



Newsletter | October 2025

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It has been absolutely lovely to see all the children settling in so well as we move further into the new school year. The classrooms are full of energy and excitement, and it has been a joy to watch the children engaging in fun, hands-on learning activities. We have also been so impressed by the brilliant ideas and fascinating facts they have been sharing – Well done to all!

Harvest Celebration & Week of Kindness: This term, we are looking forward to celebrating Harvest together. As part of this, we will be holding a special '*Week of Kindness*' starting on **Monday 6th October**. If you are able to contribute to our Harvest collection, we would be very grateful for any donations you can send into school from now until the end of next week. After our Harvest celebration, we will be putting together parcels to support families in need and any remaining items will be donated to our local food bank to help those in our wider community.

You can find more details in our Harvest letter here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cHgQg7oDYGvau50IHEWwK5o3Xw7gAWX5/view?usp=drive_link

Parent/Carer Consultations: We are also excited to invite you to our Parent/Carer Consultation meetings during the week beginning **20th October**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and share how they have been growing and thriving in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please take some time to read our regular newsletter as we use this to try to keep you up to date with all the different items taking place in school. Information is also available on our school website; please visit www.heatheravenue.co.uk or our Facebook page *Heather Avenue Infant School*

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School Council

Our Year 1 and Year 2 classes have been electing their School Councillors for this academic year and our first meeting has taken place!

Our School Councillors for 25/26 are . . .

Sonny, Darcie, Gracie, Otis, Alex and Amber

School Council meet with Miss Lilley regularly to discuss our school, what we think works well in school, things that could be improved along with ways of doing this.

We contribute to the planning of whole school events and take part in decision making for the whole school.

Friends of Heather Avenue (FOHA)

We have an active Parent Teacher association known as Friends of Heather Avenue or FOHA for short.

We work together to put on charity events for school which raise additional funds for the children who attend Heather Avenue Infant School. Events include our Christmas Fair, Mother's/Father's Day shops, Film Nights and our Summer Fair.

We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25th November at 9.30am, where we will be appointing our committee for this year. If you are interested /want to find out more - Please come along!

Absence from school - reminder

Any 'day to day' absences should be clearly communicated via telephone (01603 426438).

Open Events at Heather Avenue Infant School

Please see the attached flyer regarding our school Open Days for anybody interested in a school space for September 2026!

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Local Advisory Board for a Parent Governor! If you are interested in this rewarding voluntary role please speak to Ms Coleman or Miss Lilley for more detail.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Entitlement

If your household income is less than £16,190.00, school may be entitled to receive funding to support your child in school. If your situation has changed, please contact the school office for a form to complete or click the link below for more helpful information.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Welly Walk 2025

Welly Walk Week runs from Monday 6th October to Friday 10th October, ending on World Mental Health Day!

Wear your wellies and walk to school, have fun, improve your mental health and raise awareness and funds for **Home-Start Norfolk**. If you are not able to walk to school, maybe you can choose to walk in the local area or park outside of school hours.

Please make any donations to Home-Start's **JustGiving campaign page**.



Why not take photographs and create memories and enjoy!

A resources pack with colouring sheets, DIY walking map, certificates and check list has been emailed to you this week.

Timings for the school day – reminder

Soft Start: The double gates will be locked at **8.30am** and children/parents/carers welcomed onto the playground, children can come into school from this time. Please make sure that you only come onto the playground once the double gates are closed. The children will be greeted in their classroom with early morning refreshments and activities ready to start the day. All children should be in school by **8.45am** as this is when we officially start the school day.

End of Day: The end of the school day is **3pm** please ensure that children are picked up on time, unless accessing after school club provisions

PE days: Children are asked to come into school dressed in their PE kits on days when they have PE. Please ensure that children are equipped with the correct kit in line with our uniform policy which can be found on our website. Reception children will start their official PE lessons after Christmas, Woodpeckers Class have PE on Thursday, Butterflies have PE on Tuesday and Hedgehogs have PE on Wednesday.

General reminders

- Please make sure your child is on time for school – we start lessons promptly and we really need all the children in on time and ready for their learning
- Please remember no bikes or scooters should be ridden when on the school site – Please use the scooter and bike rack to store these
- There can often be cases of head lice in school, so please check hair daily and treat with lots of conditioner and a very fine comb
- At the end of the school day please ensure that children are not allowed to play on / with school equipment. Children should exit school site as soon as they are with their Parent/Carer, unless accessing after school club provisions

Thank you for your support in these matters

Attendance

Attendance and great routines are important for all our children to make the best progress in school along with supporting children in their social skills and routines. Unless children really are too unwell to come to school, we do ask that they are always present.

Medical and dental appointments should be made outside of the school day – if this is unavoidable, please ensure that we are provided with evidence of appointment confirmation for our attendance records.

