



Newsletter – April 2022

Heacham Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing this on the day of our Easter Bonnet Parade. After the difficulties of the last two years, it brings such joy to our pupils and staff to be able to meet parents and visitors to show their bonnets! Our PTA hosted events this week and have done a fabulous job. Events raised over £360!

This term we have celebrated success in many ways. Our Y1 dancing achievements shone through at the Corn Exchange Dance event. We have had visits from Rev Wilson, the RNLI and the police this term to help pupils learn. Sharing our learning with you all during the Showcase events was fantastic too. We notice that some pupils do not bring their book bags daily- please ensure you read with your child every day and record this in the reading record. If you want extra advice or books to read at home then please ask your child's teacher. Research shows that children who read each day go on to enjoy and attain more at school.

We continue to deliver our knowledge rich curriculum across year groups and provide enrichment activities and clubs after school to make sure every pupil can enjoy these opportunities. If you want your child to experience one of our clubs or special events but haven't yet been able to manage this then please do get in touch. It's important to give every child chances to shine. You can also reach Teresa or Alison (SEND and Pastoral Team) via the office for any advice or support to help you and your child. Just get in touch and we will get back to you!

Finally, the DFE has produced new guidance for schools on attendance- we will trial this system during the summer term to support and inform you. You may receive texts from us detailing the number of days of absence your child has had. We will also continue to send home attendance concern and improvement letters. We may also ask you to meet with us to discuss fast tracking to boost time spent in school. These strategies all aim to help children and families. It's great to work together.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter and look forward to seeing you all when we return!

Louise Jackson and Emma Hunt



Term Dates

Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.
Please see our website for information.

The Last day of Spring Term is Friday 1st April.

Children return on Wednesday 20th April.

Twitter

Please follow us on twitter as we are using that social media platform more regularly than Facebook.



Snettisham, Heacham Infant and Junior _WNAT
[@heachaminfjuni](https://twitter.com/heachaminfjuni)

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Louise Jackson, our Deputy Headteacher Emma Hunt, or our Acting Assistant Head, Claire Chadderton, please make an appointment at the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to ensure that the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority ☺

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Our Learning



Nursery has had a busy, happy half term here in the preschool. They have been thinking about journeys and interesting places. The children are always fascinated about animals here so lots of their play involves jungle animals. The class have told stories, made beautiful pictures and patterns and even did jungle yoga!

The children also had the chance to meet two of our local police officers who spoke about their roles in the community, what the police do and what their gear is used for.

The class has spent lots of time playing outside in the mud kitchen and preparing to plant some saplings in our garden area.



Goldfinches have learnt all about travel and transport this half term and created a wonderful hot air balloon area with a ticket booth. The class have met local police officers and crew from RNLI Hunstanton lifeboat Station. Both shared information about their jobs and how to stay safe. Following these visits, the children have investigated floating & sinking linked to boats. The class has also learnt the enormous turnip story and created their own versions, and also enjoyed visiting our new library with lots of wonderful new books on display. In Maths, the class has looked at numbers bonds to 10. Goldfinches have spent lots of time in the garden and have been exploring the new wildlife area.



Robins have been looking at architecture in DT this term and have even visited the Heacham Parish Church to look at the building's features, have a go at drawing them and even did some wax rubbings. They've even built their own building designs out of lego. The class have loved learning about how to take care of the world in Science and have talked about the effects our actions have and what we can do to help the Earth and it's animals, including humans. In History, Robins have been getting to know the monarchs from the past, particularly Charles I, but they have really enjoyed singing along to Horrible histories' song Charles II. They have learnt about parliament and the changes brought about by Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell.



