

GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending	Week Ending
Attendance	24/10/25	7/11/25	14/11/25	21/11/25
Rabbit Class	95.3%	91.7%	97.9%	97.6%
Owl Class	90.4%	97%	99.2%	97.6%
Deer Class	97.2%	100%	97.8%	99.3%
Hedgehog Class	96.5%	97.8%	97.1%	97%

Thanks to Your Support!

The £1,000 raised at our Summer Fayre has been put to fantastic use — we've stocked our class libraries with a wonderful selection of new books! Before purchasing, the children shared their favourite authors and themes, and they were thrilled to see their requests come to life. These new additions are already inspiring a love of reading across the school.



KS2 Football Tournament

A group of pupils in Deer class went to Wymondham College Prep School for a football tournament against 6 other teams on Wednesday 12th November. The rules we had to follow were: no sliding tackles, no headers and no drop kicks. Each team was able to practice when they were not playing a match. We were the youngest team there but we did our school proud. We won a game, drew 2 games and lost the rest. We had brilliant team spirit and cheered everyone on. The children who went to represent our school were: Thomas, Liam, Ezra, Jonah, Noah, Reggie, Eden and Jasmine. Great Hockham has a green kit. We all enjoyed it and worked hard. Good Job Hockham!!

By Thomas and Jasmine.

Friends of Great Hockham

The Friends would like to say a huge thank-you for all your donations and support for the Bring and Buy Sale — we raised £114! Every penny will go towards enriching your children's school experience.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Number Lotto due to low interest. To those who did take part, thank you so much for your support. You will be contacted directly and fully reimbursed.

A big thank-you as well to everyone who joined in today's dress-down day and donated a bottle — you're helping to make our Christmas tombola look absolutely fantastic! But don't stop there... next Friday, 28th November, we'll be having another dress-down day, this time asking for yummy sweet donations.

Also keep an eye out next week — we'll be launching our Christmas Raffle! Tickets will be £1 each, and we have lots of amazing prizes and vouchers to be won. And guess what? Only 19 more sleeps until our Christmas Fayre on 10th December after school!

The Friends are already in full elf mode, working hard to bring plenty of festive cheer. Expect lots of fun games and delicious treats galore.

But that's not all... Father Christmas himself will be there, giving you the chance to have a professional photo with the jolliest Saint Nick we know! We can't wait to celebrate with you all!

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended our recent parent–teacher meetings. We hope you found the discussions helpful and informative. If you were unable to join us, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time after school.

Children in Need – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need. Your generosity will make a real difference to someone this winter. Together, we raised an amazing £110!

Parent Forum

This terms Parent Forum will be on Monday 15th December at 9am. We will be looking at the RE curriculum from EYFS to Year 6. Looking at the religions that are explored and how it is taught. We will then get your opinion and views on school lunches, the homework we set and our wellbeing

curriculum. All parents are welcome. Please let Mrs Pavey know if you will be able to attend. Tea, coffee and mice pies will be provided! We look forward to seeing you there.

New equipment in Rabbit Class

We're excited to share that a brand-new climbing structure has been installed in Rabbit Class's outdoor area! The children are loving the opportunity to explore and play on it. This addition will help support their gross motor development and strengthen core stability in a fun and engaging way.









Christmas at Great Hockham

Christmas will begin in Great Hockham this year when we have our Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly on Monday 8th December. Every child will have the opportunity to add a decoration to our Christmas tree and we will sing Christmasy songs. Rev Vanessa will hopefully be joining us to tell the Nativity story. This is also the day that our Christmas Post Box arrives, so if your child would like to send Christmas cards, please check they have the recipients name on the front along with their class name. They can be posted between 8th December until 19th December.

Rabbit and Owl class will be performing a Nativity, in the Village Hall again on Friday 12th December, to ensure all parents and carers have a good view and are able to hear every word – please see separate letter with further details.

We will be having our Christmas dinner on Wednesday 17th December and will be inviting the children to wear Christmas jumpers with their regular uniform on this day.



Children can also wear their own Christmasy clothes on Thursday 18th December ready for Hockham's Got Talent.

Thank you for your donations of different bottles today. Children can wear their own clothes again on Friday 28th November in exchange for a sweet or chocolate treat. Please drop your donations off in the playground on your way into school. Thank you.

Finally we will finish the Autumn term on Friday 19th December with a Whole School Christmas Celebration in Holy Trinity Church, where all classes will sing some songs and share some poems. We hope as many of you will be able to join us as possible. This will be at 2.15pm and children can be collected directly from the Church if parents or carers can attend. If not we will walk them back to school for the usual collection time.

Dates for your Diary

November

Friday 28th November: Children wear own clothes in exchange for a sweet treat

December

Monday 8th December: Christmas Tree Assembly and Post box opens for Christmas cards.

Wednesday 10th December @ 3.30pm: Christmas Fayre

Friday 12th December @ 10.30am or 2.15pm: Rabbit & Owl Class Nativity, please see separate letter

Monday 15th December @ 9.00: Parent Forum – all welcome

Wednesday 17th December: Christmas dinner and wearing Christmas jumpers with regular uniform

Thursday 18th December: Hockham's Got Talent and wearing Christmasy clothes **Friday 19th December @ 2.15pm**: Christmas Celebration at Holy Trinity Church

Friday 19th December: Last day of the Autumn term

January

Tuesday 6th January: Children return to school

Wrap up warm and embrace the crisp, cool weather—have a wonderful weekend!

Best Wishes

Lisa Hazard

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Headteacher.

