

GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,


Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 9 th January	Week Ending 16 th January	Week Ending 23 rd January	Week Ending 30 th January
Rabbit Class	93.7%	97%	88.4%	94.5%
Owl Class	100%	98.4%	95.2%	93.2%
Deer Class	100%	98.5%	95.9%	91.1%
Hedgehog Class	98.4%	97.9%	97.1%	93.3%

We value your voice!

To ensure we continue providing the best possible education for your child, we invite all parents to complete our upcoming survey. Your feedback helps us understand what's working well and where we can improve, so together we can make our school an even better place for learning and growth. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts—your input truly makes a difference! The survey will close on Friday 13th February.

[Great Hockham- Parent View 2026 – Fill out form](#)



YOUNG CARERS

The pupils in our school have all had an assembly about **Young Carers**. Your child may have questions about whether they are a Young Carer.

A Young Carer is a person under 18 who looks after someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or addiction.

This includes those with siblings who have SEND. They may take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities. They can also get support if they don't have an active caring role, but there is an impact on the young person.

If you think your child might be a Young Carer, please contact the school to discuss it. There is lots of support available, such as groups and free trips they can attend.

Identifying and supporting young carers at Great Hockham

We are committed to ensuring that all students get the support they need to have a positive school experience, are happy in school and can achieve their full potential.

We know that for some students, factors outside of school can have a big impact on this, particularly if there is someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction. We think in every class there could be as many as 2 pupils who are helping to support someone because of one of these factors – we call these students young carers.

Students can be young carers for lots of different reasons:

- They might be providing physical support to a parent with a physical illness such as fibromyalgia or ME, such as cooking, fetching things or helping with things like putting shoes on or doing the shopping
- They might be helping a parent with a disability who needs help with more personal tasks such as getting dressed, bathing or changing dressings
- Or it could be more emotional support – like being there if their autistic sibling is upset, taking responsibility for young siblings whilst parents attend health appointments, or checking that a parent with depression/anxiety is ok.
-

Some young carers might be doing lots of caring, others just a small amount but are impacted by the situation at home for example by worrying about the person with the health condition, or needing to do more things for themselves compared to other students. For example, if a sibling has SEND that has a big impact on them.

There is lots of support available for young carers and their families should they ever need it – both inside and outside of school.

We are currently working alongside Carers Matter Norfolk and The Benjamin Foundation to better improve the Young Carers support we provide in our school.

Outside of school, there are many support services available in the local area:

- Carers Matter Norfolk – 1-1 and family support
- The Benjamin Foundation (Watton) – Boom! groups – evening groups and trips

If you think that any of the above applies to your child, and that they might possibly be a young carer then please email our school office and Mrs Hayes will be get in contact with you. Even if you feel your child or family are doing really well and don't need any support, we find that it's better for us to be aware and have them on our radar as potential young carers, in case the situation suddenly changes, and they (or you) do need support. It just means that you and your child don't have to start from scratch with letting us know what is going on if things have become difficult.

Science Theatre Show

On Wednesday 21st January 2026, Hedgehogs, Deer and Owl Classes gathered to watch Tom Butterworth's Science Time Tour where he showed us his favourite scientists and told us about them and what they specialised in.

First, he showed us Charles Darwin and told us he discovered different bird beaks and how they have evolved – with a fun theatre twist.

Next, he told us about Marie Curie and her pioneering research on radioactivity. He also told us about how she won 2 Nobel prizes for discovering the elements polonium and radium.

Finally, he told us about Mae Jemison who specialized in engineering, medicine and science education. She is best known as the first African American woman in space. Children got the chance to join in with the show. It was an extraordinary experience and everyone enjoyed it.

Bow Year 5



A Big Thank You from the Friends! ❤️

The Friends would like to say a huge thank you to all the children who took part in our Clash Dress Down Day. Thanks to your support, we've been able to contribute a portion towards renewing the Numbots and TTRS subscriptions, valued at £293 — maths games the children absolutely love playing!

🧑🏻‍🔬🧑🏻‍🔬 Next Up: Valentine's Disco! 🧑🏻‍🔬🧑🏻‍🔬

Our next fun event is the Valentine's Disco, taking place on Tuesday 10th February from 5:00–6:30pm.

Please complete the form that was sent out on MCAS and return it:

- via email
- or by bringing it to the school office and popping it into the Friends Box

Our email address is: friendsghps@outlook.com

Payment Options

Payment can be made by:

- sending cash in with the form
- or paying online by simply scanning the QR code

Please remember: All forms must be returned by Thursday 6th February.



📄 We'd Love Your Feedback!

Our survey is still open, and we'd really appreciate hearing from you. The more feedback we receive, the better we can support fundraising for your child's educational experience.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/xcdFPCwUGB?origin=IprLink>

Can You Help?

We're also looking for support from anyone who knows a company or individual who may be able to donate 100 chocolate Easter eggs. If you can help, please speak to a Friends member or contact us via email.

Thank you for your continued support — we couldn't do it without you!

Dates for your Diary

February 2026

Wednesday 4th February: Owl class trip- Norwich Cathedral

Friday 6th February: Olympian visit

Tuesday 10th February @ 8.40: Rabbit class homework celebration

Tuesday 10th February: Friends Valentine's Disco

Wednesday 11th February @ 8.40: Owl class homework celebration

Thursday 12th February @ 8.40: Deer class celebration

Friday 13th February @ 8.40: Hedgehog class homework celebration

Friday 13th February: Children's Mental Health Day

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February: Half term

Friday 27th February: Deer class Bikeability Level 1

March 2026

Thursday 5th March: World book day – dress up as a book character

Tuesday 10th March 3.30pm- 6.30pm: Parent- Teacher Meetings

Thursday 12th March 3.30pm – 6.30pm: Parent- Teacher Meetings

Friday 13th March from 2pm: SEND Café by appointment

Wednesday 18th March @ 1.45pm: Curiosity Café- all parents invited

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

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

Friday 27th March: Last day of the Spring Term

Have a wonderful weekend, and thank you as always for your support.

Best Wishes

Lisa Hazard

Mrs L Hazard



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

NHS

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://btrr.im/0dlzo>

Questions? Contact:
ccs.volunteers@nhs.net

To apply, scan the QR Code

The poster features an illustration of a family (mother, father, and child) and a QR code. At the bottom, there is a graphic of several colorful hands raised together.