



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
Thursday 24th
October**

**We come back
to School on
Monday 4th
November**

Dear Families,

We would like to invite any interested people to consider joining our governing body. We have a dedicated team of governors that challenge and support us but we need some new members. There are 4 meetings each year between 5-6.30pm and scheduled termly deep dives during the school day to check the quality of teaching and learning. It is a voluntary but vital role. If you would like to find out more please contact our Chair of Governors, Barbara Herring on b.herring@westnorfolkacademiestrust.co.uk .

We would like to remind everyone to please apply for Free School Meals if you think you may be eligible You can use this link to apply:- <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/38166> For every child that receives this our school receives extra vital funding. Please see the post from September on Class DoJo for full details.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for all their hard work, especially on their recent recycling crafts day and a successful Halloween Movie Night. Thank you to all parents who supported this also.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 4th November for another busy half term, on the run up to Christmas.

Best wishes

Louise Jackson

The Nest and Sparrows

The children have settled really well into their first half term as have those who are returning after the summer break. We have been quite lucky with the weather and the children have been able to enjoy the garden and outside areas.

We have been talking about our emotions and how to recognise how someone is feeling by looking at their face. and understanding expressions. We have learnt about making new friends and being kind and helpful with each other and how we can help our school community by working together and looking after our Nursery and school equipment.

We have been listening to each other and the sounds we hear in our environment and discovering how we can make quiet and loud sounds using instruments.

We have loved listening to lots of stories, especially looking at the story of Owl Babies and seeing what we can discover about owls. The children have also been retelling the story in their own words.

Goldfinches

We're really proud of the children in Goldfinch class. They have settled well and are busy and happy. They are doing extremely well with phonics and practise reading and writing every day.

This half term we have been learning about ourselves; our bodies, families, homes and feelings. The children have been out and about, firstly to look at different types of houses and then to the church to see the new bell arrive. As I write, we are busy practising our Harvest song to sing to our families. Have a lovely half term break and thank you for sending in children who are kind, thoughtful and ready to learn.

Kingfishers

Kingfishers have settled in really well to their new class. They have been learning some of the following :-

Tom Cat story in English & writing own fast forward stories

Maths, leaning about partitioning numbers into 2 parts

Geography, learning maps are aerial views and drawing maps of our own

Science, learning about our 5 senses.

PE, learning the skills to help us be able to do orienteering, lots of great teamwork

Art - lovely work around colour and line, including the artists Van Gogh and Miro. Keep up the great work!

Owls

Owls have settled in brilliantly to Year 2, they are working hard and already making fantastic progress. They have had a great first half term and squeezed in lots of new learning! In English the children have enjoyed writing a journey tale based on the story The Papaya that Spoke. In maths we have been working hard to secure our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help solve those trickier Year 2 calculations.

In Science we have enjoyed learning all about animals and their habitats and found out that deserts aren't just sand they can be snow too!

In art we have been learning all about visual texture and have created some fantastic pieces of art. In Geography we have been learning all about Maps and using a key. We have enjoyed looking at our local environment and identifying physical and human features. We've even had a go at making our own maps.

We would like to wish you all a lovely October half term break and look forward to welcoming you back in the 2nd part of the Autumn term.

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>





Tuesday— Movie Club with Miss Hardingham

Tuesday—Christmas Crafts with Miss Johnson

Thursday— Mindful Colouring with Miss Bennett

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.



24.10.24—School Closes For October Half Term

05.11.24—Individual School Photos

05.11.24—Special Lunch

12.11.24 & 14.11.24—Parents Evening

14.11.24—Mop Up Flu Vaccine Session

18.11.24—Lynn News to Photograph Goldfinches

12.12.24—St Marys Church Christmas Performance

16.12.24—Owls Trip to Flagfen

20.12.24—Finish for Christmas

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

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

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

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