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Owls have been exploring shape and fractions in Maths this term. They have loved making shapes using sticks and sweets and sharing out teddies and toys to find fractions of amounts. Science has been focused on states of matter. The children have learned how atoms are the smallest particles on earth that build up everything and even make up our own molecules. They have also been investigating what happens when chocolate is heated and it turns from a solid into a liquid. They have enjoyed writing instructions inspired by 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark' in English. In Art, Owls have been exploring 'Still Life' and have drawn flowers and objects inspired by Georgia O'Keefe and Giorgio Morandi. The class have been learning about the Romans in History, learning about the different parts of their armour, how their towns were built and Boudicca's revolt. They loved discovering that they would have been in the Iceni if they had lived 2,000 years ago!



All the classes had a fantastic time taking part in the Come and Sing Celebration Day event. Children learnt some fun, new songs, listened to some fabulous ukulele playing and participated in learning dances used in celebrations and festivals. They all had an amazing day! A very big thank you to Ellie and Laura for giving us a magical day! Our Year 1 class also had a fantastic time at the SSP Dance festival. After weeks of practising they performed at the corn exchange and did brilliantly! Well done!



Next Term

Sparrows will be learning about minibeasts! Why does a ladybird have spots? How does a caterpillar turn into a butterfly? Nursery will spend most of their time outside, providing the sunshine stays!

Goldfinches will also be learning about growing linked to plants and animals and developing their new growing raised bed (any veg seeds gratefully received!) They will also learn the little Red Hen story map, write their own sentences and stories, discover shapes and patterns and practice addition and subtraction facts up to 10.

Robins will look at continents in Geography, different types of plants and trees and how they grow in Science and free standing structures in Art .

Owls will be learning about the Romans in History, how they invaded and built an empire. In Science, the class will look at states of matter and materials and will focus on still life in Art!

All classes will be looking into trips this term. These will be confirmed at a later date.

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New Staff

We are pleased to welcome three new members of staff to Heacham Infants:



Alison Rule has joined our 3 schools, Heacham Infants, Juniors and Snettisham for a newly created role of Pastoral Support Officer. She will be supporting our children with their social, emotional and behavioural wellbeing.



Sara Minns has joined our Year 2 class, Owls as a Teaching assistant. She has been supporting our teachers and children in the class room and has already brought so much fun to Owls' lessons.



Mathew Nicholas has joined our Reception class, Goldfinches as a Teaching assistant. He is a fantastic addition to our staff and has proven himself to be a wonderful role model to our younger children.



A message from Revd Veronica Wilson

I hope you all have a lovely Easter.
Do come and visit the church in the Easter holiday.
There's lots of beautiful flowers popping up and the church is open 10-4 everyday, churchyard open 24/7.
Maybe you could do as Robins class have done and have a go at drawing the church or some of the flowers outside.
Do send a photo of your drawing 😊



Heacham Parish Church

It's great that we can be together again!
Come and join us in church for

Easter Family Celebrations



Tuesday 12th April
11am – 1pm

Bring a picnic (drinks provided)
Craft activities, games, singing and music
Learn more about the Easter story



www.heachamchurch.org.uk 01485 572539

PTA

We recently introduced you to some of our new PTA members. They are already planning some fantastic events for next term and have done a fabulous job with the Easter raffle and bonnet parade. Thank you so much for all your hard work!

It was lovely to see lots more of you at our first meeting and express your interest.

If you would like to join our PTA and help host events and fundraise for the school to enrich our pupils' experience, have a look at the '10 Reasons to join the PTA' flyer attached and pop along to our next meeting.

The next PTA meeting will take place on:
Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 2pm
We look forward to seeing you 😊



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School Dates and Events

After school clubs

Clubs starting on week commencing 25th April. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. To apply for a space please email the office. Clubs run by school staff are free. Collection from the office entrance:

Mon – Music and Movement Gymnastics with Helen for Goldfinches, Robins and Owls, 25 spaces. 2:50-3:50pm (No club on the 6th and 27th June) £40/or 2 x £20

All school run clubs will finish at 3:30pm and have 10 spaces:

Tues - Team Games with Catherine Bennett for Goldfinches

Weds - Art with Jessica Morgan for Owls and Robins

Weds - Disney Singalong with Claire Chadderton for Robins

Thurs - Poi Spinning with Lauren Thrower for Owls

Tempest Class Photos 12th May – Please ensure your child wears their school uniform. Class photos only.

