



## Newsletter | April 2026

### Happy Holidays!

It has been wonderful to welcome Spring! The longer days and warmer weather make for lots more outdoor learning and fun in the sun!

You will have received our Sun Safety Policy and note our commitment to sun safety - please do ensure that children come to school each day with their water bottle, sun hat and access to sun cream (we do have some spare bottles and a limited number of spare hats in each classroom). A light jacket is also advisable for this time of year as the weather can change quickly.

We are so proud of all the children and the progress they are making in their learning across all areas. It is an absolute joy to see the children learning and the fantastic work that is being produced in each class. The teachers are already working hard to finalise plans for the Summer term, when Reception will be learning through the theme of 'Journeys' and Year 1 and 2 will be learning through the theme of 'Get Set Go!'

Please look out for Topic webs in the new term which will detail some of the activities that will take place.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday and Easter weekend. School will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 14th April and we look forward to seeing everyone back from the Easter break.

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](http://www.heatheravenue.co.uk), our Facebook page [Heather Avenue Infant School](https://www.facebook.com/HeatherAvenueInfantSchool) or follow us on twitter [@HeatherAvenue](https://twitter.com/HeatherAvenue).

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## An update from the Mental Health Support Team . . .

### Support for You and Your Child

We are the Mental Health Support Teams in Schools (MHST), offering early help for children who may be struggling with anxiety or managing their emotions. If you're worried about your child—whether at home or at school—you can speak to your school's SENCO to request a referral to our service.

#### Upcoming Webinars for Parents and Carers

We also run a series of free online webinars designed to help parents and carers better understand and support their child's emotional wellbeing.

These sessions are relaxed, informative, and open to all families in our partner schools.

Our upcoming topics include:

- Understanding anxiety
- Helping your child manage big emotions
- Support with sleep

Please find below the dates and times of the upcoming webinars:

Friday 17th April at 10:00am- Child Anxiety  
Wednesday 22nd April at 6:30pm- Child Behaviour  
Friday 1st May at 10:00am- Sleep  
Wednesday 6th May at 6:30pm- Child Anxiety  
Friday 15th May at 10:00am- Child Behaviour  
Wednesday 20th May at 6:30pm- Sleep  
Friday 5th June at 10:00am - Child Anxiety  
Wednesday 10th June at 6:30pm - Child Behaviour  
Friday 19th June at 10:00am- Sleep  
Wednesday 24th June at 6:30pm- Child Anxiety  
Friday 3rd July at 10:00am- Child Behaviour  
Wednesday 8th July at 6:30pm- Sleep

Please click on the link to join the webinars:

<https://nhs.vc/norfolk-waveney-mhst-webinars>

## Young Carers Tick Award

### Heather Avenue Secures Success with Carer Friendly Tick Award Renewal!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Heather Avenue Infant School has officially been awarded a renewal of the Carer Friendly Tick Award.

This prestigious accreditation, assessed by a panel of carers, recognises our ongoing commitment to identifying and supporting the young carers within our school community. The panel was particularly impressed by our dedicated staff champions and our school website, which they described as "amazing" for its clear message that here, "children can be children."

Our display boards were also awarded a Grade 3 'Excellent' rating for visually demonstrating the vital roles young carers play while keeping information accessible and "short and sweet."

While we are incredibly proud of this achievement, we are already looking at ways to improve further, including making our written agreements even more engaging for our pupils and continuing to source high-quality staff training.

A huge thank you to our team for their hard work and to our Young Carers for being such an inspiration.

### Dates for the Diary

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 1

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026: Year 2 Residential trip

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026: Ducklings arrive in school

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026: Reception Science Stay and Play Event

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026: May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

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

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026: Summer Half term

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

W/B Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026: International Week - Costa Rica

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

## Workshops for Parents

### Parenting a neurodivergent child

The Schools and Communities Team have asked that we share this link with parents in case anyone would like to sign up!

[Parenting neurodivergent children online parenting course | Family Lives](#)

## 🌟 Big Norfolk Holiday Fun is back for the holidays! 🌟

Looking for fun, active and inclusive things to do over the school break? Big Norfolk Holiday Fun has 121 activity options, including special SEND sessions, so there's something for every child to enjoy. 🌟🌟

- ✓ Free places available for children who receive benefit-related free school meals
- ✓ SEND-friendly options
- ✓ Short Breaks funding can be used to cover costs
- ✓ Personal Assistants can also be supported through BNHF

Before booking, remember to contact the activity provider to chat through your child's needs and make sure the session is right for them.

Scan the QR code on the poster to find out more and start planning your holiday fun! 🌟 - [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Active Norfolk](#)

## Caught Reading

We would love to see pictures of you reading in weird and wonderful places. Find a book to read and then take a photo - maybe at the beach, in a car, at a swimming pool, on the apparatus at the park or under the bed!

Please remember to share your competition entries and School Council will judge the competition and the top three winning entries will all receive a prize!

Please ensure your competition entries (photograph with children's names on the back) are in by Tuesday 14th April - you can email these to the school office.

We are looking forward to seeing your unusual ideas of where to read a book!

## Parking around school

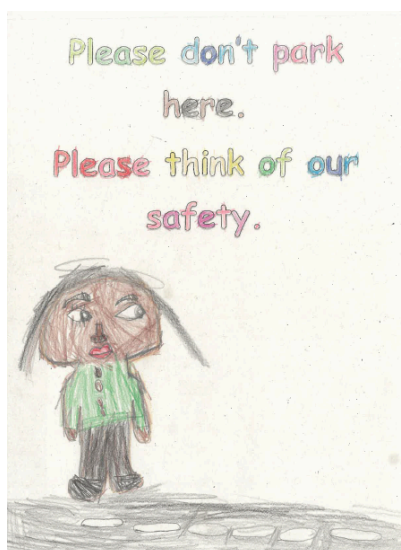
Please be incredibly mindful of our residents and the safety of our children when parking around school. Please ensure junctions and driveways are left clear for access and junctions clear of cars to maintain visibility.

Please do not park or stop in the boxes outside of the school gates.

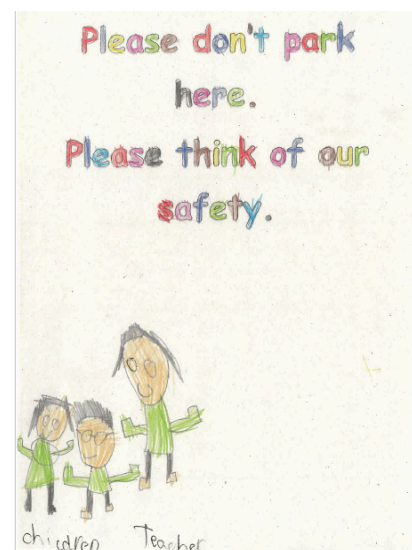
Dear parents and carers

Please do not park near the school gate because it blocks our view and it makes us feel unsafe.

Thank you. We would like to keep our school safe.



Thank you for your support in this matter.



## Comic Relief

Children at our school were 'reddy' for action, when they arrived dressed in red for Comic Relief on Friday 20 March.

Thank you for your support in raising money - the school has raised £49.75!