



# GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Attendance**

<b>Weekly Attendance</b>	<b>Week Ending 14/11/25</b>	<b>Week Ending 21/11/25</b>	<b>Week Ending 28/11/25</b>	<b>Week Ending 5/12/25</b>
<b>Rabbit Class</b>	97.9%	97.6%	98.8%	91.5%
<b>Owl Class</b>	99.2%	97.6%	94.4%	98.8%
<b>Deer Class</b>	97.8%	99.3%	99.3%	98.5%
<b>Hedgehog Class</b>	97.1%	97%	97.8%	96.5%

### **Friends of Great Hockham**

Please support us through buying raffle tickets after school on the playground. They are £1 each and there are lots of amazing prizes and vouchers to be won. Only 5 more sleeps until our Christmas Fayre on 10th December after school! The Friends are now 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!

### **PE and Healthy Living Enrichment Day**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December we are having a PE and Healthy Living Enrichment Day so please can all children, from Nursery to Year 6 wear their PE kits to school. We are inviting in Young Stars School of Dance to teach each class all about Street Dance and to learn a dance routine. The children will learn about healthy eating and other aspects of healthy living such as the importance of sleep for the body, dental hygiene for Rabbit class and Owl class and moving onto personal hygiene for Deer and Hedgehog class. It should be an exciting and educational day for all of the children.

### **DfE: Seasonal illness reminder**

We have received the following links from the Department for Education to share with parents regarding useful information about illnesses and reducing the spread in schools this winter.

- [Education Hub Blog](#): Reducing the spread of illness this winter: Seven steps to healthier schools and higher school attendance – please share this blog with parents and staff.
- [NHS Guidance for Parents](#): Is my child too ill for school? – a useful resource to help parents decide when children should stay at home.
- [A-Z of managing Infectious Diseases](#): Practical guidance on managing specific illnesses.

As the winter season sets in, we always find ourselves using lots of tissues in school! If you are able to donate a box or two, we would be so grateful. Your kindness helps keep our classrooms stocked and our children comfortable during these chilly months.

Thank you so much for your continued support—it really makes a difference!

## Parent Forum

This term's Parent Forum will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 mince pies will be provided! We look forward to seeing you there.



## Christmas at Great Hockham

This afternoon, a group of our children experienced something truly special. With excitement in the air, they visited the beautiful Christmas tree field. After wandering among rows of festive evergreens, they carefully chose the perfect tree for our school hall. A heartfelt thank you to Manor Farm for this generous gift and for creating such a memorable experience for our pupils.

The magic of Christmas will truly begin next week when we gather for our Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Every child will have the chance to add their own special decoration to our beautiful tree, creating a display full of colour, sparkle, and joy. Together, we will listen to the timeless Nativity story and sing Christmassy songs. It promises to be a magical moment for our school community—a celebration of tradition, creativity, and the spirit of Christmas!

Monday 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 **recipient's name** on the front along with their **class name**. They can be posted between 8<sup>th</sup> December until 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Rabbit and Owl class will be performing a Nativity, in the Village Hall again on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December ready for Hockham's Got Talent.

Great Hockham will be participating in the Great Hockham living Advent Calendar again this year. Please find out more by following their face book page.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/17H2a2oMD5/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Finally we will finish the Autumn term on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

##### December

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Tree Assembly and Post box opens for Christmas cards.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 Tag Rugby Tournament

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 3.30pm:** Christmas Fayre

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

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.00:** Parent Forum – all welcome

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** PE and Healthy Living Enrichment Day

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas dinner and wearing Christmas jumpers with regular uniform

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Hockham's Got Talent and wearing Christmasy clothes

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm:** Christmas Celebration at Holy Trinity Church

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of the Autumn term

**January**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** Children return to school

Wishing you a joyful weekend and a wonderful start to the festive season—thank you for your continued support as we make this Christmas magical for our children.

Best Wishes

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Headteacher.