

# Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery School

MAY 2025



## WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all so excited to officially 'open' our new school field on Tuesday next week. I did the final checks and received our maintenance instructions from NORSE grounds this week, so everyone is so excited to use the field every day. As you know, we shall be having an opening ceremony on Tuesday morning, cutting the red ribbon, and then enjoying a picnic lunch together with the whole school. This lovely picnic idea was suggested to me by Delilah, Willow, Maisie and Aliya (in Year 3), so a huge thank you to these girls.

Thank you for all using the pathways in the mornings and afternoons to ensure the field does not get worn in patches. We will continue this when the field is in use as well please.

We are getting quotes currently to extend the pathway round the whole field, so that the Daily Mile can be started in classes. We are also due to have several new climbing equipment areas on the field, and also development of the Forest school area near the pond.

We are looking forward to seeing the outside areas develop further.

Have a relaxing long weekend, and see you back in school on Tuesday.

Mrs Louise Mainwaring

Headteacher



## DIARY DATES

Date	Time	What	Who	Place
<b>May</b>				
5 May		May Bank Holiday - School Closed		
6 May	11.45am	Obstacle Course Challenge	Selected - Year 4	Eaton Vale
7 May	12.30	Multiskills	Reception	Easton College
7 May	1.30pm	Local library trip	Laurel	Hethersett Library
12 - 15 May		SATS week	Year 6	
14 May	1.30pm	Local library trip	Hazel	Hethersett Library
16 May		Non - Uniform Day - Seaside Theme	Whole School	
16 May	9.30pm	Year 6 Memorial Park Visit	Year 6	Hethersett Memorial Park
16 May	1.45pm	Ice-Cream Van for Year 6's	Year 6	Playground
19 May	11am	Girls Dynamo Cricket	Selected Year 5/6 Pupils	Eaton Park
19 May	2pm	Netball Training	Year 6	School Playground
19 May	2.30pm	SEND Surgery		
20 May	10.15am	Trampoline Park Visit	Orchard Class	High Altitude
21 May	1.45pm	Stay and Play	Orchard Class	
21 May	3.30pm	Year 6 Netball Tournament	Selected Year 6 Pupils	City Academy
23 May		Class and Year 6 Leaver's Photos		
23 May	3.15pm	School closes for Half -Term		
<b>June</b>				
2 June		Return to School following Half-Term		

2 June	2pm	Netball Training	Year 6	School Playground
3 June		'Run Woodside' CSF Event	Whole School	
4 June	9am	'Bags 2 Schools' Collection		School Office
4 June	3.30pm	Year 6 Netball Tournament	Selected Year 6 Pupils	City Academy
6 June		Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Tombola Prize		
9 June	5.30pm	Reception - New Starter's Meeting		School Hall
10 June	9am	SEND Panathalon		
10 June	9.45am	Panathalon Multi Sports	Years 3 - 6	UEA Sportspark
11 June	1.30pm	Local Library Trip	Chestnut	Hethersett Library
17 June	9am	Year 6 Trip to Colchester Zoo - Details to follow	Year 6	Colchester
18 June	1.30pm	Local Library Trip	Holly	Hethersett Library
19 June	3.15pm	FOWS School Discos - Details to follow		School Hall
20 June	9am	Sports Day	Whole School	School Field
21 June	11am - 2pm	Summer Fayre		
23 June		Sports Day - Reserve Day		
25 June	1.30pm	Local Library Trip	Elm	Hethersett Library
25 June	5pm	New Starters - Nursery - Parent's Meeting		School Hall
26/27 June	12.30pm - 3.30pm	Extra Transition - Hethersett Academy	Selected Year 6	Hethersett Academy
30 June - 1 July		Reception New Starters - School Visits		
30 June - 2 July		Whole School Transition Days - Time spent in new classes	Whole School	
30 June - 2 July	12.30pm - 3.30pm	Hethersett Academy Transition	Year 6	Hethersett Academy
<b>July</b>				
2 July	1.30pm	Local Library Trip	Maple	Hethersett Library
3 July	2.30pm	SEND Surgery		
9 July	2.15pm	Rocksteady Concert		School Hall
15 July	1.45pm	Stay and Play	Orchard	
16 July	9am	Crucial Crew Trip	Year 6	City College
16 - 17 July		Hautbois House Residential	Year 2	Hautbois House
17 July	2pm or 6pm	Leaver's Performance for Parents	Year 6	School Hall
18 July	4pm	Leaver's Pizza Party	Year 6	School Hall
21 July	2pm	Leaver's Colour Run	Year 6	Playground

