



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 10/10/25	Week Ending 17/10/25	Week Ending 24/10/25	Week Ending 7/11/25
Rabbit Class	94.1%	94.7%	95.3%	91.7%
Owl Class	98%	96.4%	90.4%	97%
Deer Class	96.6%	97.9%	97.2%	100%
Hedgehog Class	99.1%	96.1%	96.5%	97.8%

Harvest Celebration – A Heartfelt Thank You!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Celebration last half term. Your generosity through donations was truly overwhelming and will make a real difference to those in need.

The children were absolutely fantastic – their clear and confident readings, along with their joyful singing, filled the Church with warmth and pride. It was wonderful to see their hard work and enthusiasm shine through.

Events like these remind us of the strength of our school community and the importance of coming together to celebrate and support others. Thank you for helping us make this occasion so special!

Supporting Our Armed Forces – Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you to those who have already donated to this year's Poppy Appeal. We will continue raising funds for our Armed Forces Community until Monday 10th November.

Children can bring in small change to purchase a traditional paper poppy. For those wishing to donate a little extra, there are also a variety of items available, including slap bands, zip pulls, bracelets and stickers. Every contribution helps support a very important cause – thank you in advance for your generosity.

Today, children from Year 1 to Year 6 attended a special Remembrance Assembly. Together, we reflected on the incredible sacrifices made by our Armed Forces in the past and the vital role they continue to play today.

As part of their outdoor learning, our Rabbit class visited the village green to view the knitted poppy memorial. This provided a meaningful opportunity for the children to connect with the significance of Remembrance in our local community. There are red poppies to remember the humans and purple poppies to remember the animals.



Friends of Great Hockham – Committee Update

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Amie Willard, our outgoing Chair, for her dedication and hard work over the past couple of years. Her commitment has made a real difference to our school community.

We are delighted to welcome our two new Co-Chairs, Sabrina Hassell and Monica Becker, who will be leading the Friends team moving forward. A huge thank you also goes to the entire committee for everything they do behind the scenes to support our school.

The Friends committee works tirelessly to support our school through fundraising and events, and they are always looking for new volunteers. If you would like to get involved, please speak to one of the committee members on the playground or contact Mrs Pavey in the school office.

Your support makes a huge difference – whether it's helping at an event, sharing ideas, or joining the committee, every contribution counts!

DON'T MISS THE

BRING & BUY

SALE

Tuesday 18th November

TOYS ♦ CLOTHES ♦ AND MORE! ♦

Donations can be made up until 12th November to reception or to a member of The Friends






Please come along and grab yourself a bargain!

Great Hockham Primary School playground from 3.00pm

Christmas Fayre – Save the Date!

We are excited to announce that our Christmas Fayre will take place on Wednesday 10th December at 3:30pm. This is always a wonderful festive event for the whole school community, and we hope to see many of you there!

To help make the Fayre a success, the Friends will be holding two own clothes days in exchange for donations:

- Friday 21st November – Please bring a bottle donation (examples include body wash, drinks, cooking items, etc.)
- Friday 28th November – Please bring a sweet or chocolate treat.

Children may wear their own clothes on these days, but please ensure they are appropriate for school (no midriffs showing) and that footwear is suitable for the playground. Donations can be dropped off in the playground on your way into school. Thank you for your support – these contributions help make the Christmas Fayre a truly special event!

Parent-Teacher Meetings – Book Your Slot

If you haven't yet signed up for our upcoming parent-teacher meetings, please do so by Sunday 9th November at 4:00pm using the MCAS App.

Our meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday 11th November – 3:30pm to 6:30pm
- Thursday 13th November – 3:30pm to 6:30pm

These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and share any questions or concerns.

If you experience any difficulties booking your appointment, please contact Mrs Pavey in the school office, who will be happy to assist you.

Owl Class Trip to Strangers Hall

On Thursday 16th October Owl Class went on a class visit to Strangers Hall in Norwich. We talked to Gia, Chloe, Ellis and Evayah who told us that the trip was linked with the class History topic the 'Great Fire of London'. The children explored what life was like before electricity was invented and how people kept safe from fire in the past. They learned about the challenges of fire safety in historical times and even acted out putting out fires using water from the River Thames – just as people would have done during the Great Fire of London. The drama activities were a real highlight, helping to bring their learning to life in a fun and memorable way. They really enjoyed their visit.

(Harry, Harriet and Zack – Year 6)



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, every child needs someone they can turn to for help and support—someone who can provide essentials like food, clothing, and school bags; someone qualified to talk to a child who feels anxious, isolated, or is grieving; someone trained to mentor teenagers in communities facing inequality, violence, or lack of opportunity; and someone to be there for children living with serious illness, disability, or carrying a burden too heavy to manage alone. That's why we are proud to support this incredible cause again this year.

On Friday 14th November, we will be asking children to come to school wearing spotty, stripy, or brightly patterned clothes to show their support.

Here is the [JustGiving](#) link where each family can donate a minimum of £2 to help make these vital services possible.

Thank you in advance for your generosity—your donations really do change lives and give children the chance to shine.

Rabbit Class

As you may already know, Miss Milton will soon be starting her maternity leave. Her last day with us will be Thursday 20th November. We wish her and her partner all the very best as they prepare for this exciting new chapter, and we can't wait to meet the new arrival!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Penn to Great Hockham, who will be teaching Rabbit Class during Miss Milton's maternity leave. Mrs Penn has already joined us to ensure a smooth and positive transition for the children. Thank you for your continued support in helping us make this change as seamless as possible for our pupils.

Positive Behaviour Workshop for Parents and Carers

The School's and Community's Team will be leading two, 'Positive Behaviour' workshops, for parents and carers. This will take place within our school hall. Please see dates and times on the attached flyers.

Areas covered during workshops:

- using positive phrases and 'scripts.'
- removing the power of behaviours
- choices
- using first and then reminders
- communicating feelings
- regulation
- rewards
- restorative conversations

If you would like to attend one or both of the workshops, please inform Mrs Pavey. Can you also let us know whether you will be bringing younger children with you. Many thanks



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



Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 18th November: Friend's Bring and Buy sale at 3.15pm

Thursday 20th November @ 1.45 - 3.15: Positive behaviour Workshop 1

Friday 21st November: Children wear own clothes in exchange for a bottle

Friday 28th November: Children wear own clothes in exchange for a sweet treat

Thursday 4th December @ 1.45 - 3.15: Positive Behaviour Workshop 2

Wednesday 10th December @ 3.30pm: Christmas Fayre

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend! If you're heading to a bonfire or fireworks display, please remember to stay safe and enjoy the celebrations.

Best Wishes

Lisa Hazard

Mrs L Hazard

Headteacher.