



**HOOK NORTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**School Newsletter;  
16th January 2026**

Weekly School Attendance: 97.4%

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### Key diary dates

**30th January**—Junior Citizen

**11th February**—National Child Measurement Programme (Reception and Year 6 only)

**13th February**—End of Term

**23rd February**—School starts for all year groups

**24th February & 4th March**—Parents/Carers Evenings

**28th February**—FOHNS Jumble Sale 2-4pm

**SAVE THE DATE**—20th June FOHNS Summer Fete

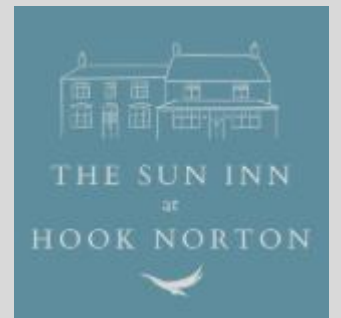
### A message from the Head Teacher

The usual routine of fantastic work, endless enthusiasm and excellent concentration has been going on in classrooms this week as has been witnessed by Joe Williams, who has been showing prospective Headteacher candidates round the school. At every turn he felt increasingly proud! Thanks goes to The Sun Inn who donated £450 to the school raised by one of their events – we have spent the money on a large construction kit to add to our Opal Play. Thank you for the donations to our Opal Play that continue to come in.



There was great success for our swimming team at the Partnership Gala this week – see the report from Mrs Voce at the end of the newsletter, well done to them all.

A huge thank you to the Open The Book team who were in this week to run an assembly. It was hugely enjoyed by all the children as they brought to life the biblical account of the wise men visiting Jesus.



### Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!

**KS2 Children:** Alexander Frame, Angue Moore, Henry Thompson, Cleo Beard, Morgan O'Callaghan, Samuel Jackson, Athena Kostov, Jake Chilton

**KS1 Children:** Toby Kingdom, Hattie Gould, Otilie Mowbray, Tommy White, Stanley Wright, Isabella Hendry, Emma Cassell, Kiera Parry



### Caught being **KIND!**

Iris Perkins, Elodie Sabin, Rafe Papenfus, Charlie Matthews-Read, Max Hendry, Florence Newnum, Thea Paterson, Arlo Cobb-Pearson

### Hooky Neighbours Pantry

This will now take place at the Baptist Hall at 10.00—12.00. Please do come along for a cuppa and a chat.

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## Life in Early Years this week

Our new starters have settled beautifully into **Nursery** this week. Children have enjoyed birdwatching in the garden, creating pretend holidays in the classroom, and digging for rabbits in the sand pit!

**Reception** have been learning all about Antarctica and its' cold climate. The children have enjoyed looking at the different animals that can be found there. In maths, the children have been learning about the composition of numbers to ten.



## Life in Upper KS2 this week

A fantastic week in school, we have continued our work on *The Selfish Giant* and used personification in our writing. We have looked at Ordnance Survey symbols and 6 figure grid references in Big Q. In PE we have continued our apparatus work in Gymnastics. In art we have used 1 point perspective to create some excellent artwork.

Year 6 have returned to school after a fabulous and memorable week at Yenworthy, full of exciting experiences and personal challenges. This week, they have spent time reflecting thoughtfully on their visit, discussing the activities they took part in, the skills they developed and what they learned about themselves along the way. Back in the classroom, the children have made a fantastic start on some writing inspired by *The Selfish Giant* by Oscar Wilde. In maths, they wasted no time getting stuck into fractions.

Miss Grant has enjoyed beginning to get to know the class and is looking forward to working with them for the remainder of their time at primary school.

## Life in KS1 this week

We have continued to learn about keeping ourselves healthy including sleep, exercise and hygiene. We now know all the things that should or shouldn't be or happen in our bedrooms to help us get a good night's sleep! In Computing Year 2 have worked hard to learn how to create presentations and Year 1 are working on typing. They could practice these skills at home. Mrs Voce has also really enjoyed being back in school with her special boot on!

## Life in Lower KS2 this week

This week, as well as learning another song for our show, 'Pantastic', Year 4 have found out which part they will be playing. Big Question work, saw the children exploring Roman fashion, even dressing themselves in togas. Our new French topic this term is 'Les Legumes' - try asking us the French words for the trickier vegetables: onion and spinach! We have been creating animations using Imotion with some amazing results.



## School Absences

Thank you to all parents who promptly make us aware of any absences. Please can we request, that when doing so, you give specific details of any illness. If we get a message saying 'poorly' or 'not feeling well' we do then need to follow up, so this would be incredibly helpful.

Thank you

### School Games ~ CNPS Swimming Gala ~ Mrs Voce

We were back at our first partnership event of 2026 with the U11 Swimming Gala this week. A massive thank you to all the parents and grandparents that organised transporting the children to the gala as I am still recovering from my broken ankle. It was very lovely to be back in school this week and, as always, a pleasure to take our children out to represent the school. Out of the ten schools we managed to qualify in the fastest four to get into all the finals ~ front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke and medley (mixed). We then managed to win the medley relay. A large number of our swimmers were talent spotted by Four Shires Swimming Club and invited to attend trials to join them. At the end of the afternoon we came in second place in the Big Schools competition.

Congratulations to all the swimmers!



### EARRINGS – IMPORTANT

A reminder that it is school policy, in line with government guidelines, that **children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE** (taping over is not sufficient). If your child wears earrings they must be able to remove them independently and have a box to store them in or their earrings should be removed for school.

It is our recommendation that you leave getting ears pierced until secondary age, as children of primary school age struggle with healing and independence in removing/replacing earrings themselves. However, if you do still decide to get them pierced we recommend this is done right at the beginning of the summer holidays so holes are healed and earrings are easily removed to participate in PE lessons in September.

### 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*



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