



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 12/06/26	Week Ending 19/06/26	Week Ending 26/06/26	Week Ending 03/07/26
Rabbit Class	98.6%	83.3%	79.3%	96.7%
Owl Class	93.3%	95%	87.7%	94.2%
Deer Class	94.8%	93.7%	95.1%	100%
Hedgehog Class	95%	96.7%	89%	99.2%

Cake Sale

Over this half term, Year 6 have planned and organised a charity cake sale. They split into 4 groups, and each did different flavours, for example: lemon, marshmallow, vanilla, cherry, chocolate, Biscoff and Oreo. They decorated boxes to present their cakes for sale and made signs and pretty posters to advertise the event.

On Monday 22nd June, they baked the cakes and, on the Tuesday, they decorated them. Everybody loved them!

The money raised (£177.70) was split between Debra (the charity which supports people with butterfly skin syndrome) and buying legacy books for Hedgehogs class.

They really loved the experience.

By Eva and Harriet



The Royal Norfolk Show

Year 5 and Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to go on a school trip to the Royal Norfolk Show. We visited lots of interesting stalls about animals, jobs, science and much more.

Unfortunately, the weather was very hot, but the school made sure everyone stayed hydrated and had plenty of sun cream on throughout the day.

We explored lots of different stalls, learned many new things and had great fun with our friends. It was a fantastic experience that we all enjoyed very much!

From Bow Year 5



Year 6 camping

On the 29th June to 30th June 2026, all the year 6s went to Shropham Grove and camped for a night. We set up hammocks, a rope course, went on a tyre swing and explored the forest.

We found lots of amazing creatures, including the incredible bird cherry ermine moth.

On the 30th, we were challenged by Mrs Garrod to fill up a water jug by flipping up a cup and catching it with water in it! We got very wet!

We enjoyed cooking our own smoreos (Oreo smores!) and we also cooked our own meals and even washed up!

In the evening, we roasted marshmallows and drank hot chocolate.

We loved the experience and hope it keeps going for years to come!

By Eden and Harriet



Rabbit Class Trip to see The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Eden and Isla interviewed some of the children to find out what they enjoyed.

Cody: I loved it when the tiger drank all the tea and ate all the food.

Hattie: I loved it when the tiger came. My favourite character was the mum.

Imogen: I loved it when the dad kept forgetting his things. The bell kept ringing.

Ellison: I loved his big claws and teeth.

Jasper: I liked it when the daddy was late for work and when the tiger ate all the food



The Friends News

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our ice cream sale after school today. We hope you enjoyed your treats! 🍦

🌟 Year 5 & 6 Prom 🌟

We're looking forward to celebrating with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils at the Prom on Thursday, 9th July, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

As part of the tradition, our Year 6 pupils will be arriving at the school by tractor ride beforehand. If you're in the village at around 5:45 pm, we'd love for you to pop out and give them a wave 🙌 as they make their way to the celebration. It's always a lovely send-off for our Year 6 leavers! 🚜

Monday 13th July - Transition Day to new classes

Please take your child directly to their new classroom and collect them from there, if they are moving to a new room. Many thanks

School lunch Price Increase from September

From 1st September the price of a school meal will be slightly increasing to £2.66 a day.

Parent Forum

We would like to invite you all to our final Parent Forum of the year. This meeting will provide an opportunity to reflect on what has gone well and to consider how we can continue to improve things for the 2026–2027 academic year.

We really value parent voice in our planning and would greatly appreciate your input.

This meeting will be at 9am on Thursday 16th July in the school hall. Please email the school office if you are able to attend. Many thanks.

Free School Meal Expansion

If your child qualifies, this can make a real difference to both your child and your household.

Why apply for Free School Meals?

Your child will receive a healthy, nutritious meal every day at school

It can save families up to £500 per year, per child

It helps the school access additional funding, which we use to provide: extra support in lessons, additional staff and resources and wider opportunities for children.

Who can apply?

The rules have recently changed, and more families are now eligible.

If you receive Universal Credit, there is a strong chance your child may now qualify.

How to apply

Applying is quick, easy and confidential:

Visit [Norfolk County Council's](#) online application portal

The system checks eligibility straight away

School staff are very happy to help if you would like support completing the application

A quick reminder

Even if your child brings a packed lunch, registering is still really important. It ensures your child receives any support they are entitled to, and it helps the school provide the best possible education for all pupils.

If you think you may be eligible, we strongly encourage you to apply.

If you would like any help or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office, we are always happy to support you.

Tissue Donations Needed

As we come to the end of term, our classrooms are running low on tissues. If you are able to donate a box (or two) of tissues, we would be very grateful. These are used daily throughout the school and help us support children when they have coughs, colds, or allergies.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. It is greatly appreciated by both staff and pupils. 😊

A Special Goodbye and Good Luck to Miss Wade

As Miss Wade begins her maternity leave, we would like to send our warmest congratulations and very best wishes to her and her partner as they prepare to welcome their first baby.

The arrival of a first child is a truly life-changing and exciting milestone, filled with anticipation, joy and countless special moments. We know that our whole school community will join us in wishing them every happiness as they embark on this wonderful new adventure together.

Miss Wade has been a valued member of our school family and will be greatly missed during her time away. Whilst we are sad to see her leave for a while, we are absolutely delighted for her and her growing family.

We wish Miss Wade and her partner good health, happiness and precious memories as they prepare to meet their little one. We look forward to hearing their exciting news and welcoming Miss Wade back to school in the future.

Congratulations, good luck, and enjoy every moment of this very special chapter! ❤️ 🤗 ✨

Dates for your Diary

July

Monday 6th July: Miss Wade's maternity leave begins

Monday 6th July- Friday 10th July: Activities Week

Thursday 9th July: Leavers Prom

Monday 13th July: Transition day to new classes

Thursday 16th July @ 9.00am: Parent Forum

Thursday 16th July @ 2.15pm: Whole school celebration of learning in Church

Friday 17th July @ 2.30pm: Year 6 leavers celebration

Friday 17th July: Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and hydrated during the hot weather.

Warmest regards

Lisa Hazard

Mrs L Hazard