



**HOOK NORTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**School Newsletter;  
14th November 2025**

Weekly School Attendance: 95.77%

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### Key diary dates

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

**Friday 28th November** – Extra-Curricular Clubs finish (*Monday Clubs finish on 1st December*)

**15th January 2026**—Reception admissions application deadline

### A message from the Head Teacher

During the week we had our wonderful Remembrance service in school which all year groups, including our Nursery children, attended. It was an opportunity for us to give thanks for those who have made sacrifices for our freedom, accompanied by some beautiful pictures of poppy fields in the style of Van Gogh by Years 3 and 4. In the coming week our amazing school staff will be having training for the OPAL scheme in readiness for rolling it out over the coming months.

**Wellies** – the children are allowed to bring wellies in from Monday in order to be able to use the muddy areas of our grounds at lunchtimes. Please make sure wellies are named, thank you.

If you have not yet done so please could you fill out our Parent's survey about [playtime at school](#) which is an online form. Thank you.

**OPAL Play** We are gathering up den-building resources for the children to use in the tree belt. We are looking for donations of tarpaulins, broom handles, play tents and tent canvas (perhaps from a tent that you don't want to use any more).

### Remembrance Sunday ~ School Council ~ Mrs Voce

It was an absolute honour to take our School Council children to represent the school in the village Remembrance Sunday memorial parade and church service. We paraded through the village, looking very smart in our uniforms and then went to participate in the church service. Thank you to Mrs Dunkley and Mrs Lewis for accompanying us and to the other parents who watched us parade and joined for the service. Betsy White and Teddy Houghton lay our wreath at the memorial in church. Arthur Riordan and George Devin read two of the prayers and everyone else joined in the singing and behaved impeccably throughout the service. We were delighted to have been included and everyone took their role representing our school at this important international event very seriously. Well done everyone.



## Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!

**KS2 Children:** Kahlia Heatherly, Ryan Croukamp, Daisy Wise, Leo Coker, Thea Patterson, Conrad Green, Henrietta Bocko & Betty Kershaw

**KS1 Children:** Jack Weight, Angad Dewgun, Tommy White, Archie Hutton, Harvey Dedja & Millie Jenkins



Caught being **KIND!**

Lara Patel, Florence Findlay, Albie Heath, Florence Jameson, Patrick Gilbert, Evie Lawrence & Aisling Mates



## Life in Early Years this week

**Nursery** have been learning about Remembrance and created beautiful poppy pictures. They also joined the whole school for a thoughtful assembly, showing great respect as we remembered those who have helped keep us safe. The children have also enjoyed building dens, working together, sharing ideas, and solving problems this week. They've been mixing paints to explore new colours and sharing stories with friends. It's been a wonderful week of creativity, teamwork, and reflection —

well done, Nursery!

**Reception** have been creating art with poppies and making models by cutting and sticking to improve our fine motor skills. In maths, we have been learning the numbers 4 and 5 and how we can make these numbers from smaller numbers. In our daily phonics sessions we are growing in confidence and practicing



## Life in KS1 this week

This week we have started our new Big Question ~ Jambo or hello! Where would you prefer to live: Kenya or England. We have learnt that Kenya is in Africa, along with learning the catchy continents and oceans songs. We used our atlases to locate, Africa, Kenya, it's border countries, it's coastline with the Indian Ocean, Nairobi the capital city and Mount Kenya. We have also started learning the songs for our Christmas play, Y2s remember to keep practicing your lines!

## Life in Lower KS2 this week



On Tuesday, we enjoyed displaying our Van Gogh Poppy art as a backdrop to our Remembrance Assembly. We also introduced our new Science Big Question 'What is electricity and why is it so important?' and alongside this, began researching for our light box DT project.

## Life in Upper KS2 this week

It's been a busy week in year 5/6. We have continued our Geography Big Question and located rivers, mountains and deserts around the world. We have looked at the different biomes in the world and their key characteristics. In PE we have worked hard on our Lacrosse skills and footwork. In English we have analysed TV Adverts and explored descriptive language.

## Hooky Neighbours Pantry

A reminder that Hooky Neighbours Pantry will be open this Saturday morning at School from 10.00 till 12.00pm to give a helping hand to anyone who is finding life a struggle. Come and pick up some essentials and sit down with a cuppa and cake.

We are here to support and listen to your worries and concerns without judgement. Everyone welcome!

## Hire your school!

*Did you know that you can hire the school for your private events?*

*Birthday parties? Clubs? Family Christmas get-togethers?*

We have a large school hall, a kitchenette with an oven and crockery, plenty of tables and chairs and, if you'd like it, access to our wonderful outside space.

Subject to availability, the spaces are available in the evenings and at weekends.

Please do get in touch with the school office if you'd like further details.



**HOME BAKED CAKES AND SAVOURIES** available at St Peter's Church for their Monthly Cake Stall—Saturday 15th November

Pop in for a cuppa and a warm welcome to meet old friends and make new ones.

Font Café open as usual every Saturday 10—12.

## 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*