



Newsletter – May 2022

Heacham Infant School

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Dear families

We have enjoyed a busy start to the Summer Term with plenty of great learning taking place indoors and outdoors through our curriculum offer at school.

Children in EYFS have been learning outside to investigate life cycles in plants and animals- looking at eggs hatching, caterpillars growing and seeds coming to life. We have been so impressed to hear the specific vocabulary in Reception around the life cycle with pupils saying the word metamorphosis for example!

Elsewhere in KS1, pupils are learning to recall the names of the continents and oceans around our world, are learning about deciduous and evergreen plants and are making electrical circuits! Please ask them about these areas of learning – use the knowledge organisers that come home via dojo to check your child can recall and explain the vocabulary we teach. Our Y2 pupils have just completed the assessments set by the government in May called SATS- the staff and pupils worked so hard to undertake these tests and we are very proud of them all!

Other assessments taking place after half term are Y1 Phonic Score Checks.

You will receive reports at the end of this year with a summary of achievement in the statutory assessments in Y1, Y2 in July.

Finally, if you have any concerns about the progress your child is making at school please speak to the SEND team, Teresa Menday and Emma Radford by emailing the office.

Enjoy the half term and Jubilee celebrations!

Louise Jackson and Emma Hunt

Term Dates

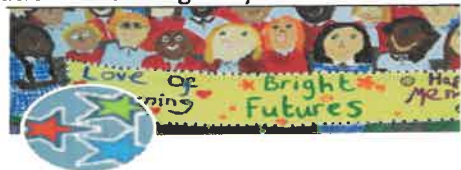
Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.
Please see our website for information.

**The Last day of Summer half term is 27th
May.**

Children return on Monday 6th June.

Twitter

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



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@heachamjunior

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 have been looking at Growth. They have talked about the transition from babies to toddlers and pre-schoolers and looked at the growth of animals and plants. The children have been watching their caterpillars transform (they're almost ready to turn into butterflies!) and have planted new plants in the garden area to see how they grow. They have investigated the colours and patterns of nature and tried to recreate their own.

The children also had the chance to explore a fire engine and learnt about all the parts, things on board and items that the firefighters wear.

Goldfinches have learnt all about life cycles and have really enjoyed taking care of and watching their tadpoles grow into little froglets! Their caterpillars are also going through their metamorphosis and will soon be butterflies! They have also taken part in a dance workshop themed around butterflies! The class have heard and recited the story of The Little Red Hen, creating their own versions with story maps. The children have spent lot of time in the garden, planting up the beds with flowers and vegetables and spending time in the construction area and on the climbing frame. Goldfinches had a wonderful visit from the Heacham Fire Station recently and were able to have a look at the fire engine and even have a go with the hoses!

Robins have been explored plants. They have learnt about all the parts of a plant, how they grow, spread seeds and the different types: evergreen and deciduous. The class have really enjoyed singing the continents song in Geography and learning facts about them. Did you know Africa is shaped like an elephant? And Italy is shaped like a boot? In Maths, the children have looked at multiplications and fractions. The class have particularly liked building freestanding structures and testing bridges. All of the class are working hard and increasing their independence, taking care over how they present their work.

Owls have been completing their SATs this week, well done everyone.

This half term the class have created an ocean themed mural together, incorporating printing and weaving. In Science, they have built electrical circuits and looked at how electricity is conducted. They have learnt about measurement and time in Maths and their writing is really improving, they have written some wonderful explanation texts in English. The class has really enjoyed learning about the Mosque and belonging in RE and in Geography, Roald Amundsen, a Norwegian explorer, who was one of the greatest figures in the field of polar exploration. They have explored Northern Europe and looked into the pink-footed goose's migration. In PSHE all the children have talked about friendship, resolving conflict and using kind hands.

Next Term

Sparrows will be investigating the seashore! They will look at all the creatures that live there and in the sea, sharing many seashore related words and learning how to stay safe near the water. They will also be able to watch some shrimp grow!

Goldfinches will also be learning about the sea, discussing what creatures can be found in the ocean and on the shore, listening to stories about the sea, learning how to stay safe near water and talking about why lighthouses are important and what can harm creatures in the sea. They will visit the Hunstanton Sealife Centre and just like Nursery, will have some shrimp in class!

