



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER – 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are already in October – the Autumn term is flying past! We have been extremely busy in school, getting used to new classroom routines and working extremely hard. We have really focused on children applying excellent behaviours for learning and having high expectations of themselves as learners and what they are capable of. The children's books in all areas of the curriculum are looking excellent, with children showing a real pride in the work they are producing.

Attendance

<u>Weekly Attendance</u>	<u>Week Ending</u> 12/9/25	<u>Week Ending</u> 19/9/25	<u>Week Ending</u> 26/9/25	<u>Week Ending</u> 3/10/25
Rabbit Class	93.5%	97.1%	98.2%	95.3%
Owl Class	96.8%	97.6%	98.4%	96.8%
Deer Class	99.3%	99.3%	99.7%	98.3%
Hedgehog Class	100%	94.8%	97%	97.4%

We have started off the academic year with really good attendance. Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority, to ensure your children are getting the best chance at learning to their full potential.

Maths Café

Thank you to those of you who have attended our maths cafes so far. We hope you found them useful in seeing how we teach maths in school and giving you ideas on how you could support your child further at home.

Historian Visit

A man called Graeme Simmond brought some artefacts from the Anglo Saxons, which he had dug up! We all had one object between two and we had to guess what they were and how they were used. He even had a brooch that had belonged to a princess from the Anglo Saxon times! We got to hold these objects in our hands and think about who they used to belong to and how they were lost. There were pieces of jewellery, bits of pottery, a hair pin, mounts for boxes, coins and parts of belt buckles. I found it quite fascinating!

Amber - Deer Class

On Tuesday, our class was visited by historian and archaeologist, Graeme Simmonds. We got to hold a hand axe that was over 500,000 years old – it would have been crafted by someone during the Stone Age. We used stone Age tools to peel carrots which we ate at lunch – it was so much fun. We got to use and handle real Stone Age artefacts, like the ones we see on books. Graeme also taught us about flint knapping and how Stone Age tools would have been made.

This helped bring learning to life.

Isla – Hedgehog Class

Lunch slips

Sometimes the children do not like the meals that have been ordered for them. Staff encourage them to eat a little bit of everything so they are not hungry. We are not sure that the children always communicate this with you when they come home so we are going to trial using lunch slips. These

will let you know when a child really does not like their school lunch on that day and has struggled to eat anything. We will always ensure they have eaten something even if it is just some plain pasta or a jacket potato.



Supporting you with your child's behaviour.

What's the best way I can handle this?

Why are they behaving like that and what can I do?

What is my child trying to tell me?

Parenting doesn't come with a manual and can be the hardest job in the world:
Come along to 2 informal sessions where we explore tried and tested ideas that may help. Have a chat with other parents to share ideas.

 **Norfolk** County Council

Younger pre-school siblings can attend if needed!

Refreshments provided!

**Supporting you with your child's behaviour:
A Norfolk Steps Approach**

When?
Session 1: Thursday 20th November, 1.45-3.15pm
Session 2: Thursday 4th December, 1.45-3.15pm
Please attend both sessions where possible

Where?: Great Hockham Primary School and Nursery

 **Norfolk** County Council

Polite Request from our neighbours

When going home at the end of the day, please ensure we treat all properties in the village with respect.

Reminders

Now the weather is becoming more wet and wintry, please ensure your child has a pair of welly boots in school and a waterproof jacket every day. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

October

Monday 6th October @ 9am: Year 2 Maths Café

Tuesday 7th October @ 9am: Year 4 Maths Café

Wednesday 8th October @ 9am: Reception Maths Café

Monday 20th October: Homework due in

Monday 20th October @ 5.00pm – 6.30pm: Friend's Halloween Disco
Tuesday 21st October @ 8.40-8.55: Rabbit Homework Celebration
Wednesday 22nd October @ 8.40 – 8.55: Owl Homework Celebration
Thursday 23rd October AM: Tempest Photography Individual and Sibling Photos
Thursday 23rd October @ 8.40 – 8.55: Deer Homework Celebration
Thursday 23rd October @ 2.15: Harvest Celebration at Holy Trinity Church, Great Hockham
Friday 24th October @ 8.40-8.55: Hedgehog Homework Celebration
Friday 24th October – Break up for Half term holiday

November

Tuesday 4th November – Return to school

Friday 7th November @ 14.00 – 16.30: SEND Parent Café – please book a meeting via the school office

Enjoy a relaxing weekend, hopefully the weather will improve,

Best Wishes

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Headteacher