

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 27 th February	Week Ending 6 th March	Week Ending 13 th March	Week Ending 20 th March
Rabbit Class	93%	98%	94.5%	96%
Owl Class	95.6%	96.4%	97.2%	99.2%
Deer Class	99.3%	97.8%	98.9%	96.3%
Hedgehog Class	97.1%	92.1%	97.9%	94.2%

Tag Rugby Tournament

Last half term, Great Hockham Primary School proudly took part in a tag rugby tournament at Wymondham Prep — and what a fantastic performance it was!

The children demonstrated outstanding teamwork throughout the tournament, constantly encouraging one another and showing brilliant sportsmanship and support. Their positive attitude and determination truly stood out.

The team won all of their games in the first stage, scoring the highest number of points overall and earning a well-deserved place in the semi-finals. In a closely contested semi-final match, they were narrowly defeated by just one try, meaning they just missed out on a place in the final.

Although they didn't progress to the final, we could not be prouder of their achievement. Every player represented our school with pride, resilience and teamwork.

Well done to Eva, Eden, Riley, Dexter, Jonah, Ezra, Thomas, Liam and Noah — you were exceptional!





Inspiring Visit from Richard Potter at Great Hockham Primary School

Last half-term, we were incredibly lucky to welcome athlete **Richard Potter** to Great Hockham Primary School for a truly inspiring afternoon.

All of the children took part in an energetic physical activity circuit, showing fantastic effort, determination and enthusiasm. Following this, they attended an assembly led by Richard, where he shared his personal journey, the challenges he has overcome, and his impressive sporting achievements.

The children asked thoughtful and insightful questions about his training, motivation and successes — and some were even lucky enough to hold and wear his gold, silver and bronze medals! It was a memorable experience that left everyone feeling inspired.

In the lead up to the event, children had the opportunity to gain sponsorship for taking part in the fitness circuit. We would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who helped raise money — no matter the amount. Your support makes a real difference.

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our children raised an incredible £1,286.10, which will go towards purchasing new sports equipment to enhance our learning.



Red Nose Day – Comic Relief

The children all looked fantastic in their pyjamas today, and it brought a wonderfully relaxed and cosy atmosphere to the whole school. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying the day together! When we went to print our total donations were at £130. If you have not yet contributed to Comic relief, please use [this link](#)

Every contribution—big or small—helps to make a real difference to the lives of others. Thank you for helping us support this wonderful cause.

Friends of Great Hockham

♻️ Recycle & Help Our School!

Don't forget—we're still collecting used ink cartridges at the front office! Not only does this help the planet by keeping them out of landfill, but we can also earn money back to support exciting enrichment activities for the children. A small action can make a big difference!

🥰 Easter Fayre Fun is Coming!

Get ready—our **Easter Fayre** is happening **next Friday 27th March after school on the playground!** We've got lots of egg-citing activities planned, including:

- 🎯 Fun games to play
- 🥚 Egg hunt with a prize
- 🧑‍🔬 A scavenger word hunt for a special chocolate egg

And for all the grown-ups (and sweet-toothed children!)—don't miss our **homemade baked goods sale** 🍰 🍪

♥️ A Big Thank You!

We'd like to give a HUGE shoutout to **P G Repairs, RT Decorating Services,** and **Fabian R Eagle, The Poultry Auctioneers** for their generous support—donating chocolate Easter eggs and a monetary contribution. Thanks to their kindness, every penny raised at the fayre will go straight towards funding the children's next coach travel for field trips—amazing!

🧑‍🔬 Help Us Brighten the Playground!

We're on a mission to bring our playground back to life and are now raising funds to purchase paint for the playground surface. If you or someone you know (local businesses welcome!) would like to contribute, we'd love to hear from you. Please email us at friendsghps@outlook.com.

Thank you for being such a fantastic, supportive school community—we couldn't do it without you!



New Sensory Area

Today marked the first stage of installing our new sensory area nestled between the trees by the field. The children were thrilled to explore the space and have already begun sharing their ideas about what

we could add next. Suggestions so far include colourful flowers, heart and star-shaped lights, and even fairies to help create a magical fairy garden.

The new trim trail proved especially popular, with many children enjoying the chance to climb and test their balance. The wooden house also sparked plenty of imaginative play.

Our outdoor instruments are not quite ready yet as the concrete base is still setting, but the children will have the opportunity to start making music with them on Monday.

We're excited to see this area continue to grow and can't wait to bring more of the children's ideas to life!



Rabbit Class's walk to meet some newborn lambs

Rabbit class walked through the village today on a special visit to meet a small group of newborn lambs. The children were fascinated to see the lambs up close—some just a few hours old! They learned about how farmers care for the animals, why lambs stay close to their mothers, and what they eat as they grow.

There were lots of thoughtful questions, gentle hands, and delighted smiles as the lambs wandered over to say hello. The children also noticed the differences between older sheep and the younger lambs, proudly sharing their observations with staff and each other. Thank you so much to Aimie Taylor for inviting the children to visit!



Ofsted

Thank you to everyone who completed the Ofsted Parent View Survey. The children were fantastic and spoke with such pride to the inspectors about their learning and experiences in our school. We will share the inspection report with you as soon as it becomes available – this is likely to be after the Easter holidays.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all of our staff for their hard work, dedication, and commitment throughout the inspection process. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Tissues Needed!

We've had lots of runny noses in school recently, and our tissue supply is disappearing quickly. If any families are able to donate a box or two of tissues, we would be very grateful.

Thank you, as always, for your support!

Dates for your Diary

March 2026

Monday 23rd March: Rabbit and Owl class homework due in

Monday 23rd March – Wednesday 25th March: KS2 Hilltops Residential trip

Tuesday 24th March @ 8.40am: Owl homework celebration

Wednesday 25th March @ 8.40am: Rabbit homework celebration

Thursday 26th March @ 8.40am: Hedgehog homework celebration

Thursday 26th March – Friday 27th March: Computing Enrichment Day

Friday 27th March @ 8.40am: Deer homework celebration

Friday 27th March: Last day of the Spring Term

Friday 27th March @ 3.15pm: Friends Easter Fayre

April 2026

Wednesday 15th April: Children return to school

For the children joining us at Hilltops next week, we hope you have a restful weekend and remember to get your bags packed ready for Monday — we're really looking forward to the adventure!

For everyone else, we hope you have a lovely, relaxing weekend too.

Best Wishes

Lisa Hazard

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