NHS National Child Measurement Programme (Goldfinches Class only) 27th May - Each year in England, school children in Reception Year have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The information gathered allows services to plan how to support families to lead healthy lives.

Parent Sessions – Our Summer Term sessions can be found on page 7

Heacham Infant School Half Term Activity Challenges - Have a look at these fun Easter activities! Sock bunnies, Cardboard Egg decorating, Easter Nest Cakes. It's also a great time to get outside for a walk or a bike ride, or to explore nature. Send us photos on Dojo!



Ingredients

200g milk chocolate, broken into pieces

85g shredded wheat, crushed

2 x 1bags mini chocolate eggs

cupcake case

STEP

Melt the chocolate in a small bowl placed over a pan of barely simmering

water. Pour the chocolate over the shredded wheat and stir well to combine.

STEP 2

Spoon the chocolate wheat into 12 cupcake cases and press the back of a teaspoon in the centre to create a nest shape. Place 3 mini chocolate eggs on top of each nest. Chill the nests in the fridge for 2 hrs until set.

Local Half Term Events and Activities

There's lots of things happening around Norfolk over the Easter holiday! Here's a couple to get you started:

Saturday 16th April 11-5pm – Sandingham Easter Egg Hunt £3 per person

Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th April various sessions between 10 – 3pm – Westacre Theatre Tots Workshops £6 per child

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MORNING YOGA

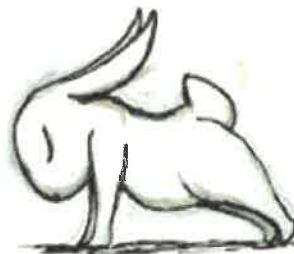
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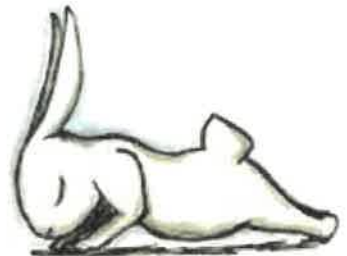
child's pose



downward dog



upper push up



lower push up



upward dog



forward fold



half lift



Mountain Pose



Warrior 1



Warrior 2



chair pose





reverse warrior

REPEAT THIS SEQUENCE X6

Breath deeply and evenly on your form Keep your back straight.

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	Upcoming parent events and workshops Summer 1	
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Curriculum Information Sessions	Date	Time	Details	How to book
	3 rd May	2.10pm-2.45pm	RWI Information Session for Parents of all classes	Please contact the office to confirm attendance
	16 th May	2.10pm-2.45pm	Magic Maths (fluency focus) for Parents from Reception to Year 2	
	26 th April 16 th May	3pm-3.30pm	PTA Meeting	The more the merrier, please contact the office if you would like to attend


Learning showcase week

(these will be held each half term going forwards and will take place in classroom areas unless otherwise stated)

Learning Showcase Sessions	May 10 th	8.30am-9.30am	Year 1 Learning showcase for parents (children share work with their families)	Maximum of 15 parents for each of these sessions so please book via the office
	May 11 th	8.30am-9.00am	Year 2 Learning showcase for parents (children share work with their families)	
	May 12 th	8.30am-9.00am	Nursery Stay and Play for parents (please choose a session that your child usually attends)	
		1.30pm-2.30pm		
	May 13 th	8.30am-9.00am	Reception Learning showcase for parents (children share work with their families)	

Easter Parent Sessions

Extra events	9 th May	2pm-3pm	Sunflower Reading Café and Craft Session for all classes	Please join us for an Easter themed story and craft session in the hall, contact the office to confirm attendance, maximum of 10 families per class
	27 th May	Morning	Royal Fun ☺	Children dress in red white and blue for a day of royal fun
	27 th May	2pm-3pm	Queens Jubilee tea party	Further details to follow

	<p>Queens Jubilee</p> <p>If you have any bunting or plastic picnic wear which you would be willing to donate to us we would be very grateful ☺</p> <p>PTA</p> <p>We are always looking for more people to join our PTA, if you would like to find out more, please contact the PTA ☺</p>
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1

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.

