



HOOK NORTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**School Newsletter;
24th October 2025**

Weekly School Attendance: 95.07%

[Click here to view the schools'](#)

[facebook page.](#)



Key diary dates

Yr 7 School Applications DEADLINE 31st October: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

Monday 3rd November—INSET day

Tuesday 4th November—Children back to school

Tuesday 4th November—Parents/Carers evening Yr 1—6 at 5.00—7.30pm
Parents /Carers evening Reception at 3.30—5.30pm

Thursday 6th November—Welly Swap

Thursday 11th November—Remembrance Day

Wednesday 12th November—Parents/Carers Evening Rec, Y1-6 at 15.30 - 18.00

Tuesday 18th November – Hook Norton School Open Evening for prospective parents at 5pm

Friday 28th November – Extra-Curricular Clubs finish

A message from the Head Teacher

What an amazing half term we have had, full of activity and fun in our happy, busy school. We have had lots of successes so far this school year such as our amazing participation in the Chipping Norton Partnership, a rich variety of after school clubs, visitors to school for talks on nutrition and fire safety, not to mention the vibrant and engaging lessons that have been in progress every time I have popped into classes! No wonder we all need a little break. Developing our OPAL play is steadily progressing as we lay the foundations for it, and I will be continuing with fashioning welly racks over half term! Our children love playing with natural materials and have great fun with cut grass and fallen leaves. We would love some conkers and pine cones to add to our play so if you are out and about over half term we would love you to collect some for us – thank you!

Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!

KS2 Children: Harry Price, Millie Hagger, Sofia De Leon, William Harris, Mia Jones, Lara Patel, Lachie Harrison, Phoebe Jephcott, Genie Hollingdale & Harry Findlay

KS1 Children: Joshua Lawrence, Willow Hazlewood, Arthur Watkin, Lottie Fellows, Toby Kingdom & Lorcan O'Sullivan



Caught being **KIND!**

Kobi Workman, Mimi Neal,
Beau Kershaw, Austin Butler, Martha Webb, Amora George, Nessie Winter & Arthur Watkin

SPORTS KIT SPONSORSHIP

We are hugely grateful to Heath Home Improvements who have agreed to sponsor our new sports kit in full ~ shirts, shorts and socks! Pete and Sophie's children have been at Hook Norton School for many years and they have a local business whose support we are grateful for. We will be ordering the new kit shortly and will get some photos once it arrives. A massive thank you for their support and please consider supporting their business in return.



**Heath Home
Improvements**

office.3044@hook-norton.oxon.sch.uk

Life in Early Years this week

Nursery This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about Diwali, the Festival of Light! The children had a wonderful time creating their own beautiful Divas out of clay and exploring colourful Rangoli patterns using rice and salt. It was lovely to see their creativity shine as they learned about this special celebration. We also went on a very exciting Bear Hunt around the school grounds — stomping through the grass, squelching through the mud, everyone joined in with great enthusiasm. To finish our week, we enjoyed some quiet moments sharing stories in the school library, developing our love for books and storytelling. Well done, Nursery! What a fun and busy term we've had together



Reception have loved listening to stories and have especially enjoyed Patak's pumpkin and loved the antics of cat, duck and squirrel in pumpkin soup. We also made soup and learned to use a peeler and chop vegetables. It was delicious!



Life in KS1 this week

We have completed a short Big Question this week ~ Why do we Remember, Remember the 5th of November? We have learnt the traditional poem in English and looked at other Bonfire Night poems before performing in front of the class. Then in our history lessons we have learnt about the story behind Bonfire Night from 1605 and all about Guy Fawkes. We really enjoyed acting out the main events from the time!

Life in Lower KS2 this week

This week, we have completed our study of landscape artists and have begun work on a final landscape piece, as well as using our artistic skills in RE to produce beautiful, chalk Rangoli pattern to celebrate Diwali. We have finished reading Floella Benjamin's 'Coming to England' text and rounded off the topic by watching the BBC adaptation of the book. Please be aware, there is no homework set over half term - we hope that you all have a restful time and continue to enjoy books together.

