



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER - 5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 08/05/26	Week Ending 15/05/26	Week Ending 22/05/26	Week Ending 05/06/26
Rabbit Class	94.1%	93.3%	89%	88.5%
Owl Class	97.9%	93.8%	96.7%	95.4%
Deer Class	98.2%	95.9%	92.6%	94%
Hedgehog Class	93.2%	97.5%	95%	94.6%

Maypole Dancers Shine at the Horn Fair

A huge well done to our team of 12 Maypole dancers who performed so beautifully at the Horn Fair. Despite the extremely hot weather, they showed wonderful enthusiasm and poise throughout their performance. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and truly demonstrated our values in action. You should all be very proud of yourselves—bravo!

Nursery Mini Sports Day

Following the success of last year's event, we are delighted to continue with a separate mini sports day for our Nursery children. This smaller event is a much more enjoyable and less overwhelming experience for them.

Hedgehog Class will be organising and leading the activities on Thursday 18th June, from 11:00am to 12:00pm. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along and watch.

If your child does not usually attend Nursery on a Thursday morning, they are welcome to join us for the sports day at 11:00am. Please ensure you inform Mrs Penn in advance so we can plan accordingly. Children who usually attend on Thursday afternoons will continue with their normal Nursery session that afternoon.

Children should come dressed in their PE kit and trainers, along with a brightly coloured T-shirt of their choice. Thank you for your support.

Sports Day: Reception to Year 6

Children in Reception through to Year 6 should arrive in their PE kits, along with a T-shirt in their allocated team colour. Mrs Pavey will be in touch to let you know which team your child is in. There are six teams, and children will work together to earn points through a variety of sporting activities before the races begin. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along and watch from 1.15pm.

Our fantastic Friends of the School will be selling refreshments for parents and carers during the afternoon. We kindly ask that these are not shared with the children during the event. All children

will be provided with an ice lolly midway through the afternoon, and refreshments can be purchased for them once the sports day has finished.

We look forward to an enjoyable and active day for all! Fingers crossed for sunshine!

Deer Class Trip

On Wednesday 3rd June, Deer class went on a trip to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse, all dressed as evacuees. An evacuee is a child who had been evacuated (moved) to the countryside during World War Two. We did lots of activities people would have done during the Second World War. Someone called Biddy came in screaming about her son's birthday and the need to make chocolate truffles. We helped her by making truffles out of mash potato, sugar and cocoa powder. You either loved them or hated them!

We went outside in the pouring rain to the air raid shelter – An air raid shelter is a place where you hide to protect yourself from the bombs. Children often took a teddy or a snack with them for comfort. The air raid siren went off whilst the German bombers were near so people would know when to hide.

We pumped water and put out a terrible fire. Next we picked up stones so the horses didn't hurt their feet. We stabbed Nazi parachutes with a bayonet (wooden stick). We did an army drill with a Sergeant. We visited the pigs and horses with a lady called Ezme. We learnt lots about the women in the land army. It was a fun day and we tried lots of new things. We learnt many facts about World War Two that we didn't know before!

By Jasmine and Ryder





Friends

🎉 A Huge Thank You! 🎉

A big thank you to everyone who donated sweets for our **Dress Down Day before half term**. Your generous donations helped create a fantastic Sweet Tombola at the Horn Fair, which was a great success!



It was wonderful to see so many families from our school and the wider community coming together to enjoy the day and support our fundraising efforts. The money raised will help enhance our playground with the new painting project and provide exciting enrichment day opportunities for the children.

Coming Up Next – Sports Day Cake Sale!

On **18th June**, we will be running a **cake stall at Sports Day**, offering a delicious selection of homemade cakes and treats. You are welcome to enjoy something on the day while cheering on the children, and you may like to buy a few treats to save for later. We will also keep the stall open after school so the children can enjoy a sweet treat after the event.

Can You Help?

We would love your support with cake donations. If you enjoy baking and can contribute some goodies for the sale, we would be very grateful. Please speak to a member of the Friends team or email us at friendsghps@outlook.com.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are helping to make our school an even more exciting place for our children to learn, play and thrive!

DEBRA – The Butterfly Skin Charity

We would like to raise awareness that a child in our school lives with EB (epidermolysis bullosa). EB is a group of rare and incredibly painful genetic skin conditions that cause the skin to blister and tear very easily, even from the slightest touch.

We would like to raise funds for DEBRA, the charity that supports people living with EB, by holding a pyjama / comfy clothes day on Friday 12th June. Please donate using the Just Giving Link below.

DEBRA works to improve the quality of life for children and families affected by this condition, providing vital care, support and research funding. We hope you will help us support this important cause.

Donations can be made through our [Just Giving](#) page

Changes to Free School Meals



Free School Meals is changing: here's what you need to know

Free School Meals (FSM) is changing from September 2026. Please read each point, as this may affect your eligibility.

1. More families are becoming eligible

All households on Universal Credit are becoming eligible, with two tiers of entitlement:

- **Targeted:** if you earn under £7,400 a year, your children will be entitled to FSM and extra support for their school
- **Expanded:** if you earn above £7,400: your children will be entitled to FSM only

All households who receive other qualifying benefits will also receive Targeted FSM. A full list of qualifying benefits is available on our webpage: www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
You will only need to apply once per child.

2. Protected entitlements are ending

Children who were previously assessed as eligible for FSM had their eligibility protected. This meant they could not lose their FSM, even if the household was no longer eligible. These protections are ending in September, meaning some children may lose their existing eligibility. We will contact you to confirm your eligibility before the end of the summer holiday.

3. Annual eligibility rechecks

We will recheck the eligibility of all children on an annual basis. **Parents already in receipt of benefits related FSM do not need to reapply**, as your eligibility will be rechecked and confirmation of this will be sent to you before the end of the summer holiday.

4. No Recourse to Public Funds

Due to these changes, **all households that qualify as No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) and receive FSM must reapply** or you will lose your entitlement.

Questions

If you have any questions following receipt of your updated eligibility, please contact us at: fsm@norfolk.gov.uk

Applying online



www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

The easiest and quickest way to apply is online via Norfolk Education Online (NEO).
Scan the code or visit the link and click 'Apply for free school meals'.

Dates for your Diary

June

Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Friday 12th June: Pyjama day/ Comfy clothes to raise money for DEBRA

Thursday 18th June @ 11am: Nursery Sports Day

Thursday 18th June @ 1.15pm: Sports afternoon (For Years Reception to Year 6)

Wednesday 24th June: Hedgehog Class trip to the Royal Norfolk Show

Monday 29th June – Tuesday 30th June: Year 6 overnight camping trip

July

Thursday 2nd July: Rabbit class trip to the Playhouse

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

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

Monday 13th July: Transition day to new classes

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- hopefully the sun will be shining,

Warmest regards

Lisa Hazard

Mrs L Hazard

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Coffee and Connect Parent Carer Service Sleep Workshop

Join us at the Thetford Family Hub for a workshop looking at Sleep for Neurodivergent Children and Young People and enjoy a chat and a cuppa with other parent carers

**Wednesday 17th June
10:30am - 12:30pm
Thetford Family Hub,
Kingsway, Thetford
IP24 3DY**

Email salty.macgregor@kids.org.uk for more info