2

IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

3

MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

4

BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

PTA⁺

The home of school fundraising

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REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

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BECAUSE IT'S FUN!

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

6

CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER

Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

7

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

8

IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them

9

IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS

Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.

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CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.

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50 things to do **five** before you're

Fifty no/low cost activities for babies, toddlers and preschoolers in a FREE app.

From puddle jumping to painting or from baking to bubbles, help your little one learn key language skills with these 50 free or low cost activities to do in Norfolk.

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norfolk.50thingstodo.org

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Creative Dance Workshop
@
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Tuesday 19th April
10am-2.30pm (bring a packed lunch)
£20.00 Per day per child
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admin@musicandmovement.org.uk



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Be a Swap Rockstar!

- 1** Scan the barcode on your favourite foods
- 2** Swipe to see healthier choices
- 3** Swap next time you shop

Can you make 5 swaps?
Try colouring them in as you go*



Name _____ has made 5 swaps and is a Swap Rockstar

*Crayons work best. If you use felt tips make sure you allow time to dry.

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Use your loaf

I'm stuffed!

Like toasties, love prizes?

20 million slices of bread are wasted every day in the UK, and we need your help to change that.

Enter the #TastyToastie competition with your idea, photo or recipe of a toastie that saves every slice whilst using up leftovers.

Open to all primary and secondary school aged children in Norfolk and Suffolk.

There are lots of prizes to be won, so get those ideas in the pan!

Open from 7th March – 10th April 2022
To enter, visit foodsavvy.org.uk/tasty-toastie

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West Norfolk Academies Trust

Easter Home Challenge



This year we would like you to decorate an egg to show us who you think is the most important person, or the most interesting person, in History.

Your egg will need to be self-supporting (stand up itself) and should include an explanation of who your chosen person is and why you think they're interesting/important.

Your egg should be on a base (cardboard or similar).

The competition will be judged on the following criteria:

- Decoration
- An explanation of importance and why you selected them

Entries should be brought into school by Friday 22nd April for a chance to win a £20 Amazon voucher!

The winners from each school will be decided by the Chair of the Governing body and will be put forward to determine a final KS1 & KS2 winner.



WILDlings Adventure Parties

Easter Family Fun Day

Join WILDlings for an Easter family fun day on Wednesday 13th April. Have a go at Easter themed crafts and games, toast bunny tails (marshmallows of course!!) over the campfire, hunt for signs of spring and explore nature. There will be lots of activities to keep you all busy. You can also build dens, look for bugs, play on the rope swing, make pies in the mud kitchen, try some mud sledging, and relax in the hammock.

A fun session for all ages, recommended from walking. Sessions are 10-12 and 12-2, cost £5 per child and held at WILDlings woods on the Ken Hill estate, Snettisham. Please message WILDlings to book in.

Children must bring an adult. For directions, please see wildlingsparties.co.uk

If you are unable to make this date you are welcome to join us for our Little WILDlings sessions Mondays and Thursdays 10-12 through the holidays, aimed at pre-schoolers but any age / older sibling's welcome.

See you in the woods 🌲

The Norfolk Churches Trust Schools Art Competition 2022

Date: 01 May 2022 10:00

The Norfolk Churches Trust is delighted to announce that following the success of the last art competition, it will take place again this year.

The competition is to inspire children from Norfolk Primary Schools to draw or paint their own church. The work of art needs to include a part of your local church, either the interior, exterior or even smaller details.

