



**HOOK NORTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**School Newsletter;**

**17th April 2026**

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**Key diary dates**

- 20th April**—Exta-Curricular Clubs start
- 1st May**—May Day Celebrations (Parents & Carers invited, 9.30am start)
- 4th May**—SCHOOL CLOSED—Bank Holiday
- 11th May**—Yr6 Assessments all week finishing Thursday
- 22nd May**—End of Term

**Weekly School Attendance**

**97.05%**

**Well done everyone, a brilliant first week back!**

**A message from the Head Teacher**

It has been a wonderful start back to the new term this week, and already we have been having lots of fun. A fantastic range of new topics have been started in class, I hope your child has told you all about their new Big Questions.

We had a wonderful whole school Art day on Tuesday studying the work of Picasso and having a go at our own cubism art. Huge thanks goes to Lara Curry and her enthusiastic team of parent helpers who ensured that we had all of the resources and materials we needed and helped us with our ideas. Lara kicked off the day with an assembly to inspire us which we really enjoyed. Thank you to all parents and friends who came to the exhibition of our art on Thursday to appreciate what we had been doing. And a big thank you to Miss Crooker for all her hard work in organising us all.

Opal Play: If you have any old bicycle wheels you no longer need we can make use of them. Also we would be very grateful for any donations of sand for our sandpit that is in development. Thank you.



**Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!**

**KS2 Children:** George Devin, Tilly Larkin, Emily Hunter, William Harris, Kahlia Heatherley, Malachi Huckin, Harrison Cook & Max Bennet

**KS1 Children:** Otto Cobb-Caro, Ted Gant-Feek, Mimi Neal, Joshua Lawrence, Sofia Siennik & Nessie Winter



**Caught being KIND!**

Alfred Payne, Penelope Jacobs, Ariya Galloway, Amora-Navaay George, Ayla Barton, Levi O'Neill & Toby Kingdom

## School Games ~ Intra-School Competition

In the last week of term we completed our colour team competitions using the skills we had learnt in our PE lessons that term. In assembly today the trophies were present to the following teams:

Year 1 ~ Green Team

Year 2 ~ Green Team

Year 3 ~ Green Team

Year 4 ~ Yellow Team

Year 5 ~ Red Team

Year 6 ~ Blue Team



The points for all four positions were then totalled up across all year groups to give the overall winners which this term were the Green Team. Congratulations!

## Life in Early Years this week

Wow—what an action-packed first week back in **Nursery**! Our classroom launched into a space theme with the arrival of Artimus II. Children loved Art Day, creating still-life fruit using chalk, paints, and clay. Older pupils have started learning the WRI phonics picture cards. A quick reminder to please cut up soft fruits for lunchboxes.

**Reception** have had a wonderful week back. We have been reading the tiger who came to tea fascinated by everything eaten in the cupboards! We used our creativeness this week during World Art Day observing fruit and drawing what we see using charcoal, tones of grey to paint and clay. In Maths we have been learning about all of the different ways to compose 10; 2+8, 5+5, etc.



## Life in KS1 this week

We are excited to have started our new Big Question ~ Why do we love to be beside the sea-side? We will be learning about seaside places in our Geography lessons and about seaside holidays in the past in our history lessons. We have also started a new English unit based on the story 'Someone Swallowed Stanley' and have written about different seaside creatures using all the writing skills we have learnt so far this year. We thoroughly enjoyed World Art Day and were excited to share our art with our families at the gallery evening.

## Life in Lower KS2 this week

We've had a busy first week back in Year 3 / 4. We have completed our Rivers Big Question and have started our new one 'Why do so many British people go to the Mediterranean on holidays?' On Wednesday, we enjoyed a fantastic World Art Day, exploring the work of Pablo Picasso and experimenting with his techniques while observing fruit – what great fun we had! Hopefully you came to our gallery to see our fantastic work.



## Life in Upper KS2 this week



A busy first week back in **year 5**. We have kick started our new Big Question of 'What would a journey around the body look like?' by looking at the human circulatory system. We have worked hard on our Mayday dance and started working on our tennis skills. We had a fantastic Wednesday completing Picasso styled artwork all day! Thank you to all involved.

In **Year 6** we have been continuing to work hard in preparation for SATs. We have revised area, money and percentages in maths and have worked on apostrophes, tenses and sentence types in English. We started our Big Question topic by looking at the circulatory system. We really enjoyed our art day on Wednesday.



Thank you all for your support during World Art Day and attending the Art Gallery. We raised £300 from the event and hope that you all enjoyed the event, just as much as the children enjoyed creating their art!

A big well done to an entrepreneurial bunch of Year 5 & 6 students—Teddy, Henry, Oliver, Francesca, Wilfie, Kyril, Amayllis and Tally who all banded together to bake cakes and cookies for an impromptu bake sale by the village shop on Tuesday. The sale was a great success and they sold every last item, raising £125 for FOHNS. The group now has its sights on repeating the event - but on a much bigger sale - at the upcoming Hooky football festivals!



Fresh Start Catering are looking for a general assistant to join the team at the school. Please see attached poster for more details and how to apply.

### Owl Values:

This half term our Owl Value is **Learn**: Let the wise listen and add to their learning and let those with understanding attain guidance. Proverbs 1:5

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# We're Hiring **GENERAL ASSISTANT**




**Hook Norton, Banbury**

Main focus is pot washing, cleaning & supporting the team with close-down. Many opportunities to grow, learn and progress.

**7.5 hours per week, Mon-Fri 12.30pm - 2pm , £12.71 per hour**

**SEND YOUR CV TO**

 [michael@freshstartcatering.uk](mailto:michael@freshstartcatering.uk)



# GIRLS' SOFT BALL CRICKET TRAINING

STARTS  
6PM  
05.05.2026

At Hook Norton Sports and Social Club

A fun, friendly cricket session designed just for girls, in school years 5 to 9 – whether you've played before or are trying something completely new! No experience needed and totally free to join. This is training only, so come along, have a go, and enjoy the game!



Scan the QR code to express your interest!