



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week ending 11 th Sept 2026	Week ending 18 th Sept 2026	Week ending 25 th Sept 2026
Rabbits	100%	88.2%	90.5%
Owls	87%	94.3%	99.1%
Deer	96%	90.4%	97.6%
Hedgehogs	96%	98.6%	99.6%

As we come back together, coughs and colds are already making an appearance. We know it can sometimes be difficult to decide whether your child is too unwell to attend school, so please take a look at the helpful guide below, which explains when children should stay at home and when they can still attend school: [NHS guidance sheet](#). Thank you for your support in promoting good attendance.

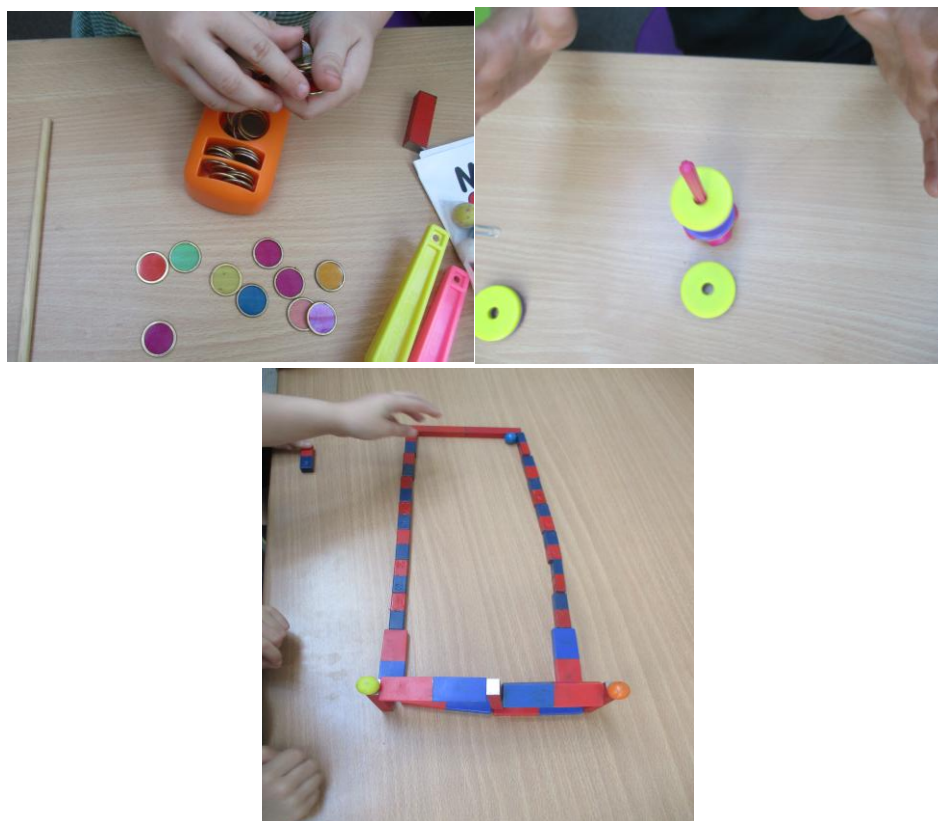
Magnets Club

During lunchtime, a science club was run – it was all about magnets! There were 3 leaders from Hedgehogs Class: Alex, Liam and Thomas. There were loads of fun activities for younger children to enjoy:

- small competitions
- finding out what was magnetic in the library
- a bowling alley for magnetic balls
- ‘magic’ magnets
- and much more!

Ten KS1 children came to the club and they all loved it! They all learned something new from the experience and are keen to come back again!

Emily K



Pictures above are showing how magic the magnets really are!

Maths Cafés

A reminder that we are excited to invite parents and carers into school this term to join their child for a special **Maths Café** session. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time learning alongside your child, see how maths is taught in school, and pick up ideas and strategies that can help support their learning at home. Our children are always so proud to share their learning, and we know they will be delighted to welcome you into their classroom!

To help everyone get the most from the session, we kindly ask that younger siblings do not attend, as this can be distracting for the children taking part. Sessions for **Years 1-6** will run from **9.00am to 10.00am**, while the **Reception** session will finish slightly earlier at around **9.40am**.

Please see the dates below and contact the school office to reserve your place. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the joy of maths learning together! 😊📚+

Class	Date
Year 3	Monday 28th September
Year 5	Tuesday 29th September
Year 1	Thursday 1st October
Year 4	Monday 5th October
Year 6	Tuesday 6th October
Year 2	Thursday 8th October
Reception	Wednesday 11th November
Nursery	Wednesday 18th November

Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who has supported the charity and has made a donation so far, it is really kind of you. If you would still like to donate here is the link: JustGiving: <https://www.justgiving.com/id/jeansforgenesday65749>

There is also a QR code displayed in the school entrance which links directly to the fundraising page.

