



HOOK NORTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

School Newsletter;

1st May 2026

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Key diary dates

- 4th May**—SCHOOL CLOSED—Bank Holiday
- 11th May**—Yr6 Assessments all week finishing Thursday
- 22nd May**—End of Term
- 22nd May** – Warriner Visiting Y6 Children
- 1st June** – INSET DAY (School closed)
- 2nd June** – School re-opens for ALL year groups

Weekly School Attendance 96.12%

Attendance has increased by 3% this week. Well done to everyone.

A message from the Head Teacher

What a wonderful time we had at our Mayday Celebrations, and what a wonderful treat it was to actually celebrate it on 1st May! Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported us, and a big Thank You to FOHNS for working hard to ensure refreshments were available. Well done to all the teachers and children who spent so much time learning the steps – it is very good for our brains and wider learning.

We say a huge thank you to the Shirley Family who have delivered us a tonne of sand for our Opal Play sandpit. If anyone else has any sand it would be gratefully received. And thank you to Mrs Williams who has donated some large wooden boxes and is working on using them to develop a mud kitchen – it is taking shape nicely with the help of Mrs Crouch and her tool kit! We now need to collect some mud to use in it, so if you have any spare top soil, earth, old compost etc we can put it to good use.

We can also make use of old bicycle wheels if you have any hanging around!

Janet Collins, who has been a part of our school for many years is now stepping down from her church role as Licensed Lay Reader and from running assemblies at school, and there will be a thank-you service for her on Sunday 10th May at 10.00am at St Peters Church. The children are making cards for her which will be presented at the service, so come along if you would like to see the presentation.

Have a fantastic Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you on Tuesday 5th May.



Huge Hook Norton Well

Dones!

To every single child participating in May Day celebrations for their spectacular dancing.



Reminder—Arbor Parent Portal

Thank you to all of those that have signed up to the portal. Do get in touch with the office if you are having issues with access.

Sco Pay is no longer used for breakfast and owl club bookings—please book via Arbor.

(Please email the office for cancellations)

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Life in Early Years this week

Nursery The nursery children had a fabulous time dancing on May Day! We also loved watching the rest of the school perform. The older children have begun learning their phonics sounds and are excited to spot them in words, names, logos, and displays around the classroom. I wonder if you can spot these at home too? Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend!

Reception have been learning about the composition of bigger numbers 11 to 20 in maths and using ten frames to help us see that these numbers are 10 and some more. The theme of this week has been Rapunzel and we have enjoyed reading the story and listening to different versions.



Life in KS1 this week

We have continued to work on our Big Question but this week has had a history focus. We have learnt about seaside holidays now, in the 1950s and 1900s ~ Victorian times.

We looked difference in transport, travel, swimwear, activities and entertainment. We are looking forward to trying some of these things at our Weston-Super-Mare visit. **Remember to complete the online form by TODAY!**



Life in Lower KS2 this week

We have had a very productive week conducting melting experiments in science, researching Mediterranean countries in Big Question, planning a diary entry based on our new text 'Journey' and have been learning about authority in RE. And, to top the week off, we were excited to perform our two May Day dances ('Shepherd's Away' and 'The Lollipop Man') at our whole school celebration on Friday morning. Phew – we might need a good rest this weekend!



Life in Upper KS2 this week

Year 5 have had a busy week working hard on our Mayday dance and loved sharing it with you all this morning! In English we have been looking a plastic pollution and writing our reasons why it is important that we all try to make a change. In PE we have been working on our bowling skills in cricket and serving in tennis.

Year 6 have been doing one final set of practice papers in preparation for our SATs tests. This has helped us to identify any last minute revision areas and also to improve our test techniques. In our Big Questions lessons we discovered more about the blood that travels around our body and in art we produced some beautiful acrylic artwork.

CNPS ~ Languages Festival ~ Mrs Voce

This week the Year 4 children got the opportunity to attend Chipping Norton School and participate in the Languages Festival. It was a great opportunity to get to know the 'big school', some of the staff and older pupils and also to make friends with pupils from other schools that they may go to secondary with later on. It was also lovely to see our ex-pupils leading the sessions and activities we took part in, we are always proud of them when we see them and their fantastic leadership skills. We got to try some different languages including numbers in Norwegian, spring words in German along, Latin and of course the much anticipated cheese tasting and commenting on it in French!



A big thank you to Mrs Peters, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Wise and Mrs Farniloe for accompanying us. These events cannot take place without extra adult volunteers and some of them stepped in when their children weren't even attending! Thank you



Hall & Field for Hire

Are you looking for somewhere to host your child's birthday party or perhaps just a family/friends get together?

If so, get in touch with office to hire our school facilities.

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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