



Newsletter | December 2025

We are blown away by how quickly this term is going!

And so impressed by how much progress all the children have made in their first term of this school year!

On Wednesday 26th November we had our whole school Disco with Moore Madness as entertainment and were delighted to see the children having such a wonderful time – thank you for supporting this event. Friday 28th November saw us enjoying our FOHA Christmas Fair with Mini Enterprise stalls that were selling the amazing creations made by the children, we were so excited to see you there and thank you for supporting these class projects as well as this wonderful FOHA event.

This last part of term is always busy and this year is no exception – we have lots of events planned.

Class visits - Year 1 will be visited by The Chapel, Reception will visit the Church and Year 2 will visit the Cathedral in the coming weeks.

We have a group of children singing the **HHS Community Carol Concert** on Sunday 7th December.

Christmas Performances: Our performance will be held on the following dates / times

Tuesday 9th December:

2pm Reception Christmas Show

Wednesday 10th December:

9.30am Reception Christmas Show.

2pm Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show

Thursday 11th December:

9.15am Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show

2pm Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show

A letter regarding tickets has been sent and we will also post a recorded version of the performances on Tapestry for those who are not able to attend.

We also have the **Pantomime** 'Rapunzel' planned for the children to enjoy on Friday 12th December

Please take time to read our regular newsletter as we use this to try to keep you informed of all the different events taking place in school. Information is also available on our school website; please visit www.heatheravenue.co.uk,

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FOHA (Friends of Heather Avenue)

It was wonderful to meet with FOHA last week for our AGM and discuss some of the wonderful events for this year! It was great to see some new faces join this meeting – please do feel welcome to come along – we really appreciate the support.

Following our AGM our committee members are

Chairperson: Rafaella Cullum

Vice Chairperson: Clair Gaudete

Secretary: TBC

Treasurer: Lorraine Pointer

General committee members: Shelby Molloy, Trudi Punt, Becky Reece, Foluke Oluwatope and Elizabeth Allen

Please do let us know if you are able to offer some time to this worthy cause.

The events we have planned so far this term include;

October half term colouring competition

Science Gadget Shop

Our whole school Disco with Moore Madness

Our Christmas Fair

This term FOHA will be contributing to the cost of trips and gifts from Santa

And finally - a special thank you to all who have donated to our FOHA charity! We are blown away by the donations that support our events as well as the time and financial contributions made – Thank you!

Attendance Reminder

We know that sometimes children are just too unwell to come to school and obviously this cannot be helped.

However, for other issues impacting on attendance we are here to support your child in coming to school each day – please do talk to your child's class teacher, myself (Miss Coleman/Head Teacher), Miss Lilley (Deputy Head Teacher) or Mrs Muff (our Parent Support Advisor) if you would like further support.

If you would like to access other support, please scan the QR code below



Attendance is a national concern and one which all schools are trying to address. We are grateful for your support and recognise the efforts that you all go to, to ensure that your children are in school on time each day – Thank you.

Start of School Day

Please remember that doors to school open at **8.30am** for all children. Please ensure that children are in school by **8.45am**, lessons start promptly once children are registered.

End of term Change to our Team

From January, Mrs. Paterson our Squirrels class teacher will begin a secondment with our English Hub, whilst she'll stay in touch, her daily role in Squirrels' class will reduce. In her place we are delighted to welcome Mrs. Barlow to our team. Mrs Barlow will teach Wednesday–Friday alongside Mrs. Houston on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs. Barlow shares our warm, relational approach that we know the children will enjoy.

Winter Advice Hub

Norfolk Community Advice Network has created a Winter Advice Hub with step-by-step guides on boosting income and cutting costs, from trusted independent organisations. Please see link below

[Winter Advice Hub](#)

Polite Safeguarding Reminders

Please note our playground is not for general use before or after school.

Children should not be playing on the school equipment or indeed making use of school resources outside of the school day without a member of school staff present.

Personal devices such as mobile phones should also not be used on school premises


Thank you for your understanding in these matters

Keep Talking!

Talking is so important – please see some of the stem sentences we use to encourage children to talk more, some of which you may wish to use at home.

Teacher Talk Tactics for early language development



Instigate Present an idea or open up a new line of inquiry  “ I think ____ “ Let's begin with ____ “ I have a great idea, I'll go first ____ Invite: X would you like to go first?	Build Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea  “ X's idea made me think ____ “ I'd like to know more about ____ “ Yes, and ____ Invite: Can anyone add to that?	Clarify Ask questions to make things clearer and check your understanding  “ Do you mean that ____? “ I think you are saying ____ “ So, what you're saying is ____ Invite: Do you have any questions about X?	Challenge Disagree or present an alternative argument  “ I don't think ____ “ You said ____ but what about ____? “ I disagree with ____ Invite: Does anyone disagree with X?
Stretch Add more detail; use more complex language or introduce new ideas  “ Yes, it's ____, you could even say it's ____ “ That's right, it's ____ because ____ “ Yes, it's a ____ Invite: Can you tell me more about...?	Speculate Encourage creative or abstract thinking and consideration of alternative viewpoints  “ I wonder what would happen if ____? “ Perhaps ____ “ Do you think ____? Invite: What do you wonder about X?	Suggest Support thinking and problem solving by guiding next steps  “ What if we tried ____ next? “ Have you thought about ____ “ Let's give ____ a try Invite: What do you think we should try?	Encourage Offer praise to encourage and motivate  “ You did such a good job of ____, now let's think about ____ “ You really made me ____ “ Your use of ____ was ____ Invite: What do you like about what X did/ said?

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Charity events

We are so proud of the work we have done to support various good causes this term. We really value our Golden Rules and feel that our 'Do be kind rule' is fully demonstrated via this work. Thank you so much for all your support in helping us to achieve the following;

Harvest: We were able to donate to our local food bank with all your wonderful donations – Thank you

Poppy Appeal: As a school we have raised £41.52 through the sale of Poppies

Children in Need: We raised an amazing £108.64 to support the Children in Need Charity

Dates for the Diary

Friday 5th December 2025: Flu Vaccinations in school

Tuesday 9th December: Reception Christmas Show

Wednesday 10th December 2025: Reception Christmas Show and Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show

Thursday 11th December: Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show

Friday 12th December 2025: Rapunzel theatre show (in school)

Monday 15th December – Friday 19th December: Wear a Christmas Jumper to School week (in place of the Official Christmas Jumper Day)

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 2

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

Friday 17th July 2026: Children finish school for Summer Holidays