



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Christmas Celebration at the Church – thank you to everyone who could attend. The children performed with such confidence and joy — they were a real credit to themselves and to the school. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them.

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 28/11/25	Week Ending 5/12/25	Week Ending 12/12/25	Week Ending 19/12/25
Rabbit Class	98.8%	91.5%	96.3%	98.8%
Owl Class	94.4%	98.8%	98.4%	98.4%
Deer Class	99.3%	98.5%	94.8%	94.4%
Hedgehog Class	97.8%	96.5%	91.3%	92.2%

Good attendance means 95% and above.



80% of children have attendance that is 95% or above for the Autumn term which is brilliant news!

A message from Sapientia Education Trust regarding term dates for 2026- 2027

Many of you will be aware that several trusts / schools have recently realigned the structure of the school year. After reviewing our own pattern, we have decided that a slight adjustment would benefit both pupils and staff, particularly in relation to the length of the autumn term.

Our priority has been to maintain the total number of days pupils spent in school, whilst also enhancing the well being of pupils and staff.

The main change is an extension to the October half-term break. We believe this adjustment will support pupil and staff wellbeing and improve attendance, especially given the national priority. We can confirm that there will be no reduction to the number of teaching days.

Thank you for your continued support as we implement these changes.

Sapientia Education Trust

Autumn Term:

- **Starts:** Thursday 3rd September 2026
- **Half-term:** 19th October - 30th October 2026
- **Last day:** Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term:

- **Starts:** Tuesday 5th January 2027
- **Half-term:** 15th February- 19th February 2027
- **Last Day:** Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term:

- **Starts:** Monday 12th April 2027
- **Bank holiday/ school closed:** 3rd May 2027
- **Half-term:** 31st May - 4th June 2027
- **Last Day -** Thursday 22nd July 2027

Christmas at Great Hockham

We have had an extremely busy last 2 weeks of term. Beginning with the Rabbit and Owl class's Nativity at the Village Hall. The children learnt all of the songs and actions and tried hard to use their "big" voices when saying their lines. Thank you to families for providing their brilliant costumes.



Then we had our PE and healthy living enrichment day. The children had a fabulous street dance lesson and all children learnt a full dance routine. They all tried their hardest and had lots of fun.



Classes tried different healthy foods, talked about how to look after their teeth and the importance of good hygiene as they enter their teenage years.



Great Hockham has Christmas Talent

Yesterday our school hall was filled with excitement and applause as the children took to the stage for our annual Great Hockham's Got Talent. From singing and dancing to magic tricks and comedy routines, every act was a wonderful display of creativity and individuality. What stood out most was the confidence and enthusiasm shown by each child. Performing in front of an audience is never easy, yet they embraced the challenge with courage and joy. It was truly inspiring to see them express themselves so freely and support one another throughout the event. A huge thank you to our staff for organizing such a fantastic showcase and to our parents for encouraging and nurturing these talents at home. Together, we are helping our children grow not only in skill but in self-belief. We are so proud of every performer—what a brilliant way to celebrate the end of term.



Friends of Great Hockham Primary School

 The Friends would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us at the Christmas Fayre. It was a truly magical event and a wonderful success, made possible by your amazing support. Santa was thrilled to visit the children before the fayre, delivering special Christmas gifts from their wish lists to each classroom. He then headed to the grotto, where he enjoyed chatting with the children and spreading lots of festive cheer.

Santa couldn't stop talking about how polite and grateful the children were — and said the very best part was seeing their huge smiles and excitement!

All Santa's Grotto photos have now been sent out. If you haven't received yours, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Friends team.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we have lots of fun and exciting events planned for you and your children. These will help us continue raising funds for enrichment days, coach travel for school trips, and extra treats to enhance classroom learning.

Thank you once again for your support, and we wish you all a joyful Christmas and a fantastic New Year!

With festive wishes,

The Friends Team 

Exciting News...

We would like to share the wonderful news that Miss Milton has had a baby boy. Amari Saint Antonio was born on 8th December 2025 and weighed 5lbs 14oz. Both Mother and baby are doing well. We wish them well and can't wait to meet the new arrival.

And thank you to ...

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our **Friends Committee** for their incredible support. Their hard work in organising events and raising funds provides valuable resources that enrich our children's learning experiences.

We are also deeply grateful to our **parent and grandparent volunteers**, who give their time each week to listen to readers and assist in classrooms. Your dedication makes a real difference to the children's progress and enjoyment of learning.

Dates for your Diary

January 2026

Tuesday 6th January: Children return to school

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the festive season bring you joy, rest, and special moments with family and friends.

Best Wishes

Lisa Hazard

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