Robins will look at 3D art and sculptures, discover the role of Parliament, talk about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and discuss whether they are important to Jewish children in RE. They will investigate materials and magnets in Science.

Owls will be finding out about Powerful Voices, such as Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela. They will visit the solar system through Astronomy in Science, discovering constellations, waxing and waning moons and how the Earth is made, and looking at moving vehicles, wheels and axels in Design Technology.

Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Jubilee event and donated cakes! Our PTA raised £106!
We hope you had a wonderful time and we look forward to seeing you all at the next event.

A message from Revd Veronica Wilson

Hello everyone,

Do have a look at the poster attached for our jubilee event in the church on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June. There will be children's activities along with refreshments, scarecrows, flowers and bunting.

We have mown a labyrinth in the grass at the front of the church again and from Thursday 26th May you are welcome to come up to the churchyard in the half term holiday and walk round the labyrinth. The church is open from 10am - 4pm but the labyrinth is open all the time.



PTA

A huge thank you to our PTA who worked so hard to plan the fabulous Jubilee event this week. They have more fantastic events planned for next half term too!

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 14th June

We look forward to seeing you 😊

Clubs, School Dates and Events

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 – **CONTINUING FOR CHILDREN ALREADY ATTENDING** 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

Tues – **CONTINUING FOR CHILDREN ALREADY ATTENDING** SSP Dance Festival Club with Steph Johnson and Lauren Thrower for Robins 2:50 -3:30pm

All school run clubs will take place from the week commencing Monday 13th June and by the 15th July, will finish at 3:30pm and have 10 spaces:

Weds - Gardening with Catherine Bennett for Goldfinches

Weds - Art with Jessica Morgan for Owls and Robins

Weds - Gardening with Claire Chadderton for Owls

Thurs - Poi Spinning with Lauren Thrower for Robins and Owls

Reception Sealife Centre Visit Friday 17th June – Goldfinches Class will be visiting the Hunstanton Sealife centre as part of their learning this term. Children will travel to Hunstanton by coach and return to Heacham Infant for usual collection.

KS1 Commonwealth Games Festival Friday 24th June – Robins and Owls children will take part in this Sports Festival representing as a Commonwealth country. This is during school time and children will travel with their teachers to Hunstanton Primary by coach and return to Heacham Infant for the usual collection time.

SSP Dance Festival Tuesday 5th July – Robins already attending SSP Dance club will perform at the King's Lynn Corn Exchange in the morning. This is during school time and children will travel with school staff by coach and return to Heacham Infant for the usual collection time.

Parent Sessions – Our Summer Term 2 sessions can be found on page 6

Heacham Infant School Half Term Activity Challenges – Have a look at these fun half term activities! Can you create a loo roll Queen, Royal Guard or Corgi? Perhaps you'd like to dress up like Bluey and Bingo and send us a video on Dojo of your best Queen/King impression? World Environment Day is on Sunday 5th June, create a Care Tree and tell us what you do to care for the environment or have a go at making leaf lanterns. Send us photos on Dojo!






Local Half Term Events and Activities

There's lots of things happening around Norfolk over the Summer holiday! Have a look online at the Primary Times. Here's a couple to get you started:

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th May, 10-5pm – Fairy Fair, Bradmoor Woods, West Acre Tickets available on Eventbrite.

From Saturday 28th May – Jubilee Journeys at Bure Valley Railway. Prices vary.

