



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week ending 2 nd Oct 2026	Week ending 9 th Oct 2026
Rabbits	98.9%	93.2%
Owls	98.3%	95.7%
Deer	99.6%	97.2%
Hedgehogs	97.9%	96.4%

Play Equipment Reminder

As we continue to welcome children into school each morning, we would like to politely remind families that the play equipment should not be used once the gates open at drop-off time. This helps us to ensure that everyone arrives safely and that children can make a calm start to their day. We would be very grateful for your support in encouraging children to use the playground area at school on arrival. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and happy. 😊

Great Hockham Litter Pick

On Monday 28th of September, three of the year 5/6 pupils went on a litter pick around Great Hockham to attempt to earn their community ambassador badge. They went around the village with two supervising adults to collect as much litter as possible. They found cans, packets, sports balls and much more. They were sad to find so much rubbish but enjoyed their time helping to keep the village clean.

They then presented their findings to the rest of the school in a special assembly. They hope that this will mean that no-one from our school drops any litter as they now know it will probably end up in the sea and harm life there.

Written by Bow

Parents' Evening Booking

We are pleased to let parents and carers know that Parents' Evening appointments for Tuesday 3rd November and Thursday 5th November will be available to book via the MCAS app from 6:00pm on Monday 12th October.

Booking will remain open for one week, giving families plenty of time to secure an appointment and allowing us to support with any changes or queries before half term. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and share next steps for learning.

Zones of Regulation Café: Friday 16th October

We are hosting a **Zones of Regulation Café** for parents and carers who would like to learn more about supporting their child's social, emotional and mental health (SEMH).

A couple of members from the Schools and Communities Team, along with Miss House will be available for an informal drop-in session, where you can ask questions, have a chat or find out more about SEMH needs.

The session may be particularly helpful for parents of children who find it difficult to recognise, understand and manage their emotions and who may sometimes become dysregulated.

 **Pop in any time between 2:15pm and 3:15pm (school hall).**

Everyone is welcome, whether you have a specific concern or would simply like to find out more about how to support your child.

Who will be there?

Eloise Crosland and Andreia Abelenda – Schools and communities' team

- **Offer advice and guidance** about understanding a child's emotional needs and behaviour.
- **Share practical strategies** to help children recognise their emotions, manage big feelings and develop emotional regulation skills.
- **Help parents understand their child's needs**, including what might be contributing to emotional difficulties or dysregulation.
- **Signpost families to further support** if a child needs more specialist help.

Sammie House – Great Hockham Class Teacher and SENDCo – If you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning, progress, social, emotional and mental health, behaviour or any other worries – come along for a chat!



HALLOWEEN DISCO



The Friends are delighted to say that we've already sold around 60 tickets! 🎉

A huge thank you to all our parents for your fantastic support so far. ❤️

There are still tickets available, so if you haven't booked yet, there's still time to join us!

📅 **Wednesday 14 October** • 🕒 **5:00–6:30pm**

🎫 **Tickets are available until the end of the school day on Monday 12 October only.**

You can book using the QR code on the flyer below or via the booking link:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/halloween-disco-50>

👻 The Halloween Disco poster is also displayed at the school gate, so you can quickly scan the QR code while waiting for the children on the playground after school. (Thank you, Crist! 🍷)

Get your tickets before it's too late! 🎉



Save the Date – EYFS Nativity

We are delighted to confirm that our EYFS Nativity will take place on **Thursday 10th December**. There will be two performances during the day, with the morning performance for parents and carers of Rabbit Class and the afternoon performance for parents and carers of Owl Class.

To ensure we can safely accommodate families within the available space, each child will be allocated a maximum of two spaces. We kindly ask for your understanding with this arrangement. To support our safeguarding procedures and help the event run smoothly, staff will warmly welcome families and mark off the 2 allocated spaces for each child on arrival before entry to the performance.

Further details, including performance times and arrangements, will be shared by Mrs Penn and Mrs Willard in due course, but we wanted to give families plenty of notice so that you can save the date. We look forward to welcoming you to this special event and celebrating the children's hard work and achievements. 🌟 🌟

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

From Monday 2nd November, we will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Children are welcome to bring in a donation and will be able to purchase poppies and other commemorative items. All funds raised will support this important charity and the Armed Forces community. Thank you for your generosity and support. 🌸

Children in Need 2026: Friday 13th November 2026

It's that time of year again when we come together to support Children in Need, a fantastic charity that makes a real difference to the lives of children and young people across the UK. To help raise funds for this worthwhile cause, we are inviting all children to come to school in **non-uniform on Friday 13th November**.

If you would like to make a donation, please do so via our JustGiving page using this link:

Just Giving – Children in Need. Every contribution, no matter how small, will help support vulnerable children and families and make a positive impact on their lives.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. We look forward to seeing everyone in their non-uniform while raising money for such an important cause. 🧡

Harvest Festival – Collecting for Watton Food Hub

There will be a drop off point in our school foyer from Monday 2nd November until the morning of Friday 6th November for donations for Watton Food Hub. Items such as non-perishable cupboard staples, dry foods, pet food and sanitary items, including nappies and wipes will make a big difference to those in need.

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on Friday 6th November at 2pm at Holy Trinity Church, Great Hockham.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 12th October	Homework due in – all classes
Tuesday 13th October	Rabbits Homework Sharing
Wednesday 14th October	Owls Homework Sharing
Thursday 15th October	Deer Homework Sharing
Thursday 15th October	Tempest School Photographs- Individual & Sibling Photographs
Friday 16th October	Drumming Workshop
Friday 16th October	Hedgehogs Homework Sharing
Friday 16th October	Last day of half term
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Tuesday 3 rd November	Parents Evening
Thursday 5 th November	Parents Evening
Friday 6th November	Harvest Festival, 2pm
Wednesday 11th November	Reception Maths Café
Wednesday 18th November	Nursery Maths Café
Wednesday 9 th December	Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 10 th December	Nativity
Friday 18th December, 2pm	Christmas Service (TBC)