



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER – Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 26/09/25	Week Ending 3/10/25	Week Ending 10/10/25	Week Ending 17/10/25
Rabbit Class	98.2%	95.3%	94.1%	94.7%
Owl Class	98.4%	96.8%	98%	96.4%
Deer Class	99.75	98.3%	96.6%	97.9%
Hedgehog Class	97%	97.4%	99.1%	96.1%

Harvest Collection and Harvest Celebration

Since opening in March 2023, Watton Food Hub has managed to help hundreds of people across the Wayland area. Working with local businesses and organisations, such as Nourishing Norfolk, to ensure aid is provided to those who need it. The Watton Food Hub team work hard to ensure the Food Hub is easy to access and is a comfortable experience for all.

It is based at Watton Community Centre on Harvey Street, IP25 6EB and is open on Tuesday: 12.30-14.30, Wednesday: 16.30 -18.30 (Only the first and 3rd Wednesdays of the month) and Thursday: 9.30-12.00.

We would like to send our Harvest donations here again this year to support the local community. Please could you donate 'cupboard essentials' such as tinned fish, tinned meat, pasta, rice, beans, biscuits, cereal, UHT milk, coffee and tea. Also other products such as hand wash, body wash, bleach and sanitary products are required. Please drop them off to a box in the foyer by the school office by next Wednesday – 22nd October. All donations will be greatly received, thank you for supporting the local community.

We hope to see you all at our Harvest celebration in Holy Trinity Church at 2.15pm on Thursday 23rd October. Please remember you are not able to park on the field next to the drive to the church. You will be able to collect your child from the church after the celebration. If you are not able to make it this time, we will walk your child back to school to be collected at the usual time.

If your child takes part in Multi-Sports After School Club, this will still go ahead. We will walk the group back to school to have their session with Mr Kelly until 4.15pm as usual. If you do not want your child to take part, please let Mrs Pavey know in advance.

French Enrichment Day

On Thursday, 9th October we had a whole school French day. Firstly, there was a French enrichment assembly led by the Year 6 prefects and supported by Mrs Ambrose. Then, during the morning, Rabbits cooked some crepes, with their Year 6 buddies; and learnt and sang a French song – Frere Jacques. Owls also made crepes and learnt a song in French all about colours.





During the afternoon Hedgehogs organised a French café, where they had the opportunity to taste some French food, including baguettes, croissants, pain au chocolat and crepes, together with a hot chocolate drink; and also played Lotto (French bingo!). Deer Class joined them, having created some lovely chalk drawings of the Eiffel Tower.

This was a fun day and a new experience for everyone!

(Harriet, Harry and Zack – Year 6)

Halloween Disco

A reminder that the Halloween Disco, for which many of you will have tickets for, is next Monday from 5.00pm – 6.30pm. We can't wait to see your brilliant Halloween costumes!

There will be an optional Tuck Shop available if children would like to bring some change with them.

Poppy Appeal

We will be raising money for our Armed Forces Community through the Poppy Appeal, between Tuesday 4th November until Monday 10th November. Please send your child into school with change so that they can donate to the fund and get a paper Poppy. There are also wrist bands, slap bands and reflectors available if they donate some extra money. Thank you in advance.

Parent - Teacher Meetings

Now we are on BromCom and all parents have access to the MCAS App – we are going to use their online booking system for booking appointments for the parent-teacher meetings this year. Our parent-teacher meetings are scheduled for Tuesday 11th November 3.30pm-6.30pm and Thursday 13th November 3.30pm-6.30pm. To access the online sign up, please sign into MCAS > Parents Evening - it will open on Wednesday 22nd October at 4pm, then will close on Sunday 9th November at 4pm. If you have any problems, please contact Mrs Pavey in the school office for support.

BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be. For this to happen, they want every child to have someone they can turn to for help or support to overcome challenges they face. Someone able to give food, clothes and bags to a child living without; someone qualified to talk to a child who is anxious, isolated or grieving; someone trained to mentor teenagers in communities facing inequality, violence or lack of opportunity; someone to be there for children living with serious illness, disability or carrying a load that's just too heavy to manage alone. Therefore we will be raising money again this year to help make those things happen. We will be asking the children to wear spotty, stripy or brightly coloured patterned clothes to school on Friday 14th November. You will be sent a Just Giving Link after half term for each

family to donate a minimum of £2 to support this charity. Thank you in advance for your support – your donations really will make a difference to children's lives.

Polite reminders

Please check all jumpers, water bottles, coats and any other items brought into school are labelled with your child's name so that we can return any lost items with their owners.

Dates for your Diary **October**

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 @ 8.40 – 8.55: Deer Homework Celebration

Thursday 23rd October: Individual and sibling photos – please wear school uniform

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

Tuesday 11th November @ 3.30pm-6.30pm – Parent Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 13th November @ 3.30pm- 6.30pm – Parent Teacher Meetings

Friday 14th November: Children in Need - wear spotty, stripy or patterned clothes

Have a lovely weekend,

Best Wishes

Lisa Hazard

Mrs L Hazard

Headteacher