



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 24th October**

**We come back to School on Monday 3rd November**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to this academic year with all the children settling well into their new class. The new EYFS children have made such good progress already and seem to really enjoy the learning in Sparrows and Goldfinches - welcome aboard to our new families. Please catch Mrs Dack and I in the playground if you have any questions about school life. Barbara Herring is our Chair of Governors ( and a parent at Snettisham School too) Vicky Plunkett is Chair of our PTA at Heacham Infant School - catch her if you would like to get involved.

Attendance has been just below national average this year. You can send your child into school with a mild illness under NHS guidelines. If they are too poorly we will contact you. Increased attendance above 95% is proven to support your child's learning and development. We follow a 'support first' approach so please contact us if you have any difficulties getting into school every day.

We have enjoyed sporting success already this term with many children competing across schools in the cross country. We were proud of their efforts and enthusiasm.

The staff at Heacham Infants have been busy developing the spaces in school and outside. This is so the children have many opportunities to develop socially, emotionally and physically. We hope to open one room to you soon before school with books, games and advice - watch this space!

Enjoy your half term break and thank you for all your help and support.

Best wishes

*Louise Jackson*

## Sparrows

We have had a great first half term at nursery. Our new children have settled well and the older children have been great friends and helpers.

This half term we have been concentrating on being kind and helpful, our family and friends and people who help us. We have visited different areas of the school to see who does what to help us, thought about kind things we can do for others and what they have done for us and been helpful in nursery, helping to tidy.

We have looked at numbers 1-5 which we will continue to do in our everyday learning and listening to different sounds from our world around us.

We have some new pets in nursery, Giant African Land Snails, although, they are still very tiny. The children have taken great care of them. Learning to keep their tank moist, learning about their habitat and what to feed them.

## Goldfinches

This half term, the children have enjoyed learning all about themselves. They have explored their bodies, feelings, and how to keep healthy and happy. In English, we have loved getting to know the story 'Finding a Friend' and have made a fantastic start on our phonics journey, beginning to blend sounds and form our letters correctly. In maths, we have been busy working with the numbers 1 to 5, learning how to count, recognise, and use them in lots of fun ways. The children have also been settling beautifully into school life, learning new routines, making friends, and growing in confidence every day!

## Kingfishers

What an excellent start Kingfishers have had to year 1! This term Kingfishers have been doing some super hard work. First of all, well done to every single pupil for their consistent effort, enthusiastic attitude to all their learning and settling into year 1 so well. In Science we have been learning all about the human body and our five senses. This topic really sparked a huge interest with the class. We conducted practical experiments by tasting and smelling different things from strong to sweet and sour. This helped us to understand how our senses worked. Kingfishers really enjoyed this practical lesson! Moving onto maths we have been focusing on place value to 10 and addition. We have been using lots of practical resources to help us with our learning and have made some excellent progress. Well done! In Art it is safe to say our creative skills have flourished as we have been learning all about the fundamental elements of colour and line. We focused on the primary colours, then moving onto the secondary colours to then explore tint and shade. We explored how different lines straight, wavy, thick, and thin can create texture and movement in a picture. We also discussed how different colours can be mixed and can make us feel. The first term has been a great one for all the children in Kingfishers and I am overjoyed with all the progress that has been made and hope they have thoroughly enjoyed the term! Have a fantastic half-term break!

## Owls

Owls are settling in brilliantly to Year 2, they are working hard and already making fantastic progress which is lovely to see. We are working on showing respect and kindness which are 2 of our school values. 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 trickier Year 2 calculations. In Science we have enjoyed learning all about animals and their habitats and found out that deserts aren't always sand - they can be cold environments 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>



## After School Clubs

**Tuesday— TBC**

**Wednesday— TBC**

**Thursday — TBC**

**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.**



**05.11.25—Individual School Photos**

**14.11.25—PTA Christmas Market**

**10.11.25—Yr 1 Trues Yard**

**25.11.25—Yr 2 Kings Lynn Museum**

**03.12.25—Yr R NHS Hearing & Vision Checks**

**14.11.25—Children in Need—Wear Spots**

**14.11.25—PTA Christmas Market 3pm**

**11.12.25—Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch**

**19.12.25—Yr 2 to HJS for Christmas Panto**

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](mailto: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 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](mailto:office@heachaminfant.co.uk)**

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**We are offering a free dental screening!**

This project is for **children** between 0-12 years who have  
**never** seen a dentist. This will be carried out at our  
Kings Lynn Clinic  
**St James Clinic, Exton's Road, Kings Lynn PE30 5NU**  
with one of our Dentists.

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where you will be advised if any treatment or no treatment is  
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screening your child will be offered an appointment to complete  
all dental care needed.

If you would like an appointment please use the QR Code to  
complete the form and we will contact you to arrange an  
appointment which will be on Monday 27th October 2025  
We have a limit of number of spaces as part of the project.  
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Alternatively you could contact our clinic to book an appointment on  
0333 207 9954 - Please quote Henry Schein dental screening offer

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14th November 3-5pm for parents  
open to general public 3.30-5pm

HEACHAM INFANT AND NURSERY PTA

# Christmas Market

fun for the  
whole family

Handmade gifts, food stalls,  
gingerbread decorating, crafts, and more!