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance w/c 31/03	Attendance w/c 21/04	Attendance w/c 28/04
Rowan	91%	93%	99%
Sycamore	91%	96%	93%
Chestnut	97%	97%	99%
Holly	93%	99%	99%
Hazel	94%	95%	94%
Laurel	94%	98%	98%
Beech	95%	98%	99%
Lime	87%	100%	98%
Cedar	92%	100%	99%
Hawthorn	95%	98%	97%
Ash	92%	96%	93%
Birch	97%	97%	95%
Elm	91%	94%	98%
Maple	93%	94%	98%

## REMINDERS

- There will be a special menu for Census Day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May - with a Seaside theme. Details will be sent by the School Office. Seaside themed non-uniform day will follow on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May - please make sure outfits are appropriate for usual school activities.
- As the weather warms up please remember to apply a long-lasting sun cream to your child before school and ensure they have their sunhats and water bottles with them every day.
- Any requests for term-time holiday are classed as unauthorised absence. If you wish to make a request for a leave of absence, **you must fill out a request form**. These are available from the school office or on our school website under the parent tab.

## FUNDRAISING

On the last day of the Spring Term, we held our Lucky Chocolate Dip! Thank you so much to those families who sent in chocolatey donations (many of which can be seen in the photo) and a big thank you to everyone who supported the event through buying tickets and wearing non-uniform too! All together, we raised £968.93! This means that we will be able to support a further nine more charities from our list with a £100 donation!



# CURRICULUM

## Learning in Year 1

Year 1 have had a fabulous start to the Summer term! This term we are learning all about dinosaurs and to start this unit we had a fantastic trip to the Dinosaur Park. The children enjoyed learning lots of facts about dinosaurs in the 'Valley of Dinosaurs' and hunting for fossils. The children showed our three school values: Respect, Resilience, Responsibility and we were proud of the way they represented our school.



Some of the Year 1 children took part in the Dance Show at the end of the Spring term. The dance was excellent and the children showed great resilience when performing in front of a big crowd (despite being the youngest performers!) We even had some excellent feedback from some of the other schools who also performed in the show.

Miss Hanley and Mrs Singleton.

## Learning in Year 6

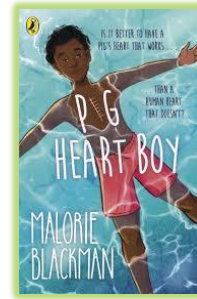
We're super busy in Year 6 at the moment! Their assessments are approaching in the next couple of weeks and they have each risen to the challenge in their own way - we couldn't be more proud of every single one of them.

One of our highlights so far this term was taking time away from our classroom to visit the Theatre Royal to watch Pig Heart Boy. We have studied this book earlier in the year as part of our Reading lessons so it was great to see this interpretation on stage. The children represented themselves, and their school, so brilliantly. We received compliments from the theatre staff and our coach driver about the way the children behaved.