To be judged by the Bishop of Norwich

The competition will be divided into three age categories as follows:

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 ~~~~ Year 3 & Year 4 ~~~~ Year 5 & 6

Entries should be no larger than A4 (297mm x 210mm).

One entry per child.

All mediums, except photography, can be included.

In each age category there will be a first and second prize:

1st Prize – The school will receive £100 and the artist £30

2nd Prize – The school will receive £50 and the artist £20

All entries must be submitted by post to Norfolk Churches Trust Art Competition, East Beckham Hall, East Beckham, Norfolk, NR11 6GA and received by 14th April 2022.



Please include the entry form which you can download [here](#). The entrant's name, year group & school name needs to be included on the reverse of the artwork.

The winning entrants will have their work on display in the Norfolk Churches Trust tent, at the

Stately Car Boot Sale, at Sennowe Park, Guist, Norfolk, NR20 5PB on Sunday 1st May 2022, 10am – 3pm.

The Norfolk Churches Trust accepts no responsibility for damaged or lost entries.

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Have you checked for funding?

You might be eligible for Free School Meals/Early Years Pupil Premium funding.

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including free school meals), so it is worth applying! Pupil Premium can cover Nursery sessions too!

You can apply online:

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

Or email the office for an application form.



West Norfolk Academies Trust is now on [easyfundraising](#). If you would like to help raise funds for the schools across the trust, every time you shop online, please take a look on [easyfundraising.com](#)

Cashless Payments

All payments can be made via ParentPay, the school's bank details or through the card machine held at the office. Payments include Drop in Club, Nursery Fees, Charity collections, etc.

ParentPay:

We've had a few glitches since setting up but these will all be sorted soon.

If you have not had a letter to set up your child's ParentPay, please contact the office.

Contactless Card Payments:

Payments via the card machine held at the school office.

Bank Transfer payments should be made to:

Heacham Infant and Nursery School

Sort code: 30-99-77

Account Number: 35469768

*Please add a reference to your bank payment e.g.

'Surname Nursery' or 'Surname Red Nose'.

FSM Voucher Reminder

A message from the NCC:

To support children and families at the height of the Covid pandemic, the government provided additional funding to local authorities, first through the Covid Winter Grant and later via the Household Support Fund (HSF).

In Norfolk, this was primarily used to fund free school meal vouchers, for eligible children, during the school holidays. The fund was a one-off grant to bridge the gap between the end of furlough and the Universal Credit top-up and to give extra support to those facing significant hardship, as the economy began to recover from the pandemic.

That funding has now come to an end, meaning that free school meal vouchers will not be provided over the upcoming two-week break. The NCC recognise that the cost of living is increasing and some families may continue to need extra support over the Easter break.

The government is continuing to fund the Holiday Activities and Food programme, known locally as [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun](#), for at least the next two years. This scheme includes a range of free fun activities, as well as a free lunch. Places are provided on a first come, first served basis but there are still spaces available.

There is a fuller update on [this programme here](#).

Additionally, the [Norfolk Assistance Scheme \(NAS\)](#) is available to support eligible families, by providing financial advice and food vouchers. Families can also search for local support for food and finances, via the [Community Directory](#).

The NCC would always encourage any parents who might need extra help to contact them on 0344 800 8020, so that they can help ensure families are getting the support that they need.

Covid-19 Updates

The school continues to follow the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools. The Government currently advises to self-isolate (stay at home) for 10 days if you have a positive LFD result. You may be able to end isolation if you have a negative LFD on the 5th and 6th day of your isolation. This information will be updated on Friday 1st April 2022.

Please refer to the government website for updates

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Be kind. Keep your distance. Stay safe.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

Just One from the Children's and Young People's Health Service has lots of useful information on pregnancy, children's health and developmental needs, activities and more. They also have a very helpful section about starting school – how to deal with any worries or concerns, how to get organised and where you can get some support.



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