



## Newsletter | November 2025

### Welcome back to Autumn 2 – We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful half term!

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to the second half of the Autumn Term and hear all about their half term adventures. We have lots of exciting learning planned for the children and look forward to lots of Christmas fun planned for December.

Thank you for all the wonderful Harvest donations that came in last half term - as a result of your kindness, we were able to supply the local foodbank with lots of much needed food and essential items as well as help some of our families. This support really does make a difference to so many – Thank you!

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

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### **Class Mini Enterprise**

As we approach our FOHA Christmas Fair - Each class will complete a Mini Enterprise project where they think about ideas to make and sell, consider how these will be marketed and how any profits will be spent in their class (classroom games are often a favourite). The classes have organised for their items to be sold at the FOHA Christmas Fair on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November - We hope to see you there!

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform for school - please see website link for more details

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/heatheravenue/parents-carers/uniform>

Please only wear PE kit for PE days / sporting events

### **Road Safety / High-Viz**

The Reception children along with any children who are new to our school, have been given a Purple Hi-Viz jacket for their journey to and from school, something we do each year for our Reception class, this is to support them in staying safe as the dark nights draw in. Please ensure your child wears this each day on the way to and from school.

### **Parent/Carer Consultations**

It was lovely to welcome you to our Parent/Carer consultation event on the final week of half term. We hope you found these useful in finding out more about how your child is settling into their new class, the progress they are making along with their general well-being at school. If you have not had the opportunity yet, please do try to catch up with your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting.

Miss Lilley has made a fantastic presentation of some of the items we have available to support your child at school – please see a link to this below

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## Christmas 2025 – See diary dates below

As we progress through this second half of term, we look forward to welcoming you into school, to enjoy some of our Christmas events!

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November:

2pm – 4pm Friends of Heather Avenue Christmas Fair

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Reception Christmas show at 9.30am

Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas show at 2pm

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1 and 2 Christmas show at 9.15am and 2pm

## School Council

In our meetings this term the School Council have been discussing our school and where we feel safe as well as what we can do if we do not feel safe.

We shall also spend time thinking about our school playground and activities for playtime and lunchtime.

We will be part of the judging for the FOHA colouring competition! There have been some amazing entries and we anticipate it will be very tricky to choose our winners.

Thank you for all the wonderful entries so far – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November is the closing date.

## Friends of Heather Avenue (FOHA)

During the first half term FOHA have delivered a colouring competition with prizes, supported by School Council. Thank you also for your support with Raffle Prizes on our Non-Uniform Day.

FOHA have also been busy behind the scenes planning events for our Christmas Fair on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm – 4pm – please do save the date!

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

## 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.

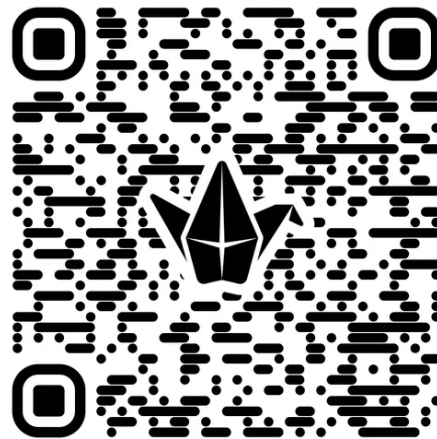
Medical and Dental appointments should be made outside of the school day – if this is unavoidable, please ensure that we are provided with evidence of appointment confirmation for our attendance records.

Please ensure you inform us each day if your child is unwell. The office opens at 7.30am each morning.

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



**Please remember to take a look at our school Padlet**



### **Read Write Inc at Heather Avenue Infant School**

We use the DfE approved phonics programme RWI (Read Write Inc) to teach your child phonics.

The children have a daily lesson, in groups suitable for the sound knowledge they have.

Each half term the children complete an assessment of the sounds they know and are grouped accordingly. As the children learn more sounds, they will bring home a book to read to you, this will only contain sounds or words that they already have the sound knowledge for. Please take time to listen to your child read this book as much as possible. The repetition will help them to build fluency and confidence in becoming a reader.

Any other books brought home are for you to enjoy together - no pressure for your child to read - please feel free to read to your child, talk about the content but most of all spend time enjoying them together!

We know that children who spend time reading for pleasure do better in school compared to those who do not. Increasing vocabulary, understanding of themselves and others - building confidence in reading will provide a lifelong means of learning! If you would like any further information on how we teach phonics please speak to your child's class teacher – we also run phonics workshops for you to attend if you have not done so already!

The logo for Read Write Inc. Phonics. It features the text "Read Write Inc." in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font with a black outline, set against a teal rectangular background. Below this, the word "Phonics" is written in a teal, sans-serif font with a white outline.

**Read Write Inc.**  
Phonics

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025: Children return to school for Start of Autumn 2

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025: International Week - Nigeria

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025: World Science Day - Science Shop

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025: Children in Need - Non-School uniform for donation

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025: Happy, Healthy, Active day!

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025: Open Afternoon for perspective Parents/Carers

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025: FOHA AGM at 9.30am in the School Canteen

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025: Christmas Fair 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025: Flu Vaccinations in school

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025: Reception Christmas show and Yea 1 and Year 2 Christmas show– information to follow

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Year 1 and 2 Christmas show – information to follow

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025: Rapunzel Theatre Show (in school)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025: Last day of Autumn 2

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026: Spring half term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026: Children return to school for Spring 2

Friday 27th March 2026: Last day of Spring 2

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026: Holiday

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026: INSET (Teacher training, school closed to pupils).

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026: Children return to school, for Summer 2

Monday 4th May 2026 : May Day Bank Holiday (school Closed)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026: Last day of Summer 1

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

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026: Children return to school for Summer 2

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026: Children finish school for Summer Holidays