



HOOK NORTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**School Newsletter;
09th January 2026**

Weekly School Attendance: 92.03%

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Key diary dates

- 12th January**—Extra-Curricular Clubs start
- 15th January**—Reception admissions application deadline
- 16th January**—Young Voices
- 30th January**—Junior Citizen
- 11th February**—National Child Measurement Programme (Reception and Year 6 only)
- 13th February**—End of Term

15th January 2026—Reception admissions application deadline

A message from the Head Teacher

We had a dramatic start back at school this week what with the freezing temperatures and an empty gas tank, but the children were all amazing and coped with the conditions admirably, used their layers of clothing effectively and stayed warm, thank you to all staff and parents for support in this. We say a huge thank you to Dan Farmiloe who was on site supporting us all the way; once gas was delivered he was liaising with the boiler people to get the boilers turned on and working, checking that the boilers remained working through the night and then ensuring that every area of the school was receiving a good amount of heat. Hours of work went into this - thank you Dan.

There was more training this week for staff in our OPAL Play initiative which we continue to develop. We have mapped out our grounds and identified which activities would be best where with the help of our OPAL mentor, and materials and “loose parts” are being collected for use. Thank you for your donations.

Year Six have been having an amazing time at Yenworthy and will have many stories to tell when they return – we look forward to hearing all about it.

Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!

KS2 Children: Alexander Frame, Wilfred Delaney, Gigi Roberts, Ted Taylor, Leo Coker, Sebastian Sheilds & Mason Rowley Eyles

KS1 Children: Levi O’Neill, Joshua Corbett, Nessie Winter & Benjamin Lambert



Caught being **KIND!**

Alice Houseman, Addilyn Workman, Lorcan O’Sullivan, Ollie Mair, Cleme Coots-Williams & Archie Pellegrini

Mrs Belgrove’s Bookworm Award

Mrs Belgrove’s Bookworm for the Autumn Term is awarded to Eliza Frame – *well done Eliza.*



Santa Fun Run

A huge thank you to the 61 contributors to our Katharine House Hospice Santa Fun Run Just Giving page. We have raised a great total of **£617**. If there are any cash donations to still come in to school, can we please ask for them in by Monday and the link is below for any remaining online donations. We appreciate any contributions to move us closer to our target of £1000.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/hnpssanta>

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Life in Early Years this week

It's been lovely welcoming **Nursery** back this week. We've turned our home corner into a vets and the children have enjoyed caring for toy animals. We welcomed 2026 with firework pictures. Please send waterproofs, as the weather remains cold and wet.

Reception have had a lovely week back playing with snow and ice. It's a huge learning curve for little ones to learn and experience extreme weather changes. I think they all would have preferred more snow! In maths, the children have been learning to recognise sets of objects one to six without counting them and playing lots of dice games.



Life in KS1 this week

We were very excited to welcome Mr Matthew Perris to the Key Stage 1 teaching team this week. We hope he enjoyed the warm welcome from staff, pupils and parents even if the building did not have quite such a warm feeling! Mr Perris's email is: mperris@hook-norton.oxon.sch.uk if anyone requires it.

We have started our new Big Question ~ How Can 5-a-day Keep us Healthy? Your children should be able to explain what we mean by 5-a-day and what other food groups should be on our Eatwell Plate. We also enjoyed starting our new English story, 'The Dragon Machine', and imagined what it would be like if Dragons appeared in our classrooms!



Life in Lower KS2 this week

This week, we started our new class text, *Escape from Pompeii*. In Big Question, we have explored Roman artefacts, investigating what they could have been used for, as well as what that tells us about their civilisation. In Science, we have begun a new topic covering digestion. In Music, we are beginning to explore the songs for our school production!

Life in Upper KS2 this week

A fantastic week for year 6 in Yenworthy, they have braved the cold and made some amazing memories that they will have forever! Year 5 have started their new Geography Big Question 'I'm a Tawny Owl, Get me out of here!' We have looked at OS maps and symbols. We have been using the apparatus in our PE, gymnastic lessons. In English we have started our new text, *The Selfish Giant* by Oscar Wilde.

Poppy Appeal

We have received a letter this week thanking you all for your support and raising a total of **£276.13!**



Owl Values:

*This half term our Owl Value is **Care**: For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. Matthew 25:35*

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2021** and **31 August 2022**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2026**.

Apply online at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.

For help and information:

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