



**HOOK NORTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

School Newsletter;

13th February 2026

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### Key diary dates

**13th February**—End of Term

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

**4th & 10th March**—Parents/Carers Evenings (*Please note change of dates*)

**5th March**—World Book Day

**5th, 6th and 9th March**—Travelling Book Fair (*After school in the courtyard*)

**09th March**—PGL all week & returning Friday 13th

**17th March**—Parents/Carers Evening for Tawny Owls (*Instead of the 10th*)

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

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

### A message from the Head Teacher



A massive thank you this week to all those who have made welly racks for us – we have had help from Nel and Ted Taylor’s family and Olly Gordon-Sharman’s Grandfather. We also had help from the Betty and Beau Kershaw’s family who made an amazing 14 welly racks for us at Dad’s workshop, a great big thank you to them.

We are now able to put our wellies away properly and keep them all tidy, which is making a huge difference to our school grounds.

We have had great fun today in our own clothes day organised by FOHNS, who work so hard to raise money to give us such a fantastic school experience. Thank you so much to them and to all who donated – it was a great day, and we wish everyone a restful half term break.

#### Opal Play

Thank you to those who attended the OPAL Play parents meeting on 30th January. Were you not able to make it please see the attachment for the information that was covered.



### Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!

**KS2 Children:** George Devin, Ayla Sabin, Ollie Mair, Florence Newnum, Amaryllis Warner, Teddy Bingham, Ariya Galloway & Martha Webb

**KS1 Children:** Lottie Fellows, Georgina Curry, Addilyn Workman, Eirllys Davies, Holly Adkins & Eliza Frame



### Caught being **KIND!**

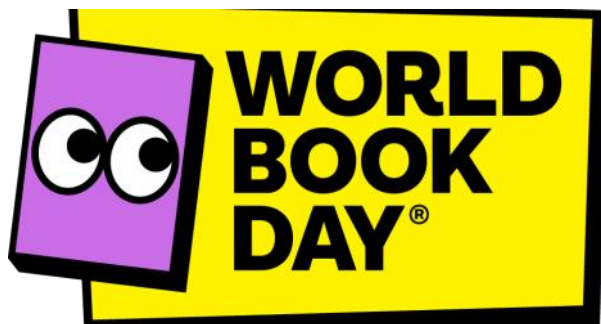
Jack Weight, Amelia Corbett, Sebastian Shields, Troy Wolfaardt, Bea Farmiloe, Archie Mair & Ted Gant-Feek

### Weekly School Attendance

**94.07%**



This week we have spent some time spiritually reflecting on ourselves and the world we live in through stories, songs, meditation and a variety of other activities. We have put some of our thoughts onto bubbles and sent them onwards and upwards. We have prayed about looking after our environment and for peace everywhere. We have considered the impact of our words and actions on those around us. We have also added our hearts to the school 'Tree of Thanks' and decorated our hand templates with what is special to us. It has been a lovely time of reflection in our busy lives and linked nicely to national Children's Mental Health Awareness week.



This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. We would like to invite the children to take part by wearing either pyjamas OR a book character costume. The children will be taking part in a whole host of fun activities to celebrate the joy of reading and books.

*\*If you have any old costumes that no longer fit or are no longer needed, please consider donating them to the school Jumble Sale (held on Saturday 28th February).*

### Travelling Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair is back! On Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Monday 9th March the Book Fair will be held after school in the courtyard. Please come along and see what delights are on offer. More details to follow.

### Life in Early Years this week

**Nursery** have been celebrating Pancake Day! Thank you so much for sending in ingredients — the children loved helping to make the batter and choosing their own tasty toppings. We've also been exploring kindness, mindfulness, and gratitude. Wishing you all a wonderful half-term! Please remember to send waterproof trousers for those wet days next term.

**Reception** have been enjoying all things pancake this week! The children have been busy reading the story of the runaway pancake as well as making pancakes which were delicious. In maths, they are still learning about the wise five who's so clever adding one more two more three more etc to make .....altogether. It's magic mathematics!



### Life in KS1 this week

In English we have written our own Dragon Machine stories which our teachers have loved reading. We have had a fantastic time celebrating Prayer Space week. We let go of our worries in bubbles, wrote prayers about our world on doves, said thank you on hearts, remembered how important we are by representing ourselves on our hands and said sorry on whiteboards and wiped away with forgiveness. Thank you to Miss Persaud for organising such a lovely week of thought, reflection and prayer.



## Life in Lower KS2 this week

This week, we have used our new knowledge about teeth to be detectives with the teeth of a variety of different animals, deciding whether the clues suggested that they were carnivores, omnivores or herbivores. We have also completed a variety of calm and wonderful ideas for Prayer Week, including hearts of thanks, apologies, worries and hopes for the world alongside Mental Health Week activities.

## Life in Upper KS2 this week

An excellent end to the term in **year 5**. We continued our science work on circuits, experimenting with parallel and series circuits. In English we retold the story of the Selfish Giant but from the perspective of a different character – some fantastic descriptive writing done! We worked on and performed our gymnastics routines to the class in PE! We are getting excited for PGL next term!

**Year 6** have had a great last week of term producing some outstanding personification poems and applying what we have learnt about passive voice. In maths we have tackled decimals and enjoyed playing 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire' decimal style. In art, we produced some fantastic perspective pieces using watercolours and finished our electricity topic with some investigations.



### Young Voices ~ Mrs Hackland

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January, I was lucky enough to take a fabulous group of Year 5 and Year 6 children alongside an amazing group of volunteer staff to Young Voices 2026 at the BP Pulse Arena, Birmingham; a chance to sing with the largest of choirs. The children had already put in many hours work learning the showcase of songs with Ms Q, but we spent the day rehearsing with the band, professional singers and the very cool 'Urban Strides' street dance group. The children sang their hearts out throughout the rehearsals and were ready to go by the time parents started

trickling into the arena. The performance was electric with the children so obviously enjoying so many of the songs; they were literally bouncing to 'Stargazing' and the Wicked medley saw many a tear roll down a cheek in the arena! We all had such a fabulous day and the adults couldn't have been more proud of the children, their attitudes and their behaviour - they were such wonderful advocates for our school!



### 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*