Newsletter | November 2026

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 wonderful 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 Harvest donations that came in during the 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. This support really does make a difference to so many – Thank you!

It was lovely to welcome you to our Parent/Carer Consultations during 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 made a fantastic aid memoir of some of the items we have available to support your child at school – please see a link to this presentation below

Parents Consultation PowerPoint (2).pptx

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

REMINDER
Parking around school

Please be incredibly mindful of the safety of our children and our residents when parking around school.

Please do not park or stop in the white box outside of the school gate.



Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Baby News! 🍼

We are thrilled to share that Mrs Hughes in Butterflies Class is expecting her first child! We send our warmest congratulations to Mrs and Mr Hughes on this wonderful news.

Mrs Hughes will be starting her maternity leave following the February half-term. Details regarding support cover for Butterflies Class will be shared with parents nearer the time.

Friends of Heather Avenue (FOHA)

Our Parent Teacher Association known as the Friends of Heather Avenue or FOHA for short, plays an important role in supporting our school and our pupils.

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.

REMINDER - We are holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 24th 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!

Thank you very much for your support with our Harvest Week of Giving.



Norwich Foodbank were very grateful for your donations.

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 27th November from 2pm - 4pm. 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 Vis

The Reception children along with any children who are new to our school, are given a Yellow 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.

Absence from school - Reminder

As you will be aware, 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. The school attendance team have provided the following advice and along with some key messages for all schools in Norfolk.

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

Please see their following top tips to support attendance at school

Top Tips to Support Attendance

- Get into good routines: start the year right and make attendance a priority.
- Show an interest in your child's education by attending parents' meetings and taking part in school events whenever possible.
- Take a moment to ask your child about their school day. Talk about what they are learning, their friendships and what they have enjoyed. Encourage them to share their experiences with you.
- Please try to keep your child in school unless they are genuinely unwell and unable to attend. Regular attendance helps children make the most of their learning and school experience.
- Take family holidays during school holiday time only.
- If you have any concerns about your child, please get in touch with the school. We are here to listen, offer support and work with you to help your child.

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 as well as the confidence in having 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 – there will also be phonics workshops as the term progresses.

Christmas 2026 – See diary dates below

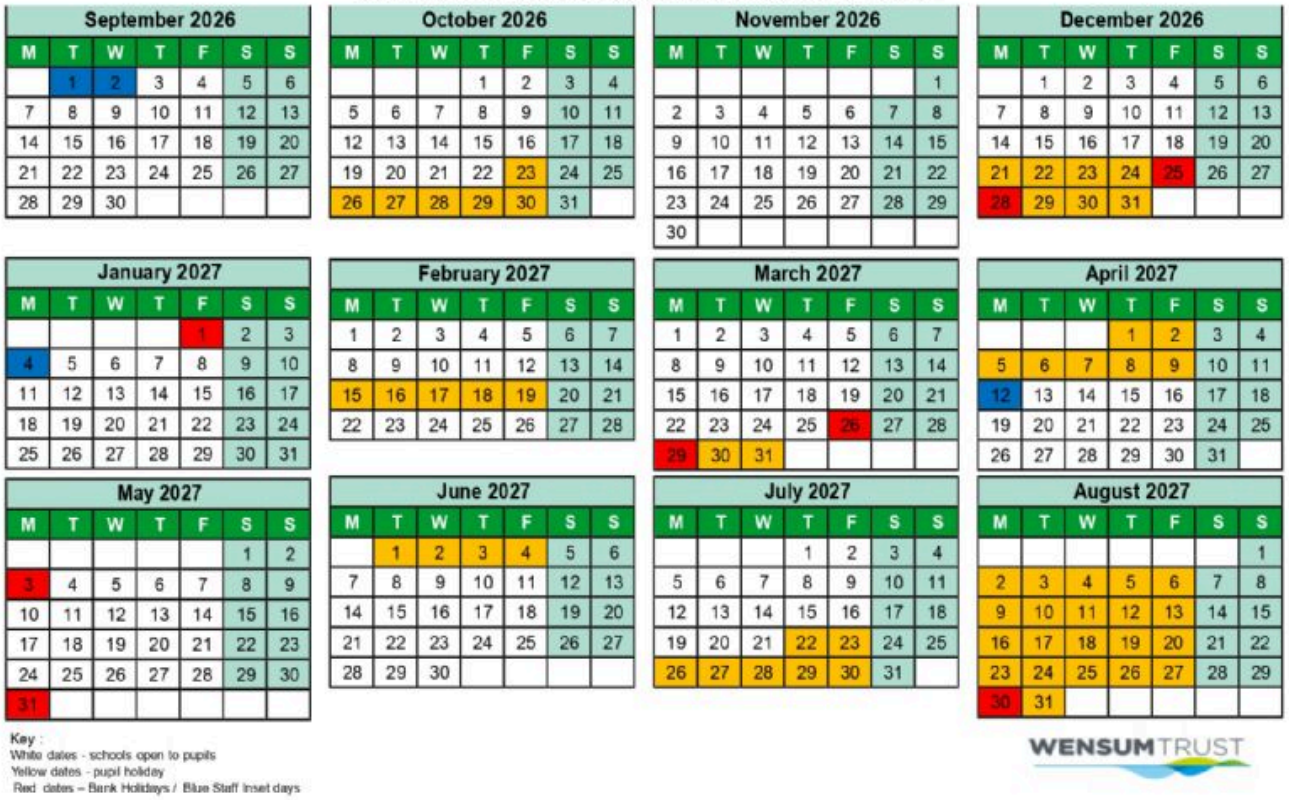
As we progress through this second half of term, we look forward to welcoming you into school, to enjoy some of our Christmas Events!

Friday 27th November:
2pm – 4pm FOHA Christmas Fair

Thursday 3rd December:
FOHA Christmas Disco with Moore Madness 3pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday 8th December:
11am Reception Christmas Show
Wednesday 9th December
9.30am Reception Christmas Show
Thursday 10th December:
9.15am and 2pm Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show
Friday 11th December:
Purple Productions Pantomime for the children
Friday 18th December
Carols around the tree for the children

Dates for the Diary

2026-2027 term dates are on the calendar below - additional dates will be sent in weekly reminders from the school office



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Key :
White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates – Bank Holidays / Blue Staff inset days

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