Please ensure you inform us each day if your child is unwell. The office opens at 7.00am each morning.

As we approach the end of this half term, we will be analysing attendance data and sending letters to inform you of your child's current attendance percentage – this is a data driven exercise and if attendance is lower, there will be the offer of support via a conversation with you.

Start the year right with new routines and make school attendance a priority. For advice and support visit: www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

Food Safety reminder

Can we please remind you we are a **nut free school** and therefore we cannot have and nuts (particularly peanuts) in school.

We have children attending Heather Avenue Infant School who have allergies to peanuts and nuts. It is important that there is a strict avoidance of these foods in order to prevent any potentially life-threatening allergic reactions. We are asking for your help to provide our students and staff with a safe school environment.

To avoid any potential life-threatening allergic reactions please do not send your child to school with any products containing peanuts or nuts. This includes any snacks and packed lunches.

In addition, we ask that if children bring **grapes** into school, that they are sliced in half along the length of the grape to ensure that they do not become a potential choking hazard, this is a well-documented hazard with grapes and one we endeavour to avoid with your help.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping all of our children safe.

[Want to know more about your child's learning?](#)

You will have received a topic web via email, showing a variety of the different activities your child is learning through this term

Tapestry posts show your child learning in school –this can be an ideal starting point for discussing what the children have been learning about

Our school website details an outline of your child's learning

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/heatheravenue/learning/our-curriculum>

[Want to know more about your child's progress?](#)

Feel free to check in with the class teacher at the end of the school day

Parent/carer consultation meetings will be taking place just before autumn half term, spring half term and at the end of the summer term. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to talk about your child's learning and well-being in school.

An end of year report in the Summer term along with any final assessment data.

Family Hubs

Family hubs support Parents/Carers of children and young people from conception until they are 19-years-old. Support is available:

- Online
- In your community, in places you might already visit
- By visiting [a local family hub site](#) and speaking in person to someone who can help
- From another experienced parent or carer

We share an ambition that Norfolk is a place where all children and young people can [flourish](#). Please see the following links for more support;

Hellesdon

[**Hellesdon Family Hub at Hellesdon Community Centre \(Get directions on Google Maps\)**](#)

Find us between the Library and Community Centre, Middletons Lane, Norwich NR6 5SR

Phone: 01603 303360

[**Hellesdon Family Hubs - Facebook**](#)

Dates for the Diary

Monday 29th September 2025: Week of Giving

Monday 6th October 2025: Kindness Week

Monday 20th October 2025 and Thursday 23rd October 2025: Parent Consultation meetings

Monday 20th October 2025: Pumpkin Party After School Club Session

Friday 24th October 2025: Last day of Autumn 1

Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025: Autumn Half Term Holiday

Monday 3rd November 2025: Children return to school for Start of Autumn 2

Monday 3rd November 2025: International Week - Nigeria

Monday 10th November 2025: World Science Day - Science Shop

Friday 14th November 2025: Children in Need - Non-school uniform for donation

Tuesday 25th November 2025: FOHA AGM at 9.30am in the School Canteen

Friday 28th November 2025: Christmas Fair 2pm - 4pm

Friday 19th December 2025: Last day of Autumn 2

Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026: Holiday

Monday the 5th January 2026: INSET (Teacher training, school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 6th January 2026: Children return to school for Spring 1

Friday 13th February 2026: Last day of Spring 1

Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026: Spring Half Term

Monday 23rd February 2026: Children return to school for Spring 2

Friday 27th March 2026: Last day of Spring 2

Monday 30th March 2026 - Friday 10th April 2026: Easter Holiday

Monday 13th April 2026, INSET (Teacher training, school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 14th April 2026 - Children return to school for Summer 1

Monday 4th May 2026 - May Day Bank Holiday: School closed

Friday 22nd May 2026: Last day of Summer 1

Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026 – Summer Half term

Monday 1st June 2026: Children return to school for Summer 2

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IN A CHANGING WORLD



HEATHER AVENUE INFANT SCHOOL

OPEN DAYS

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER
09:30 am - 11:30 am

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

To book a tour on one of
our open days please...

Email: office@heatheravenue.norfolk.sch.uk

Call us: 01603 426438



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At Heather Avenue, we will ensure your child has a unique educational experience, inspiring their highest potential in a school where you and your child will feel at home.

WE OFFER...

- BREAKFAST & AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS
- HIGH QUALITY AND CREATIVE EDUCATION
- A CARING AND NURTURING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
- A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH FAMILIES

As part of the Wensum Trust, we have strong links with Firside and Kinsale Junior Schools and will provide a strong start to your child's educational journey.

We would love to show you around our school, so please get in touch to book a tour.

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Find out more...

www.wensumtrust.org.uk/heatheravenue

