



HOOK NORTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Love your neighbour as yourself (Matthew 22:39)

**School Newsletter;
07th November 2025**

Weekly School Attendance: 94.47%

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Key diary dates

Monday 10th November—Swimming resumes for pupils who swam last term.

Thursday 11th November—Remembrance Day

Wednesday 12th November—Parents/Carers Evening Rec, Y1-5 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

15th January 2026—Reception admissions application deadline (*see more information within newsletter*)

A message from the Head Teacher

A shorter week for our pupils this week but they have all settled so well back into school that it seems as though they have never been away. We have lots to look forward to this half term. Over the break I was busy working on more storage solutions for wellies. We would like to have wellies in school so that the children can use the field and tree-belt over winter without treading mud into the school, but of course we need a good system of storage for them first, which we are working on.

We will be starting to use our wellies from Monday 17th November. Children will only need to change into wellies at lunchtimes if they want to play on the field or tree belt – the choice is theirs.

As you know I have been mentioning OPAL PLAY in newsletters over the last few months, this is a fabulous initiative of continuous provision for children over lunchtime - see more on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/OPALPlaytime>

Please see the separate email sent today for a letter from the OPAL initiative to parents, and a parent survey to complete. Thank you.

Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!

KS2 Children: Florence Newnham, Beau Kershaw, Samuel Jackson, Clemmie Coats-Williams, Mason Rowley-Eyles, Abigail Kingdom, Eli Davis & Belle Herbert

KS1 Children: Eva Patel, Evie Perriss, Aurelia Vint, Patrick Gilbert, Leila Martin & Charlie Matthews-Reed



Caught being **KIND!**

Henry Thompson, Charlotte Stevens,
Malachi Huckin,
Hattie Gould, Bella Newnum, Otilie Mowbray & Ellie Rutherford

Welly Swap

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Welly Swap. We have a collection of donated wellies left. Please email Mrs Voce at ewol9158@hook-norton.oxon.sch.uk with size requests if you are in need of a pair and we will check for you. Any further donations can be sent in for Mrs Voce.



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THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Hook Norton Harriers who have agreed to sponsor a summer sports kit for us. The Harriers are a local running association made up of people of all ages and abilities who simply enjoy running. We are very grateful to them for their support in helping encourage the next generation of runners and athletes.

Along with the winter kit sponsored by Heath Home Improvements this will ensure we look very smart when out representing the school. We are currently getting together samples and confirming sizes, ready to order the kit. We will share some photos as soon as they arrive!

We would also like to say a massive thank you to The Sun Inn who had a Bingo Night last month. They have donated £400 to the school which we are very grateful for. The School Council are discussing what large outdoor construction kit we would like to purchase with this. We are having such a great time with this new area we have established as part of the beginnings of our Opal Play.



Life in Early Years this week



Nursery went on a listening walk around school, where we used our ears to notice all the different sounds around us — from footsteps to talking and wind rustling the leaves! The children were fantastic at sharing what they could hear. In the classroom, we've been inspired by the story *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. The children have been creating lots of pretend picnics and tea parties, using their imagination to plan delicious meals and invite their friends (and tigers!) to join in the fun. You'll remember that before half term the children made diva's whilst celebrating Diwali and they have enjoyed painting them this week, look at how beautiful they are!

Reception have learnt about Diwali this week and turned their home corner into a Hindu home full of colour to celebrate. In maths we have been learning what is less and taking away and in writing we have been practising forming the letters in our name consistently.



Life in KS1 this week

This week we started with a whole day of Design and Technology. We looked at examples of moving pictures, made model slider and lever pictures, designed our own Bonfire Night moving picture then made an evaluated our work. It was a busy day but we are proud of our moving pictures we took home. We have started our new English topic by reading *Owl Babies* and getting a letter from Plop who is afraid of something, we tried to guess what before we start reading his story next week. ***Look out in book bags for slips about parts in the Christmas play today. They also explain if any costume needs to be provided and Y2 children may have lines to learn too. Thank you for your support.***

Life in Lower KS2 this week

This week in our phase, we have read, studied and performed a Remembrance poem, called 'Heroes' and created a piece of Van Gogh style remembrance art. In English, we have introduced our new text 'Nen and the Lonely Fisherman' and have made predictions about what we are expecting to happen in the story. In PE, we leaned three different netball passes and enjoyed playing small games.

Life in Upper KS2 this week

This week year 6s have been working really hard on their production rehearsals ready to get onto the stage next week. We have started our new Geography big question of 'Will we see the water we drink again?' We have studied maps to locate and label the oceans, seas and continents of the world. In English we have analysed an advert all about saving Tigers from poaching. In PE we have started learning all about the game of Lacrosse.

School Games ~ Inter-school Competition ~ Mrs Voce

Every half term classes in Y1-6 complete a competition in their PE lessons in their colour teams. This will be based on one of the two PE units they have been studying that term. We then give out trophies in Well Done Assembly and total the points across the classes for the overall trophy. This gives all our children the opportunity to use the skills they have learnt and take part in the competitive part of physical education.

Last half term's winners were:

KS1 ~ Travelling Relays ~ Y1 Red, Y2 Yellow

LKS2 ~ Footwork Relays ~ Y3 Yellow, Y4 Green

UKS2 ~ Hockey ~ Y5 Red, Y6 Red

The trophies were award in assembly today with the overall winners being a tie for first place between Red and Yellow Teams. Blue Team came next by one point and Green Team only another point behind. So, all to play for as we go through the year!



Reception Admissions Applications

Reception places for children starting school in September 2026 is now open. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2026**. Applications can be made online via the following link: [Reception applications | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

Key information:

- ◆ Read the Starting School Guide on the website
- ◆ Apply on time – late applications won't receive an offer on National Offer Day (16 April 2026)
- ◆ Update addresses – upload proof of address and inform current nursery/school (if there has been a change)
 - ◆ Include sibling details where relevant
- ◆ List multiple preferences – up to four schools can be selected

Late applications are far less likely to secure a place at a preferred school, so it is important that you apply on time. ***You still need to apply even if your child currently attends our nursery.***

Hook Norton Primary School Open Evening—18th November, 5pm.

Our Open day is fast approaching and we already have many delegates attending. There is still room for more so please do keep spreading the word to any prospective parents you might know who are interested in our school.

Owl Values:

*This half term our Owl Value is **Love**: The three most important things to have are Faith, Love and Hope. But the greatest of them is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13*



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



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



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We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to visit our school and experience for yourself what makes our village school such a popular choice for families in Oxfordshire.

Tuesday 18th
November 2025 - 5pm

- Experienced staff with family values
- A fantastic outdoor space with wildlife area
- Consistently strong academic results
- Wrap around care from 8am to 6pm
- The chance to attend wonderful school residentials
- Regular engagement with the Chipping Norton Partnership of Schools



**OPEN
DAY
2025**

Spaces are currently available in all year groups from Nursery to Year 6.

**PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.
REGISTER NOW BY CONTACTING
THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

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