



HOOK NORTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**School Newsletter;
21st November 2025**

Weekly School Attendance: 93.02%

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Key diary dates

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

Monday 1st December—Y5/6 Christmas Production, 6pm

Tuesday 2nd December—Y5/6 Christmas Production, 6pm

Monday 8th December—Community Tea Party

Tuesday 9th December—KS1 Christmas Production, 2pm

Wednesday 10th December—KS1 Christmas Production, 6pm

Friday 12th December—Reception Class Sing-a-Long, 2.40pm

Wednesday 17th December—Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Thursday 18th December—Christmas Service in Church, 09.45am

Friday 19th December—Last day of term, 1.30pm finish (Owl club available until 4.30pm)

15th January 2026—Reception admissions application deadline

A message from the Head Teacher

Bringing wellies to school has proved to be a great success, the children have been enjoying the field and the tree belt even in this muddy weather. If your child does not have wellies and you need help with this please do let us know via the class teacher or by emailing the office. Please also look out for a separate letter appealing for materials for our OPAL play, thank you. We have begun rolling out OPAL play in a very gradual way by introducing quieter activities in the courtyard, construction and shelter-building in the tree belt. If you have any tarpaulins or tent canvas we would welcome those to add to our collection.

In other news we had a very successful Open Evening for prospective parents during the week. It was wonderful to be able to show people round our vibrant school. Some have even asked to come for another look!

Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!

KS2 Children: Louis Tofield-Jeal, Henry Thompson, Arlo Cobb-Pearson, Taylor Robertson, Ayla Barton, Ted Taylor, Farah Elkabir & Ru Hackland

KS1 Children: Oscar Lock, Tommy White, Charlie Barrett, Poppy Jones, Sasha Tokarev & Addilyn Workman



Caught being **KIND!**

Atticus Deans-Croft, William Harris, Samuel Jackson, Athena Kostov, Patrick Swanson, Eirlys Davies & Belle Herbert

Hook Norton Primary School ~ Key Stage 1

would like to invite the senior community members to our Christmas production **Prickly Hay** dress rehearsal

On Monday 8th December

At Hook Norton Primary School

2.00pm for performance with refreshments afterwards

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

Call 01608 737379 or pop in to the office to book a seat.

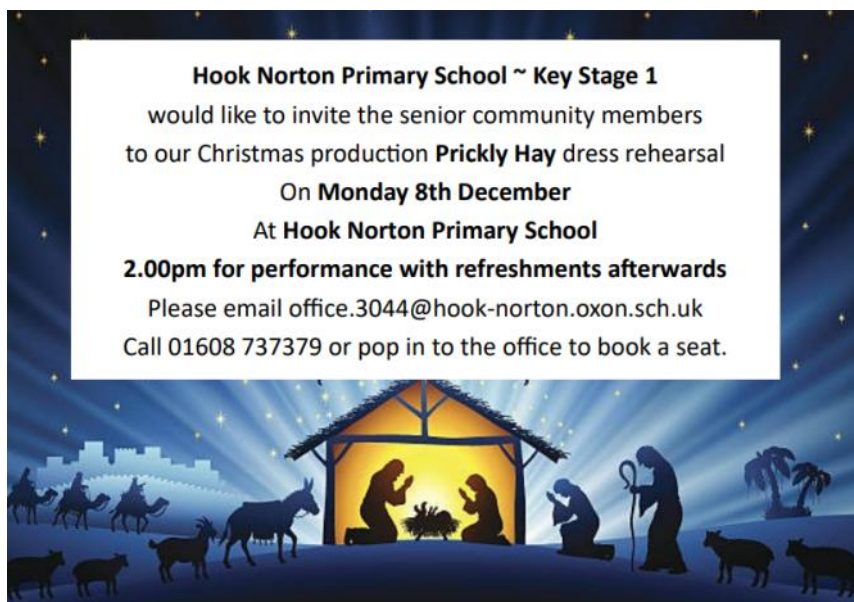
Key Stage 1 Christmas Production:

Prickly Hay

Please look out for the Parentmail regarding tickets for performances which are on:

- Tuesday 9th December, 2pm
- Wednesday 10th December, 6pm.

The Dress Rehearsal is open to older members of our community only. *See image for details.*



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School Games ~ CNPS Netball Tournament ~ Mrs Voce

This week is the first of three weeks of partnership events and was the Year 6 Netball Tournament. Our teams behaved impeccably and there was a real improvement in the netball over the afternoon, which fortunately was moved inside so our fingers didn't freeze off. A big thank you to Kate Farmiloe, Louise White and Emma Dunkley for accompanying us in the minibus, attending these events is not possible without this extra adult support. The girls' team made lots of progress over the afternoon, finishing with some good wins and an overall third position. The boys adapted to playing in positions on the court quickly and it turns out we have some fantastic shooters who scored a lot of goals! With three wins and a draw, those goals became important in securing the overall first place. Congratulations to all the players, we are very proud of you!



Life in Early Years this week

Nursery This week in Nursery, the children loved exploring our home-corner post office—delivering parcels, posting letters, and engaging in imaginative play. With the colder weather arriving, they've also been practicing how to wrap up warm and zip their coats independently. A busy, fun-filled week of learning!

Reception have been learning about animals which hibernate in Britain and have been busy making them little homes to hibernate in. In maths this week we have been learning about less and fewer, and to help us understand this concept we have been singing 5 little men in a flying saucer and five speckled frogs! Reception have also been very creative in art this week making frosty pictures using chalk on black paper.



Life in KS1 this week

We have had a very artistic week creating sunset artwork inspired by the work of Tony Hudson. We created a sunset background using warm colours and used our cutting skills to add silhouettes of African animals. We are working hard on our nativity play. Please continue to practise your lines Year 2! In PSHE we talked about the 'underwear rule'. We talked about how the body parts under our underwear are private and are not for anyone else to see or touch. We talked about how we must tell a grown up we trust if anyone tries to do this.

Life in Lower KS2 this week

This week we have started learning about electrical circuits. In English, we have been writing a diary in the voice of Ernest from our text *Nen and the Lonely Fisherman*. We have started to play hockey (remember to bring gloves next week). We are super excited to have started our History Big Question 'Who were the Romans and what did we learn from them?'

Life in Upper KS2 this week

A busy week in year 5/6. We have continued with our rehearsals for our production. We have continued our work on Biomes and looked at the water cycle! Did you know that we could be drinking water that the dinosaur's bathed in? We have looked at modal verbs in English to help us save the tigers! Big congratulations to a group of year 6 children who won a netball tournament at Chipping Norton!

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.***

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*



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NOVEMBER

SEND Parent Space

Connect with parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Take time for you, just to be you, chat, simply relax, or craft with a coffee.

Every second Tuesday, 9:15 – 10:30am

Contact sarah.saxby@thebranchtrust.org