



HOOK NORTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

School Newsletter;

22nd May 2026

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Key diary dates

1st June – INSET DAY (*School closed*)

2nd June – School re-opens for ALL year groups

3rd June – Vision Screening (*Reception only*)

W/C 8th June – Phonics Check week (*ALL YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 RETAKES*)

9th June – CNS Visiting school to see Y6 Children

12th June – FOHNS Non-uniform for Colour Tombola donations (*details to follow*)

20th June – FOHNS Summer Fete, 12-3pm

Weekly School Attendance 93.02%

A dip in attendance this week—let's work together to improve this and keep attendance as high as possible.

A message from the Head Teacher

We are proud to be a church school and I was delighted to be informed that the Reverend Stephen Goundrey-Smith has been appointed as rector of St Peters Church. Stephen met with some of our School Council and was interviewed by them; we were so honoured to be a part of this process and are very much looking forward to working with him. Our Church School status is very important to us, as the Church gives us so much support and is an amazing resource to tap into, both for the spiritual life of the school and as part of our RE curriculum. Jenny Rafferty, the minister from the Baptist church continues to be a great support to us, running assemblies and being available in the village.

It was with some sadness that Miss Persaud and I attended the service at St Peters where Janet Collins relinquished her Lay Reader role, she has worked with the school over so many years in this position. She has been a Governor of the school, was involved in the design and build of the building we now occupy, has led countless services at church and assemblies at school among many other things. However, we still hope to maintain contact with her as a special friend to us at school.

Huge Hook Norton Well Dones!

KS2 Children: All of Tawny Owls, Angus Moore, Leo Coker, Harley Galloway, Ru Vint, Phoebe Jephcott, Luke Ellard, Alex Garrett

KS1 Children: Atticus Dean-Crofts, Reggie Pratley, Evan Middleton, Benjamin Lambert, Kit Squire-Farnell, Max Hendry



Caught being **KIND!**

Ayla Sabin, Mia Green, Evelyn Bown, James Lawrence, Arthur Riordan, Jojo Ogwok, Joshua Corbett, Henry Riordan

WE ARE HIRING

HIGHER LEVEL TA



We are looking to recruit a full time HLTA to start in September. This is an opportunity to work at our village school and be part of a supportive team. Please see our website for further details: <https://www.hook-norton.oxon.sch.uk/school/work/>

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Life in Early Years this week

Nursery This week Nursery have been finding out about turtles and how we can help protect our planet by being careful about what we throw away and making the most of recycling. We have been reading books about the animals living in our oceans and learning about David Attenborough through stories. Wishing you all a wonderful half term from all the Nursery team.



Reception's theme this week has been Three Little Pigs. There has been lots of huffing and puffing and the children have enjoyed re-telling the tale by becoming various characters. In Maths, we have been looking at odd and even numbers and if numbers can be shared equally.



Life in KS1 this week



We have completed our DT projects and were excited to take our puppets home after we had evaluated how well they had gone. **A huge thank you to all the helpers who have been in over the last two weeks and year six, we couldn't have sewn without you!** We completed our English unit with an independent piece of writing all about Sea Creatures. Some of us have also completed phonics assessments while others did reading and

maths assessments. We worked hard to show our teachers all we had learnt so far! Year 1 (and Year 2 retake children) will have the national Phonic Screening Check the week beginning 8th June. Look out for a Parentmail with resources to help your child practice over the holidays.

Life in Lower KS2 this week

We have been busy bees this week in our phase, finishing off our Science Big Question about states of matter, as well as our Geography unit on the Mediterranean. We have also written the opening to a sequel of our English text, 'Journey', using all of the things that we have been learning this year – we couldn't wait to find out what actually happened in the real sequel 'Quest'! Our Year 4 children are working hard to prepare for their Multiplication Tables Check after half term so please encourage them to go on to TTRockstars little and often over the half term break to maintain their rapid recall; we want them to be feeling ready and confident on the day.

Life in Upper KS2 this week

A busy week to end the term in **year 5**. We have written emotive speeches on plastic pollution and read this aloud to the class! We have recapped lots of maths topics that we asked for. In D&T we have designed and created our own monuments out of recycled materials! They look amazing! In Big Question we have looked at classifying animals based on their observable characteristics. We hope you all have a lovely half term break!

Year 6 have been working hard on our descriptive writing - describing our favourite three-course meals. We have continued with cricket and tennis in PE and found out about the scientist William Harvey in our big question lesson. To celebrate 'National Bee Day' we produced some lovely watercolour paintings of bees.



School Games~ CNPS Year4, 5 & 6~ Mrs Voce

This week we took a group of Year 4, 5 and 6 children to the Chipping Norton Partnership Athletics Meet. We had over 60 children who put their names down to be considered to participate, which was amazing as the team only needed 12. After lunchtime trials last week, in amongst the rain, we narrowed that down to 24 as we were able to secure space for a second team. Well done to those who tried out but did not get a place this time, please do keep putting yourself forward.

We travelled to Chippy with the help of Hannah Hagger, Leigh Larkin, Kate Farmiloe and Gemma Weight to transport and supervise everyone, a big thank you to the for their help. The children all ran, jumped and threw amazingly, scoring points for their team throughout the afternoon. We have now been informed that the A Team came second and the B Team came third which was a superb achievement. Well done everyone who tried out and participated on the day and also thank you to the many parents who came to spectate and support.



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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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