find myself reflecting on just how much has been achieved, celebrated and enjoyed over the past year.

It has been a year filled with learning, laughter, friendship and success. From our youngest children taking their very first steps into school life, to our Year 6 pupils preparing to spread their wings and move on to secondary education, it has been a privilege to watch every child grow in confidence, knowledge and character.

There have been so many memorable moments along the way: exciting trips and visits, sporting events, performances, special celebrations and the countless achievements that take place in classrooms every single day. Our children continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm, resilience and kindness, and they are a credit to both our school and their families.

Free School Meal Expansion

If your child qualifies, this can make a real difference to both your child and your household.

Why apply for Free School Meals?

Your child will receive a healthy, nutritious meal every day at school

It can save families up to £500 per year, per child

It helps the school access additional funding, which we use to provide: extra support in lessons, additional staff and resources and wider opportunities for children.

Who can apply?

The rules have recently changed, and more families are now eligible.

If you receive Universal Credit, there is a strong chance your child may now qualify.

How to apply

Applying is quick, easy and confidential:

Visit [Norfolk County Council's](#) online application portal
The system checks eligibility straight away
School staff are very happy to help if you would like support completing the application

A quick reminder

Even if your child brings a packed lunch, registering is still really important.
It ensures your child receives any support they are entitled to, and it helps the school provide the best possible education for all pupils.

If you think you may be eligible, we strongly encourage you to apply.

If you would like any help or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office, we are always happy to support you.

Friends News

What an incredible year it's been!

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our wonderful parents and carers. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and continued support have made such a difference. Every raffle ticket bought, event attended, and helping hand offered has helped create amazing experiences for our children.

Thanks to your support this year, we were able to provide:

-  Two fantastic school discos
-  Several exciting enrichment days
-  A magical Christmas Fayre
-  A fun-filled Easter Fayre
-  Coach transfers for school trips
-  A new Buddy Bench
-  Mini Monsters Roadshow
-  A memorable Year 5 & 6 Prom

But we are not stopping there!

The Friends Team is already busy planning for the **2026–2027** school year, with lots of exciting events, fun activities, and new fundraising ideas to help provide even more enriching educational experiences for our children.

Thank you for your amazing support throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you, and together we are making a real difference for every child at Great Hockham Primary School and Nursery.

Have a wonderful summer!

The Friends Team 

Support and Advice over the summer

If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child during the summer holidays, support is available. If a child is in immediate danger, please contact 999. For non-emergency safeguarding concerns, you can contact Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS) on 0344 800 8021 or email cad@norfolk.gov.uk

We have attached a link to a video about keeping your child safe online over the summer and we have attached another document with further links for support:

knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Summer-Online-Safety-July-2026.mp4

A few thank yous...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated staff team. Their commitment, care and determination ensure that Great Hockham remains a place where children feel happy, safe and inspired to learn. I am incredibly grateful for everything they do.

I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for your continued support throughout the year. Education is most successful when schools and families work together, and we greatly value the partnership we share with you.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our wonderful volunteers and the Friends Committee. Their dedication, enthusiasm and generosity make such a difference to our school community. Throughout the year, they have given their time to organise events, raise valuable funds and support the children in countless ways. Many of the opportunities and experiences our pupils enjoy are enhanced by their hard work behind the scenes, and we are incredibly grateful for all they do.

Finally, I would like to offer a very special thank you to Liz Taylor. After many years of dedicated service as a volunteer and valued member of our Friends Committee, Liz will be leaving us this year. Throughout her time with the school, she has given generously of her time, energy and support, always with the children's best interests at heart.

On behalf of everyone at Great Hockham Primary School, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Liz for all that she has done. We wish her every happiness and success for the future and hope she knows she will always be a valued friend of the school.

Year 6 Pupils

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils as they come to the end of their primary school journey. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved and the young people they have become. We wish them every success and happiness as they begin the next chapter of their education.



Congratulations!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Miss Wade and her partner have welcomed their beautiful baby boy, Reuben Wayne Elliott-Campbell, on 10th July 2026.



Both mum and baby are doing well and enjoying this very special time together as a family.

I am sure you will join us in sending our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Miss Wade and her family as they begin this exciting new chapter. We look forward to meeting Reuben in the future and welcoming Miss Wade back when the time is right.

Dates for your Diary

September

Thursday 3rd September: Reception to Year 6 return to school

Monday 7th September: Nursery return to school

As the summer holidays begin, I hope all of our families have the opportunity to rest, relax and spend quality time together. Whether you are travelling further afield or enjoying activities closer to home, I hope you create many happy memories.

As you all know, this will be my final newsletter as Headteacher at Great Hockham. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve this wonderful school community, and I will leave with many happy memories of the children, families and staff who make Great Hockham such a special place. Thank you for your support, kindness and partnership throughout my time here. While it is always difficult to say goodbye, I am excited to begin a new chapter and know that the school is in excellent hands. I would like to wish Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Fowler every success for the year ahead as they continue to lead and support the school. I know they will be warmly welcomed by the community and that Great Hockham will continue to thrive. Thank you once again for allowing me to be part of your children's journeys. I wish you all a wonderful summer and every happiness for the future.

Warmest regards

Lisa Hazard

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