



T O G E T H E R W E E X P L O R E , D I S C O V E R , A C H I E V E A N D G R O W

The last day of school is Friday 4th April

We come back to School on Wednesday 23rd April

Dear Families,

It has been another busy term, filled with learning and exciting events and opportunities. A BIG thank you to our PTA who are organising so many special events for the children. We hope you liked your Mothers Day flowers! It was a pleasure to see the children so excited to colour the wrapping paper to cover the primroses.

In other news, we have enjoyed many visitors this term . The pupils were fascinated by the RNLI who taught us about water safety and the work they do to protect us. We also enjoyed a visit from the police to explain how they helped people and to show off the sirens in the police car! Rev Wilson came to take an assembly to introduce us to the Easter story. She was very impressed with what the children already know. Plenty of sports events have been attended with our cluster and trust schools - some real talent on display at the recent dance festival dancing to Blame it on the Boogie. Thank you for coming to support the dancers at this events and for cheering us on.

Our overall attendance rate at Heacham Infants is lower than the national average this year, partly this is due to higher level illness such as sickness bugs and chicken pox. However please check NHS advice before keeping children at home to build resilience with a common cold. We are also unable to authorise term time holidays unless there are very exceptional circumstances. Evidence does show that attending school makes a real difference to success in later life - building resilience and positive attitudes to working. Thank you so much for your support.

Have a great Easter break, enjoy the sunshine and see you on 23rd April for the Summer Term

Best wishes

Louise Jackson



Sparrows

This half term we have been learning about different transport and how and where they move, land, sea or air. We have made our own vehicles and been on lots of adventures. We have looked at different places around the world, visiting virtual jungles, learning about Africa and how we would travel to different places. We enjoyed the story of Handa's Surprise learning about African animals and the different types of fruit from the story. We also tasted all of the fruits from the story with some being more popular than others.

The children have loved being able to spend more time in the garden with the beautiful weather we've been having. We have a new sandpit which has been very popular and lots of water play. The children have dressed up for world book day, showing off their favourite characters and dressed in red to raise money for comic relief. We have also made some lovely cards and pictures for mothers day and enjoyed Easter crafts leading us into the Easter holidays.

Goldfinches

As usual, we have been busy bees here in Goldfinch class. We have had some exciting visitors; Miss Helen, who runs imaginative topic based workshops, Mrs Bower, who comes to play PE games, and James Campbell, a real author. By the time you read this, we will have had visits from the police and RNLI, as part of our learning about the emergency services.

The children continue to wow us with their phonics learning and we encourage families to read books together every day if you can.

Kingfishers

As we come to the end of the spring term, I would like to celebrate the amazing progress Kingfishers have made. They have truly come on leaps and bounds especially in their writing. They have been developing their creativity, confidence, and ability to structure their ideas beautifully so well done! In Science, we have been learning about how to take care of our Earth. The children have shown great enthusiasm for discussing ways to reduce waste, recycle, and protect our environment. They have been really intrigued in the ways the Earth can be polluted and thinking of strategies to reduce this! Our visit to St Mary's Church was a fantastic opportunity to explore architectural structures. The children enjoyed looking at the details of the building after learning about some different architectural features. It was great to then be able to see these features in real life and fully understand their purpose. We also had great fun creating our own stained glass windows to tell our own story. In Maths, we have been focusing on multiplication and division, using a variety of concrete resources to help deepen our understanding. The children have enjoyed using hands-on learning and outdoor learning to strengthen their knowledge and problem-solving skills. It has been a busy and exciting term, and we are incredibly proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm the children have shown in their learning. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to another fantastic term ahead!

Miss Hardingham, Miss Minns and Mrs Francis

Owls

Owls have had an amazing half term and continue to work hard. In English the children have enjoyed writing instructions on how to look after a pet dragon, this has sparked some fantastic discussions and debates. They have enjoyed reading the story 'The Owl who is afraid of the dark' and used this to help innovate their ideas. In maths we have been learning how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes, learning about fractions of shape and number and statistics - tally charts, pictograms and graphs. In Science we have enjoyed learning all about matter and materials and thought scientifically. We have looked at making predictions, fair tests and showing our results. We had great fun investigating the absorbency of different materials to investigate which would be the most suitable material for a mop. In art we have been learning all about still life. We have studied the artist Georgia O'Keefe and Paul Cezanne. We learnt how to create tone by using cross hatching. We have created some beautiful art work that we are very proud of. In History we have been learning all about the Romans and enjoyed a trip to Kings Lynn museum to learn all about the Romans and the Iceni tribe, it was great fun. We would like to wish you all a lovely Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back in the Summer term on Wednesday 23rd April.



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

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! For more info / to apply visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/38166>



After School Clubs

Tuesday— SSP Dance with Miss Johnson
Wednesday—Creative Club with Mrs Waters
Thursday — Singing with Mrs Steel

Please email the school office to book a place. Preference will be given to those who did not take part last half term. 1 club per child.



Tempest Class Photos 08.05.25
YR Church Farm Trip 07.05.25
PTA Red, White & Blue day 09.05.25
Year2 start swimming 04.06.25
Year2 Cluster Cycle Races 12.06.25 @ Glebe
SSP Dance Festival 17.06.25 (PM)
Year2 Area Sports 02.07.25 @ SHS
Year2 Trip to Banham Zoo 03.07.25
Active Kids Festival 04.07.25
KS1 Sports Festival @ HJS 04.07.25

Please see this useful link to Norfolk County Council's website for any Nursery application or funding queries—

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-learning/free-childcare-and-learning/free-childcare-for-all-3-and-4-year-olds>

Early Years Finance can be contacted on 01603 222300.



Emergency Contacts

If any of your details have changed or you would like to add or remove an emergency contact please email the school office with the details—office@heachaminfant.co.uk

It is school policy that we should at least 2 emergency contacts for every child.

Please also remember to let us know any address changes ASAP



The importance of good attendance

The Government strives for every pupil to achieve 97% attendance. Every day away from school is a day away from learning and this can have an impact on a child's education and future accomplishments.

We want every child to enjoy school and achieve their potential in education and life beyond. We are always here to talk through any issues and help find solutions. Parents are always a phone call away if a child is too ill to continue their day, please encourage them to try to give the day a go, children often feel much better once they are in class.

The Government has issued new attendance guidance and targets to all schools, you may receive regular texts informing you of the number of days that your child has been absent in a term/year. The Government hope that this personal approach will make parents more aware of how the odd day adds up and help keep you informed.



Heacham Infant & Nursery School

If you have a matter that you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Louise Jackson, our Deputy Headteacher Emma Hunt or our Assistant Head Claire Dack, 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 children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority.

Phone: 01485 570357 Email: office@heachaminfant.co.uk

Heacham Infant School Supporting Heacham Yard Sale

25th May 9am-3pm

The Heacham Infant School and Nursery PTA are opening the school playground to allow those who don't have gardens to have a table, all tables are £5, Please contact us on heachaminfantandnurserypta@outlook.com if you would like a table.

We will be selling tea, coffee and cake and have a toilets available



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VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY
WITH STREET PARTY AT 2PM
FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2025**

With Hunstanton decorating in red, white and blue for the 80th VE day anniversary between the 8th -11th may2025 we thought it was only right to join in



please NO hairdye just different hair accessories and styles,
Please wear red, white and blue
we will be holding at street party from 2pm with tea, coffee, juice and cake, and a singer