



**HOOK NORTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**School Newsletter;**

**20th March 2026**

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### Key diary dates

**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

**15th April**—Art Day (*more information to follow next week*)

**16th April**—Art Gallery Evening at 17.30—18.30

**20th April**—Extra-Curricular Clubs start

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

### A message from the Head Teacher

We had the pleasure of watching the Year 3/4 production this week - Pantastic. What a fantastic job they all did, from the costumes, scenery, singing, delivering their lines - an absolute triumph and so professionally done. Massive thanks goes to all their parents for the support in learning lines and finding props and costumes. And of course we are so indebted to our staff for their hard work and dedication all of the time, but at times like this we get to showcase all of the hard work that goes on in school—**thank you to all the Year 3/4 team, it was fantastic.**



Year Five have been completing their cycling proficiency this week, thank you to Mrs Voce for organising this and especially for ensuring that all children have access to this very important opportunity.

We have been enjoying some better weather in our Opal lunchtimes and look forward to rolling out more activities after the Easter break. If anyone has topsoil or compost that they can donate to us we would very much appreciate it - even spent compost from last years planters and tubs is useful to us, thank you. Also if anyone has any chalkboard paint going spare, perhaps the end of a tin from a home project, we can make use of that too, thank you.

### Huge Hook Norton Well Dones & Caught being

**KIND!**

*Due to the school production this week, these will be presented to children during next Friday's assembly.*

### Weekly School Attendance

**95.83%**

*Lets make next week, last week of term even better!*

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## PGL Liddington ~ Mr Tillcock

Year 5 had a wonderful, fun filled week at PGL last week. We challenged ourselves daily and conquered many fears. We were blessed with some dry weather for the week albeit, cold at times!



- Monday we arrived in time for some lunch and then got straight into activities such as a fan favourite, The GIANT SWING and Trapeze.
- Tuesday we did Zip wiring, buggy building, Vertical Challenge and Archery - a great day for all groups!
- Wednesday we got into life jackets for some Canoeing - fortunately no one fell into the bitterly cold lake! We all lost use of our eye sight during the sensory trail which was a good challenge for us all. That evening we became engineers in balloon challenge.
- Thursday, our last full day, we did some climbing, fencing and excellent teamwork on Jacob's ladder. Thursday night was finished off with our best dance moves at the disco!
- Friday morning we were all a little bit sad to have had our last night. We loved abseiling before our last lunch and starting our journey home!



We made some amazing memories that we will cherish forever! A massive thank you to Miss Kenneford, Mrs Hackland, Mr Williams and Mr Thomson for the support and help!

## Life in Early Years this week

**Nursery** have continued observing our tadpoles and learning how to care for our teeth. Our home corner became a dentist's surgery, where we looked after our own teeth and those of our toys! On Wednesday, we watched the Year 3/4 production of Peter Pan—the children sat beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed the show.

**Reception** have also been learning how to keep our teeth healthy and really enjoyed the visit from Mr Toothy! We asked him lots of questions about how to look after our teeth. In Maths, we have been learning to add sets and say how many altogether and we use lots of practical contexts to learn to say less and more or equal to or the same.



## Life in KS1 this week

This week we have thought more about what particular parts of plants we eat, the life cycle of a plant and have developed our sketching skills whilst drawing plants. We particularly enjoyed watching time lapse videos of plants, like beans or tomatoes, growing! In English we looked at the opening of Paddington and then read it as a diary. We compared Paddington's immigration to our My Name is Not Refugee story and looked at the key features of diary writing.

## Life in Lower KS2 this week



This week, we have been mainly impressing audiences with our *Pantastic* show. The Children's hard work, dedication and resilience with learning lines and lyrics over the last few weeks has resulted in a fun and fabulous show that was enjoyed by our school community and parents. In between performances, we also learned about the water cycle and used atlases to find some of the world's largest rivers. We might need a big rest this weekend!



## Life in Upper KS2 this week

**Year 5** have undertaken Bikeability training this week and they have all done a brilliant job. The weather has been great for cycling and everyone has enjoyed themselves.

In **Year 6** this week we have been creating our own hybrid animals using the characteristics of two chosen living creatures. Following this, we wrote our own information texts about our new animals. In maths, we have tackled coordinates in four quadrants and reflections in mirror lines. Our big question lessons involved us adding our own adaptations to an 'ancient mammal' and then our animals faced several scenarios to see if they survived to the present day. We also enjoyed our art lessons and are progressing well with our dancing ready to perform in May! On Thursday, we really loved watching the dress rehearsal of the Year 3 and 4 show '*Pantastic*' - we all thought it was more than '*Pantastic*'.



## School Games ~ CNPS Year 2 & 3 Multi-skills ~ Mrs Voce

This week it was the turn of Year 2 and 3 to attend Chipping Norton School in our largest partnership event, which saw 64 children attending from our school. Once we arrived we were separated into 8 different country teams before heading off to the badminton courts, squash courts, gym and dance studio for our activities. In one half of the afternoon we practiced lots of throwing, balancing and jumping skills along with perfecting our team chants! In the other half we completed lots of relay races in the hall, even using the turning boards. We were mixed up with children

from two of the other partnership schools so we can begin to get to know them and make new friends we may see when we go to secondary school. We were very impressed by the Sports Leaders, many of whom were our ex-pupils, who were undertaking their final assessment running this event. They were fantastic! Also a massive thank you to Mrs Hackland, Mr Perris, Emily Ladbrook, Tori Perriss, Jason Mowbray, Eloise Barrett, Robyn Wise, Holly Smith and Candice Hinds-George who accompanied us. We cannot get everyone to these events without your help. Apologies again for the delayed bus returning and thank you for the patience from the pupils, staff, helpers and parents.

### 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.



## 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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**ALL WELCOME AGES 8-18**

# **Cotswold Youth Choir**

**WEDNESDAY 4:45 - 6:15**

**CHIPPING NORTON TOWN HALL**

**LED BY BENEDICT GOODALL**

**NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED, FIRST TRIAL SESSION FREE!**

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