



HOOK NORTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

LIVE, LOVE, CARE, THINK, LEARN, DARE
Love your neighbour as yourself (Matthew 22:39)

School Newsletter;
03rd October 2025

Weekly School Attendance: 95.99%

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Key diary dates

Thursday 16th October—Individual and Family school photos
Thursday 23rd October—Flu Immunisations for Reception—Y6.
Friday 24th October—Last day of term

Yr 7 School Applications now open: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

A message from the Head Teacher

Thank you all so much for your contributions to our Harvest Service this morning. We had a happy, joyful time displaying the goodies, performing our Harvest songs, prayers and poems, and thanking God for all his goodness to us.

You will know that FOHNS are raising money for Opal Play. We will be officially launching this to parents in January but preparations are already underway. The next step is that we would like the children to use the whole of our grounds over the winter, including the field and tree belt. This means that the children will need wellies in school. But before they bring wellies in we need somewhere to store them when they are not in use.

Can I make an appeal for welly racks – you may have some lying around at home not being used. Or you may know someone who loves making things and can turn their hand to making some racks for us. If so, please could you point them in our direction and we will show them the kind of thing we need.



Hook Norton School Open Day 2025

After much popularity from last year, we are hosting another open day again this year for new prospective parents who would like to apply for our Reception Admissions 2026. If you know or hear of anyone enquiring about the school, please let them know about our Open Day. This is taking place on 18th November 2025 at 5pm.



Wanted

Key Stage 1 need a small fridge with freezer section as the door has fallen off ours and we need to keep our ice packs cold! If anyone is able to donate one, please contact Mrs Voce or the office. Thank you

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Life in Early Years this week

Nursery have enjoyed choosing books to borrow and take home to share. We have been playing musical instruments and creating lots of paintings. They all performed Dingle Dangle Scarecrow beautifully at the Harvest Service.

Reception stood at the front of assembly facing the rest of the school performing

their Harvest song Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and wow, they were all so confident and amazing!

Reception have also started their **Forest School** sessions; the children have explored our new onsite woods, they created log disks with their names on, and made pictures from treasures they have found in the woods.



Life in KS1 this week

This week we have been investigating what animals eat! We dissected fossilised dinosaur poo to see what dinosaurs ate! We learnt about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and sorted animals into these groups. We learned about food chains too.

Life in Lower KS2 this week

This week, we have been looking at classifying invertebrates. We have been using OS maps to compare London to Hook Norton and looked at the artwork of Jean Metzinger. We have enjoyed practising songs, prayers and poems for our Harvest assembly.



Life in Upper KS2 this week

A busy week again in year 5/6. We have continued our work in English using our class text. We have written first person narratives and looked to build atmosphere. We have looked at Tudor jobs and decided which of those we would love to have! We have been busy practising songs and poems which we loved sharing in our harvest assembly. We also had a visit from the team at sugar smart, who talked with the us about ways in which to reduce our sugar consumption, and making healthy lifestyle choices.



School Games ~ CNPS Play Leaders Training & Football Tournament ~ Mrs Voce



Our partnership outings for this year had a very positive start. On Wednesday 24th September a group of Year 6 children went to Chipping Norton School to take part in some Play Leader Training. They considered the importance of an active lifestyle, what makes a good leader, activities they could run in school and then made a plan for how to develop this in our school. They will lead a session with the rest of Year 6 later this term to train them as Play Leaders for the Key Stage 1 children.

This Wednesday we participated in our first competitive event which was the Under 11 football tournament. We took a boy's and a girl's team to take part and they each played four matches. After a narrow loss in the first game the girls went on to win the other three games. This put them as joint top of the table so goal difference had to be looked at and we came a very close second place overall. Some real improvement in play over the afternoon and some very enthusiastic cheering as well. The boys went straight in with an emphatic win and kept up in that vein over the afternoon. They did not concede any goals on their way to four conclusive victories to put them in first place overall. Some excellent team play, with the goals shared out well alongside some great defending and goal keeping when needed. As always, an absolute pleasure to take them out and thank you to Mrs Larkin, Mrs Hollingdale and Mrs Dunkley for accompanying us along with our other supporters who joined us on the sidelines.



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended the Circus last week--we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

We are very pleased to announce that the event raised just under **£4,300**-- an amazing amount, and a great start to our fundraising year.

Coming up next month, we have our **5th annual Festive Wreath Making Workshop** on Friday 28th November at 7:30pm. Make sure to book soon as tickets do sell out: bookwhen.com/fohns.

Owl Values:

This half term our Owl Value is **Live**: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for evermore. Psalm 16:11

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Thursday 4

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Friday 28th of November

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