



HOOK NORTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

School Newsletter;

24th April 2026

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Key diary dates

- 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 93.44%

After a strong week last week, attendance has dipped this week. Let's work together to get back on track next week!

A message from the Head Teacher

We continue to develop Opal Play in our school grounds and the better weather is really helping us in our imagination and creativity. We have many quieter activities to occupy us in the courtyard with construction kits, wooden games, paper and pens and books to read. Some cable reels have appeared amongst our playground toys so we are using our imaginations with those.

Some large loose parts have been introduced in the tree belt and we have had an assembly on how to play safely with these. They include pallets, large cable reels, planks of wood and crates. We are using our imaginations and construction skills in our play with these, and more will be added as we get used to them. We also have some tree stumps to play on and are developing our balancing skills.

Our tyre-wall sandpit is taking shape and we would be very grateful for donations of bags of sand. I noticed they had some bags of play sand in B&Q for £5 and bought a bag, but it doesn't necessarily have to be play sand - we can also use washed beach or dredged sand. We cannot use sharp sand or the sand that leaves an orange stain. So if you have a stock left over from a home project we would be very grateful for any donations.



Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!

KS2 Children: Ava Bennett, Taylor Robertson, Erin Parker, Samuel Jackson, Ollie Mair, Hattie Rutledge, Millie Hagger, Kobi Workman, Amelia Corbett & Joseph Curry

KS1 Children: Stanley Wright, Isabella Hendry, Lottie Fellows, Evelyn Bown, Bella Newnum & Reuben Jackson



Caught being KIND!

Eva Patel, Oscar Lock, Emily Hunter, Lauren Hemmings, Abigail Kingdom, Finley Shirley, Max Newnham & Francesca Farniloe

Life in Early Years this week

Nursery This week at nursery, the children have been practicing hard for our upcoming May Day dance, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork. We've also been celebrating Earth Day, learning about how to care for our planet through fun activities and discussions about nature and sustainability.

Reception have been dancing to country music and practising for May Day. We have been noticing the changes in season all around us including all kind of insects that are out about now. We even caught a spider! A child shouted 'tarantula' which gave a few of us a fright. In maths, making it relevant to everyday activities at home can make a huge difference. We have been talking about different ways of making numbers up to 10 and you can support this at home for example, I have 3 sausages on my plate and you have 2 which makes 5 sausages altogether.



Life in KS1 this week



We have continued to consider the geography of seaside places, locating popular seaside holiday countries abroad on a world map, sorting geographical features into human and physical and then saying what we like/don't like about Hook Norton compared to a seaside place. In English we have written sentences about who may have swallowed Stanley with conjunctions to add more detail like and, because, but, so... Look out for the Parentmail about our trip to the seaside!

Life in Lower KS2 this week

This week we have begun reading a new book in English, called 'Journey' and we have been making predictions and exploring the idea of a magic door which leads to another world. We have also looked at the properties of solids, liquids and gases in Science and have used atlases to find all of the 21 Mediterranean countries.

Life in Upper KS2 this week

Year 5 have been looking at how our school is eco friendly and writing a sustainability report. We have also looked at Greta Thunberg and how she has worked so hard to help Climate Change! In Big Question we have looked at the blood and how amazing and vital it is to all living things.

Year 6 have worked hard to consolidate learning in maths and English, in preparation for SATs coming up soon. We have worked on our May Day dance and enjoyed doing some art. In our Big Question lessons, we found out how nutrients from our food travel to the necessary places within our body.



Quiz Night @ Sports and Social on Friday 15th May
From 7:30pm

Please come along and support Katharine House Hospice Great Wall of China Trek.

Kevin Hope will be running a fun, general knowledge quiz

£12 includes cheese, dips and crisps



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**

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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