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		Upcoming parent events and workshops Summer 2		
Curriculum Information Sessions	Date	Time	Details	How to book
	6 th July	2.10pm - 2.45pm	SEND and Behaviour Information Session for Parents of all classes	Please contact the office to confirm attendance
	14 th June and 12 th July	2pm – 2:45pm	PTA Meeting	The more the merrier!
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	22 nd June	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
	22 nd June	8.30am - 9.00am	Year 2 Learning showcase for parents (children share work with their families)	
	21 st June	8.30am - 9.30am	Nursery Stay and Play for parents (please choose a session that your child usually attends)	
		1.30pm - 2.30pm		
	22 nd June	8.30am - 9.00am	Reception Learning showcase for parents (children share work with their families)	
Summer Parent Sessions				
Extra Events	10 th June	2pm -3pm	World Oceans Reading Café and Craft Session for all classes	Please join us for an ocean themed story and craft session in the hall, contact the office to confirm attendance, maximum of 10 families per class
	1 st July	2pm -3pm	Sunflower Reading Café and Craft Session for all classes	Please join us for an summer themed story and craft session in the hall, contact the office to confirm attendance, maximum of 10 families per class
	8 th July	3pm - 4:30pm	After school disco.	£2.50 per child. Please purchase a ticket from the school office. Price includes a snack and a fruit drink.
	20 th July	2pm -3pm	Great Big Picnic	Join us on the last Wednesday before school ends for the Summer. BBQ and refreshments available. Please can we ask for cake donations. Thank you.
		PTA We are always looking for more people to join our PTA, if you would like to find out more, please contact the PTA 😊		

Thank you for supporting us, it has been lovely to welcome you all back into school. Have a wonderful Summer! 😊

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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 name 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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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

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.

Download the app today!




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WILDlings
Adventure Parties

Jubilee Family Fun Day
30th May 10-12 and 12.30-2.30

Celebrate with WILDlings for a Jubilee themed Family Fun Day. Make crafts, play games, toast marshmallows over the campfire 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, or relax in the hammock.

Fun sessions for all ages, recommended from walking. Cost £5 per child and held at WILDlings woods on the Ken Hill Estate, Snettisham. Please message WILDlings to book in and always check the weather before your session, I will need to cancel sessions in high winds. Children must bring an adult and dress for the weather.

For directions, please see wildlingsparties.co.uk

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PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID



This could be the most valuable 2 hours of learning you have ever spent. Choking, head injury and fracture all are medical emergencies that children may experience. Do you know how to respond? This **FREE** workshop will give you the knowledge and skills to make a difference and potentially save a life.

Date: 27th June 2022

Time: 13:00 - 15:00

Venue: Hunstanton Library

Cost: FREE

Duration: 1 session

To find out more and book your place:
www.norfolk.gov.uk/familylearning
0344 800 8020 (option 5)

Children of families attending this workshop will be able to access a one off after school club until 3:30pm (if they do not already attend gymnastics). We want to ensure you are able to complete the workshop and not worry about being late for collecting your child. Please send us confirmation of your booking so we can add your child to the club list. Thank you ☺

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Victoria Sponge Butterfly Cakes

Ingredients

- 110g butter , softened
- 110g caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 110g self-raising flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tbsp milk , plus 2 tbsp if needed, to loosen the buttercream
- strawberry jam (optional)
- sprinkles (optional)

For the buttercream

- 300g icing sugar
- 150g butter , softened
- 2 tsp vanilla paste



(Make it vegan by substituting the eggs, butter and milk for alternatives!)

Method

• STEP 1

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Line a cupcake tin with 10 cases. To make the sponge, tip the butter, sugar, eggs, vanilla, flour, baking powder and milk into a large [mixing bowl](#) and beat with either a hand [whisk](#) or electric mixer until smooth, pale and combined. Divide the batter between the cases and bake for 15 mins until golden brown and a skewer inserted in the middle of a cake comes out clean. Leave on a wire rack to cool.

• STEP 2

While the cakes are cooling, make the buttercream by beating together the icing sugar, butter and vanilla until pale and fluffy. Mix in the extra milk if the icing feels too stiff.

• STEP 3

Once the cakes are cool, use a sharp knife to slice off the tops, then cut the tops in half. Pipe or spread the buttercream on top of the cakes, then gently push two semi-circular halves into the buttercream on each cake, doing this at an angle to look like butterfly wings. You can serve the cupcakes at this stage, or decorate them with a little blob of jam in the centre and a scattering of sprinkles, if you like.



Heacham Parish Church



We are delighted to join Heacham community's
celebrations for

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend!



Come and see our three Coronation Scarecrows and
floral displays and handmade Royal bunting

**1950s-style refreshments Friday & Saturday 10am–4pm.
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**Peruse stalls of books, plants, very-nearly-new,
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Explore 'Thy Kingdom Come' activities

**Join our Platinum Jubilee Celebration Service
Sunday 10am**

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