



HOOK NORTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

School Newsletter;

13th March 2026

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Key diary dates

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*)

13th April—School begins Reception—Y6 (not nursery)

13th April—Nursery Open Day, 13.00—14.00

14th April—School begins for Nursery

20th April—Extra-Curricular Clubs start

SAVE THE DATE—20th June FOHNS Summer Fete

A message from the Head Teacher

Year Five were positively buzzing on their return home from PGL Liddington this afternoon, having had such an amazing time completing adventurous activities, conquering fears, overcoming homesickness and feeling thoroughly proud of themselves. Huge thanks goes to Mr Tillcock for his leadership and enthusiasm and Miss Kenneford too, even more so as teachers are not paid for all of the extra hours and sleepless nights that giving children such amazing experiences involves. And of course he could not have done it without the help of our wonderful volunteers: Joe Williams, Richard Thomson and Marion Hackland, a massive thank you to them.

We are very grateful for all those who ensure your child attends school every day. We know that every lesson matters. Learning in primary school builds in small, steady steps. When children miss days, they often miss key explanations, shared discussions, and hands-on activities that can't be easily repeated. Even a few days of absence can make it harder for them to keep up and feel confident. Thank you for supporting your child by not arranging holidays or family days within school time.

Staffing news: Lesley Armstrong will be leaving us towards the end of term to move on to working with children in the NHS speech and language department. She has worked at Hook Norton for about 18 years and we will miss her. We wish her every success in her new position.

Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!

KS2 Children: Lily Stonehouse, Evie McLindon, Sofia De Leon, Beau Kershaw, Mally Huckin, Athena Kostov, Lauren Hemmings & Max Green

KS1 Children: Alfie Payne, Tommy White, Poppy Jones, Angad Dewgun, Jack Harris & Willow Hazlewood



Caught being **KIND!**

Reggie Pratley, Evelyn Bown, Demetri Kostov, Wilfie Winter, Louis Tofield-Jeal, Abigail Kingdom & Charlotte Stevens

Weekly School Attendance

96.23%

Well done everyone!

Foundation Stage Open Day

Monday 13th April at 13.00—14.00

An opportunity for families to visit our excellent teacher led setting and view the provision on offer. A chance to ask questions and gain an insight as to whether this might be the place for your child to settle, learn, play and grow.



HOOK NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to visit our school based Nursery & Reception and experience for yourself what makes our setting such a popular choice for families in Oxfordshire.

**Monday 13th
April 2026
1-2pm**

NURSERY & RECEPTION OPEN DAY

- Setting is led by a qualified EYFS teacher
- Access to an onsite Forest School
- A fantastic outdoor space with quality provision
- Wrap around care from 8am to 6pm
- Benefit from being part of the school community
- New for Sept 2026 - increased flexibility of hours
- Establish friendships with potential school peers



Spaces for age 3+ are currently available for September 2026

**PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.
REGISTER NOW BY CONTACTING
THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

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Life in Early Years this week

Nursery have been learning about the life cycle of frogs! We observed frogspawn and are excitedly waiting for them to become tadpoles. The children also made beautiful wrapping paper for Mother's Day flowers to thank their mums. A huge thank you to the families who returned to help Mrs Lee spread the new bark in the Nursery/reception garden!

Reception have been fascinated by the solar system this week learning all about space and the names of planets. We have enjoyed playing in our very own space station! We have also been improving our fine motor skills by threading beads onto spaghetti which was fun. Next week we will have a visit from the dentist and learning all about healthy teeth.



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Life in KS1 this week



We have completed our Arcimboldo inspired portraits and made some amazing fruit and vegetable faces. We have also thought about the parts of a plant that we eat and discussed whether they are fruit or vegetables. Some of the things we tend to call vegetables are actually scientifically fruit! We have also made a surprise for mums, please check in the book bag if it doesn't magically appear on Sunday!

Life in Lower KS2 this week

This week in our phase, we have been getting ready to perform our show to you all next week – the stage is up, our props are ready, costumes are nearly all in school and we are honing our acting and singing skills. We have even made our own, personalised programmes for the parents and carers that are coming to watch us next week. We have also been learning about three important processes in a river: erosion, transportation and deposition and have been studying miracles in RE.

Life in Upper KS2 this week

Whilst Year 5 have been away at PGL, **Year 6** have been learning about Jemmy Button and have written balanced arguments, discussing whether he should have been taken to Britain. In maths we have looked at pictograms, bar charts and line graphs as well as revising our formal written multiplication. Our big question lessons involved considering which characteristics are inherited, passed down through generations. We have also worked hard on our spellings and reading comprehension skills and even picked up our sticks to begin practising our dance for May Day!

School Games CNPS ~ Year 1 Dance Festival

This week it was the turn of Year 1 to attend the Chipping Norton Dance Festival. They travelled by coach to the leisure centre and joined children from some of our other partnership schools in the Sports Hall. They worked with the Sports Leaders to develop a dance based on the story Commotion in the Ocean. They were polar bears, jellyfish, penguins, starfish and creatures from the deep! A big thank you to Miss Persaud and Mrs O'Sullivan for taking the children and to Mrs Weight, Mrs Newnum and Mrs Howes for accompanying them. Everyone had a fabulous trip!

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.

Run by Year 7 students!



CAKES & CRAFTS



Want to support some students from Chipping Norton School? Come on down to The Pippins, Bourne Lane, Hook Norton on 14th March at 12-3pm!

We sell cakes, crocheted plushies, figets, facepainting and more!



PLAYGROUP

At Epwell Village Hall - North Oxfordshire

COME AND PLAY!

THURSDAY MORNINGS 10.00-11.30AM

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WHY PLAY WITH US?

- An inspiring environment led and planned by an experienced primary school teacher
- Sensory play, tuff trays, role play, expressive arts and crafts
- Monthly topics and weekly themes based on a story
- Freshly baked treat and a hot drink for grown ups.
- Safe, calm and friendly.
- Baby area with high quality toys



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