Life in Upper KS2 this week

This week we have concluded our Tudor Big Question by creating graffiti-style art to show how Shakespeare changed the world of language. We have also finished our class text 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope'; in P.S.H.E took part in a workshop on hearing support and have been busy learning songs for our Christmas Show!

Welly Swap

In preparation for launching our OPAL Play and all children Y1-6 needing a pair of wellies that stay in school we would like to have a Welly Swap. Thursday 6th November at pick-up time on the playground. If you have any wellies you no longer need please bring them and drop them off. If your child is in need of wellies please come and help yourself to a pair. Please ensure wellies are waterproof and have old names removed. Any left will be kept by school as spares for those in need or for a later swap date at the end of the year.



School Games ~ CNPS Cross-Country ~ Mrs Voce

This week it was my pleasure to take out another group of children out to the CNPS cross-country competition for Year 4 and Year 6. We took a selected group of five girls and five boys from each year group and they competed in races of around 60 children. The Year 4 children ran 1500m and the Year 6 children ran 2000m, a long way round Chipping Norton School field 1.5 or 2 times! It did stay dry but was quite cold and slippery so we are super proud of all our athletes for completing their races. The Year 4 boys did amazingly well, all finishing and Ru Vint, Lachie Harrison and Seb Shields all in the top 20. The Year 6 girls also did well with an exceptional run from Francesca Farmiloe to win that race with April Stubbs not far behind in third place. The Year 4 girls were fantastic, with all five runners coming in the top 14 and being pipped into second place as a team. Well done, Thea Paterson 5th, Sofia de Leon 6th, Bea Farmiloe 10th, Flo Hagger 13th and Macie Neal 14th. Finally the Year 6 boys again ran well, with Jaxson Davies coming first, Ossie Webb a really close second and Teddy Houghton 10th. Along with the other runners they managed to secure overall first place in the Big Schools Year 6 Boys competition.



This means that the Year 4 girls and Year 6 boys have qualified for the West Oxfordshire District Finals on February 6th. (Parents/carers of relevant children please put this date in your diaries.) A huge thank you to Mrs Hackland, Mrs Farmiloe and Mr Stubbs for accompanying us and transporting children. Also to the other parents and siblings who came to cheer our runners on. It makes a huge difference, enabling us to take so many children and boosting them on their way round. Well done everyone, we are so proud of you for representing us so well!



James and Sandra from the Recycling team at Cherwell District Council came in to talk about the importance of recycling and what can be recycled and how in a whole-school assembly on Wednesday.

They gave us all a flag to wave to promote recycling and reduce waste as one of the ways to help look after our planet.



WANTED

We are still in need of shin pads and goalie gloves. If you have any spares and you are able to donate them, please hand them to Mrs Voce. Thanks!

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*



Booking closes
9 November or until
spaces last!

Friends of Hook Norton School
invites you to our

5th ANNUAL
FESTIVE
WREATH MAKING
WORKSHOP

£45 with mulled wine & mince pies

Friday 28th of November

7:30 - 10 pm
St. Peter's Church
Hook Norton

bookwhen.com/fohns



HALLOWEEN ROLLER DISCO

Chipping Norton Leisure Centre

Saturday 25th October 2025

2.15pm – 3.45pm

Entry £6 Skate Hire £1

FREE DONUT for first 20 admissions in full costume



BONFIRE NIGHT

Fundraiser hosted by Sibford Gower School PTA

SATURDAY

8

NOVEMBER

GATE: 5:00PM

FIREWORKS: 6:00 PM

@ Sibford Gower Primary School

LIVE MUSIC 🎵 BBQ 🍖

BAR 🍺 CAKES 🍰

BUY EARLYBIRD* TICKETS ONLINE

<https://pta.events/sibford-bonfire-2025>

£8 Adult

£4 Child

Free for under 3s



*Gate prices: £10 adult and £5 child

