



HOOK NORTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

School Newsletter;

06th March 2026

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Key diary dates

- 9th March**—Travelling Book Fair Last day (*After school in the courtyard*)
- 9th March**—PGL all week & returning Friday 13th
- 10th March**—Parents/Carers Evenings (*not Tawny on 10th*)
- 16th—19th March**—Yr5 Bikeability
- 17th March**—Parents/Carers Evening for Tawny Owls (*Instead of the 10th*)
- 23rd March**—Extra-Curricular Clubs end
- 27th March**—Non-Uniform Day (*see more information at end of newsletter*) & Last day of term, 13.30 finish (*Owl club available until 16.15*)

SAVE THE DATE—20th June FOHNS Summer Fete

A message from the Head Teacher

What a fabulous Thursday we had, celebrating reading for World Book Day! The theme was Reading For Pleasure, and we spent some time in assembly reflecting on choosing to read for fun, and the pleasure that we can get from settling down with a book. We also thought about all of the different types of reading we can do, such as reading a recipe for our favourite meal, reading a description of our favourite film, reading to find out more about something we are into. The Department of Education have designated as the National Year of Reading, and we champion reading in our school because it is the gateway to the rest of the curriculum and understanding of our lives and our world. We appreciate so much the reading that goes on at home with your child as this has been proven to give them the best chance of success. If this is something that you struggle with why not have a word with your child's class teacher, who will be able to give you some ideas as to how you can fit this in at home. And in any event, let's all discover the joy and benefits that can be gained and keep reading whenever and wherever we can!



Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!

KS2 Children: Farah Elkabir, Aisling Mates, Ossie Webb, Jack Perry, Hattie MacLauchlan, Harley Galloway, Jack Walker, Jake Chilton, Morgan O'Callaghan & Harrison Cook

KS1 Children: Aurelia Vint, Sasha Tokarev, Ella Bishop, Elsie Bentley, Jack Weight, Evan Middleton & Archie Chilton



Caught being KIND!

Rafe Papenfus, Joshua Lawrence, Archie Hutton, Troy Wolfaart, Cleo Beard, Kahlia Heatherley, Gigi Roberts & Lottie Fellows

Weekly School Attendance

96.93%

A 1% improvement on last week—Well done everyone!

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!



Travelling Book Fair

Monday 9th March will be the last day to access the Travelling Book Fair after school in the courtyard.

Payments can **only** be made online using a QR code that will be available at the fair. You will need both of you mobile phone and bank card.

£1 book tokens can be redeemed at the fair.

School Games ~ WOSSP District Cross-Country Finals ~ Mrs Hagger

Last Friday a group of runners from Year 4 and Year 6 represented Hook Norton at the West Oxfordshire Primary Cross Country Competition at Cokethorpe School. Both teams won their place in this competition at the CNS Partnership Cross Country in the autumn term. Bea Farmiloe, Clemmie Coots-Williams, Flo Hagger, Giovanna Roberts and Sofia De Leon ran the Under 9 girls 1.5km race and Jaxson Davies, Kobi Workman, Troy Wolfaard, Ossie Webb and Callum Moulder ran the Under 11 boys 2.2km race. The weather was grey and wet, but the course had dried out enough for the races to go ahead. The runners were focussed and determined and put 100% effort into their events. Clemmie came an exceptional 5th place in her race of 72 participants! All the children were brilliantly behaved and a pleasure to take to the competition - we are very proud of you all. A huge thank you to the accompanying adults for driving the children there and back - Kate Farmiloe, Emma Dunkley, Charlie Gilkes and Louise De Leon - we really appreciate your support.

Mrs Voce would like to send a big thank you to Mrs Hagger for going to the rescheduled date when she was unable to.



Life in Early Years this week

Nursery have been celebrating World Book Week! We went on a bear hunt in our classroom, searched for Julia Donaldson characters around the nursery and reception garden, and shared our favourite stories – including our Where's Nursery? book. The children all looked fantastic on World Book Day!

Reception have had a wonderful time talking about books and reading our favourite bear stories. It has been a really lovely week and every one has enjoyed World Book Day!



Life in KS1 this week

We have been working on an art project over this week, being inspired by the work of Guiseppe Arcimboldo. He was an Italian artist who lived nearly 500 years ago and created portraits of people made of fruit and vegetables. We explored and analysed his pieces, designed our own portrait in the style and are looking forward to making them next week! We also really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and sharing our favourite books with each other.

Life in Lower KS2 this week

This week we have been completing our science Big Question and seeing what we can remember about digestion. Our performance practises are in full swing – please remember that we need all costumes in next week (for details, see the Parentmail). On Thursday, we had a fabulous World Book Day and our children all looked fabulous in costumes and pyjamas; we did a live read and draw with Cressida Cowell through the V&A online, produced Charlie Mackesy-style sketches of the characters in Peter Pan and made dens in which to read our favourite books.



Life in Upper KS2 this week

Year 5 have been working hard writing persuasive letters and information texts all about Charles Darwin. We have enjoyed using protractors in Maths to measure angles. In Science we have conducted experiments on Darwin's theory of evolution looking at different types of bird's beaks. We have a fantastic World Book Day building dens and playing Taskmaster!

Year 6 have been learning about Charles Darwin and his visit to the Galapagos Islands. Using the information we found out, we wrote our own information texts. In maths we have been interpreting pie charts and our Big Question lessons focussed on the palaeontologist, Mary Anning.

Owl Values:

*This half term our Owl Value is **Think**: Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Phillipians 4:8b*

Dress How You Like! Non-Uniform Day! March 27



Bring a bag of sweeties (no nuts or chocolate please!) for our tombola instead of money. Donations appreciated but not necessary to participate!

Sensible shoes for all please.

St Peter's Church
Cakes & 2nd Hand
Children's Books

SATURDAY
14th March

**HOME BAKED CAKES &
SAVOURIES**

FONT CAFÉ OPEN AS USUAL

10am - 12noon

***Do pop in for a cuppa - all are
welcome!***



Come play with Banbury Blues - now recruiting U13 players!

Who can join?

- Girls in Year 6 & 7
- All abilities welcome
- No experience needed

Training:

- 📅 Mondays
- 🕒 7-8pm
- 📍 Dewey Centre,
Bloxham School



Interested?

- ➡ Scan the QR code to register
- ➡ A coach will be in touch

Why banbury Blues?

- Fun, friendly club
- Qualified coaches
- Great team spirit
- Opportunities to develop & compete
- Supportive environment for confidence and fitness