A Request for Donations: Tissues

As we head into the coughs and colds season, our supply of tissues is disappearing very quickly! If you are able to donate a box (or two) of tissues, we would be extremely grateful.

Any contributions, big or small, will help us keep runny noses at bay and ensure we have plenty available for the children when they need them.

Thank you for your kindness and support. ❤️ 😊



Join Us for Our First Parent Forum of the Year!

Friday 9th October at 2.30pm

We are excited to invite parents and carers to our first Parent Forum of the academic year! This is a great opportunity to find out more about how we teach reading in school, the approaches and strategies we use to support our pupils, and, most importantly, how you can help your child develop a love of reading at home. There will also be a chance to meet our new Executive Headteacher, Mrs Mitchell, and hear more about her vision for our school.

We would love to see as many parents and carers as possible and look forward to sharing ideas, answering your questions and working together to support our children. To sign up, please speak to Mrs Pavey in the school office.

Harvest Festival

Friday 6th November at 2.00pm

Venue: Church

We are pleased to confirm that our Harvest Festival celebration is taking place on Friday 6th November at 2pm. We look forward to welcoming families to our Harvest Festival celebration, the first of our community events outside of school.

Homework Celebration Dates

Date	Event
Monday 12th October	Homework due in for all classes
Tuesday 13th October	Rabbits Homework Sharing
Wednesday 14th October	Owls Homework Sharing
Thursday 15th October	Deer Homework Sharing
Friday 16th October	Hedgehogs Homework Sharing

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 28th September	Year 3 Maths Café
Tuesday 29th September	Year 5 Maths Café
Thursday 30 th September	Flu Vaccination Catch Up Session
Thursday 1st October	Year 1 Maths Café
Monday 5th October	Year 4 Maths Café
Tuesday 6th October	Year 6 Maths Café
Thursday 8th October	Year 2 Maths Café
Friday 9 th October	Parent Forum: Reading
Monday 12th October	Homework due in – all classes
Tuesday 13th October	Rabbits Homework Sharing
Wednesday 14th October	Owls Homework Sharing
Thursday 15th October	Deer Homework Sharing
Thursday 15th October	Tempest School Photographs- Individual & Sibling Photographs
Friday 16th October	Drumming Workshop
Friday 16th October	Hedgehogs Homework Sharing
Friday 16th October	Last day of half term
Friday 6th November	Harvest Festival, 2pm
Wednesday 11th November	Reception Maths Café
Wednesday 18th November	Nursery Maths Café
Wednesday 9 th December	Rocksteady Concert
Friday 18th December, 2pm	Christmas Service (TBC)

🎉 THE FRIENDS ARE BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR! 🎉

We've recently held our AGM and we're really excited about what's ahead for the children of Great Hockham Primary School & Nursery.

👋 MEET THE ADMIN TEAM



Monica
Co-Chair



Sabrina
Co-Chair



Mary
Treasurer



Cristi
Co-Secretary



Louise
Co-Secretary

♥️ WHAT ARE WE FUNDRAISING FOR?

Our focus this year is on giving the children even more opportunities to enjoy:

- 🎓 Enrichment Days
- 🎨 Fun Activities
- 🎉 Special Experiences
- 🌟 Events throughout the school year

There are already lots of ideas being discussed, with more details to come!

🎃 SAVE THE DATE! 🎃

HALLOWEEN DISCO

📅 Wednesday 14 October

🕒 5:00–6:30pm

👻 Get those costumes ready!

Rabbits (Reception) & Year 1 will have their own age-appropriate Halloween party in a separate classroom.

Years 2–6 will be getting spooky in the hall!

🎫 Ticket and booking information coming next week!

👁️ WATCH THIS SPACE!

More events, fundraising ideas and exciting activities coming throughout the year.

Your support helps us create more experiences for our children! ♥️

Norfolk Healthy Child Service

Supporting every child, young person
and family in Norfolk to flourish



Are you interested in

Volunteering?

We are recruiting Infant Feeding
Peer Support Volunteers in Norfolk!



Our Infant feeding peer support volunteers will give valuable emotional and practical infant feeding support.

If you are passionate about Infant Feeding and would like to support Norfolk families on their feeding journey – get in touch.



For more details and to apply:

<https://bttr.im/Odlzo>

Questions? Contact:

eec.volunteers@nhs.net



To apply, scan the QR Code