Here is a short recount of this from some of our writers:

*Last Friday wasn't a typical school day. Instead of sitting in the classroom, we watched the curtains rise at the Theatre Royal. When we arrived, we were greeted by a variety of lights and set pieces surrounding a focal point representing a beating heart. Throughout the play, we were awestruck by the vast sea of lights. We enjoyed the powerful story of Pig-Heart Boy (written by Malorie Blackman) unfold in front of our eyes with surprising accuracy. We are thankful for the opportunity that the school gave us to go and see it!*  
 Ralph and Tomas - Elm Class



## P.E Challenges

Below are our latest P.E challenges for May! Maybe have a try at this stretching game or 10-1 workout with your family and friends over the bank holiday weekend!

### At a Stretch



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**What you need:** Three pieces of paper and a measuring tape (optional).

#### How to play:

- Begin standing on one piece of paper.

**Challenge:** How far away from the paper you are standing on, can you place one of the other pieces of paper?

#### Rules:

- You must remain in contact with the paper you are standing on throughout the challenge.
- You cannot throw or kick any of the paper.
- You cannot touch the floor around you.

Playing against someone else? Who can place the paper furthest away?

**Plan, do and reflect. You have 3 minutes to practise before you measure.**



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### 10-1 Workout



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Education

**Complete the exercises below:**

- 10 x Burpees
- 9 x Tuck jumps
- 8 x Lunges
- 7 x Star jumps
- 6 x Press ups
- 5 x Touch your toes and jump up
- 4 x Sit ups
- 3 x Squats
- 2 minute run on the spot
- 1 minute plank

*Now have a go at making up your own exercise for 10-1!*



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# INCLUSION

**This new support service from Kids will offer regular Coffee & Connect sessions across the county, held in person and online, where parent carers can access peer support, access mini workshops, and have an opportunity to connect with other parent carers. The first drop-in session will take place on Wednesday 7th May 10.30am - 12.30pm**

The new support programme from Kids will also offer support to families via bespoke workshops providing info on behaviour, sleep, resilience, Lego therapy and sensory needs. We also have a 'Healthy Parent Carer' programme, designed to reinforce parent carer resilience and aims to improve health and wellbeing among parents of children with additional needs. 'Riding the Rapids' programme to support and enable parent carers to understand their child's behaviour and apply strategies to support positive behaviour. We also offer one-to-one support. For Parent carers to be able to access this service they must contact the Community and Partnerships Team by telephone on 0344 800 8020 for an assessment.



**Coffee & Connect**

**Kids**

**Parent Carer Service**

**Intro to New Service**

**7th May 2025**  
**10.30am - 12.30am**

**Come and find out what support we can offer!**

**EYFS Vauxhall Centre,  
Vauxhall Street,  
Norwich, NR2 2SA**

email: hayley.huckle@kids.org.uk/sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk



# E-SAFETY

Some children enjoy playing games online. This month, let's have a think about maintaining boundaries, in order to keep the gaming safe and enjoyable:

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

### PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

### ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

### AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

### DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

### FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

### ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undoubtedly, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful. If they love Minecraft, choose something to build together. If Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

### TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

### BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

### Meet Our Expert

Frankie Lipscombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 18 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## New Reception Starters

This year, National Offer Day was Wednesday 16th April and many families found out which school setting their child will be attending in September 2025. In recognition of this, our **Getting Ready for School** bags will be arriving in libraries across the county from Monday 14th April. The bags are purple and come in two versions, each with a different selection of books. Our libraries contain lots of other books which can help with emotions and getting ready for school, but we hope these packs give you a good starting point. For more information, visit your local library or contact the Children and Young People's team: [childrenslibraryteam@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:childrenslibraryteam@norfolk.gov.uk)



**Ask staff for more information!**

# Starting School

Starting school is a big milestone, and we are here to help!

Getting Ready for School bags feature hand-picked books aimed at helping children and adults alike with the transition to starting school.

These bags can be borrowed for free, for three weeks from your local library.



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ENTER BY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY

HALF-TERM 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY - 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE



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# SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025  
11am - 2pm  
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Coachmaker Way, Hethersett

£1 entry per adult, children free

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