



HOOK NORTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**School Newsletter;
23rd January 2026**

Weekly School Attendance: 96.16%

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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

This has been another rather soggy week weatherwise but we are enjoying using the growing number of resources gradually being introduced for our OPAL Play. This week we have been exploring play with car tyres and discovering all of the ways we can have fun with them. As I mentioned in a parentmail earlier this week our OPAL mentor will be doing a presentation to parents on Friday 30th January at 9.00pm in the hall, so pop along after you have dropped off your children and find out more about the scheme. We have continued playing outside even in the rain, so please make sure your child has a waterproof coat, as sometimes the rain can be relentless, and you are very welcome to supply them with waterproof trousers they can put on and off independently. It is much safer for children to have playtimes outside as they are then not tempted to run around inside, which is not safe. We will only keep the children inside in extreme weather conditions. Please make sure that your child has their wellies in school so they can participate fully in OPAL playtimes. The children have been reminded not to go in the puddles and on the grass areas without wellies so their school shoes should not get wet.

An important safety notice - it is imperative that your child is inside the school gate **by the time it closes at 8.45** in the morning. This means that the children will be in school for normal registration. Children miss morning registration if they are not in school with the rest of the class so please make sure your child is on time so you do not have to send them through the office. Thank you.

Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!

KS2 Children: Arthur Riordan, Daisy Wise, Lauren Hemmings, Erin Parker, Kahlia Heatherley, Mason Rowley-Eyles, George Moulder, Tilly Larkin

KS1 Children: Millie Jenkins, Finley Shirley, Otto Cobb-Caro, Savannah Morgan, Evie Perriss, Eva Patel



Caught being **KIND!**

Ivy Middleton, Oliver Dyke, Evan Middleton, Leo Coker, Harrison Cook, Arlo Cobb-Pearson, Alice Houseman

School Car Park

For the safety of all our families, please remember to park outside the school grounds at the start and end of the school day unless you hold a blue badge. Some families rely on access to the premises at these times and are currently unable to park safely. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

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Life in Early Years this week

Nursery have been enjoying playing outside in all weathers. Finding out about birds and enjoying looking at the fallen bird's nest. As well as exploring forces using magnets, finding repeating patterns, and clapping the syllables in our names.

Reception have been reading the wonderful story, Owl Babies. They have been using puppets to tell stories and making owls using hand cut outs as wings. It's been a very creative week also experimenting with charcoal and pastels to create art and making models out of recycling.

Life in KS1 this week

We had a fantastic time at the art workshop run by Cotswold Arts Through Schools where we painted our own underwater acrylic ink scenes. In Big Question we have thought about how to keep our teeth healthy, healthy amounts of screen time and how to stay safe in the cold. In English we wrote rules for keeping a pet dragon!



Life in Lower KS2 this week

We had a fabulous time at the art workshop run by Cotswold Arts Through Schools - we used acrylic inks on watercolour paper to create colourful underwater scenes. In science this week, we learned about the function of the different organs in the digestive system and in ICT created our own Roman animations using 'iMotion' the ipads.



Life in Upper KS2 this week

A fantastic and busy week in **Year 5**. We have written persuasive letters in English and worked hard on using Semi-Colons. In Maths we have been looking at Fractions, Decimals and percentages! We had a fantastic art workshop on Thursday and loved used Acrylic ink!

We used our Contour lines knowledge to make 3d contour islands – we even used layer shading!

Year Six have worked hard to write and perform formal speeches. They have tackled finding fractions and percentage of amounts in maths. In our Big Question lessons they have studied Ordnance Survey maps and worked on six-figure grid references. Finally they produced some amazing artwork, both in the art lesson and in the art workshop led by our visitor, Abigail. A busy week!



School Hire

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

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 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.

Thank you to every one who donated!

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

Hook Norton Primary School

successfully completed the Schools Santa Run...
laughing all the way. Ho ho ho!

and raised

£627

to support
Katharine House Hospice

Thank you

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



1ST THE SIBFORD

SCOUTS

TASTER SESSION

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY

17.30 TO 19.00

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

Friendly scout troop for young
people aged 10.5 to 14.

Make new friends, learn new skills
and have fun.

Just turn up or email
Dave, Charlotte and Neil:
sibfordscouts@gmail.com