Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery School

APRII 2025



WELCOME

The end of the Spring term seems to have arrived so quickly! I really hope you all enjoy a relaxing Easter break, and that the sun continues to shine.

This term has been as busy as always; children enjoying learning and a range of enrichment activities. May I thank you all for supporting the many charity events which we have held, it is lovely to see the children being entrepreneurial and keen to help others.

I have been fortunate to be involved in Pupil Progress meetings this term. These meetings are held in the school day with teachers and TAs talking about the progress their class are making. We focus specifically on any learners who require additional support to reach their potential, and I have been so impressed with the class staff's knowledge and support of the children. Teachers may be asking you to support children at home in different ways over the coming weeks.

See you all back in school on Wednesday 23rd April.

Communication at Woodside

This aspect of school life is mentioned as an area we need to do better at. From after Easter, ALL letters from school will be emailed out from the school office via Pupil Asset. This means any further information or clarity required will be able to be directed to the staff in the office, who will be able to answer these. We hope this will alleviate communication issues, and ensure you only receive important information once. Please do feed back to us if you feel you have suggestions on improving communication further.

Attendance at school

Thank you to all those parents / carers who telephone us promptly and on each day of absence. It is part of our safeguarding duty to ensure we know where children are if absent from school.

If you leave a message on the absence line, please ensure you detail the reason for illness

(e.g. diarrhoea and vomiting, severe chest infection, chicken pox etc). If your child has a minor cold, cough, aching limbs or is tired, please ensure you bring them to school; inform the staff member and we will call you if they deteriorate and need to be at home. If your child is unwell in the morning, and then presents as well during the day, please bring them to school (they can arrive in the middle of the day if they have recovered). If they are vomiting, it is advisable to be absent from the setting for 48 hours, however there are times when the sickness could be related to coughing rather than a sickness bug - we leave this decision to you as their parents / carers.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Louise Mainwaring

Head Teacher



DIARY DATES

Date	Time	What	Who	Place
April				
3 April	11am	Dance Show	Selected Year 1 Children	The Space, Norwich
3 April	3.30pm	Nursery Parent's Evening		Nursery Building
4 April		Hethersett Hundred Chocolate Lucky Dip and Non-Uniform Day		
4 April		Last day of term		
23 April		Back to school - Summer Term		
23 April	1.30pm	Local library trip	Lime class	Hethersett Library
24 April		Premier Education Enrichment Day	KS2	
25 April	9am	Dinosaur Park Trip	Year 1	Roarrr Dinosaur Park
25 April	9am	Theatre Royal Trip - Pig Heart Boy - Info to follow	Year 6	Theatre Royal
28 - 30 April		Cedar Class Whitwell Hall Residential	Cedar Class	Whitwell Hall
30 April - 2 May		Hawthorn Class Whitwell Hall Residential	Hawthorn Class	Whitwell Hall
29 April	1pm	Buddhism - Visitor	Years 3 and 6	
30 April		Premier Sports Enrichment Day	EYFS & KS1	
30 April	3.30pm	Netball Tournament	Selected Year 5/Year 6 Pupils	City Academy

May					
1 May		Nursery Individual and Siblings Photos	Squirrels and Hedgehogs	Nursery	
5 May		May Bank Holiday - School Closed			
6 May	11.45am	Obstacle Course Challenge- Details to follow	Year 4	Eaton Vale	
7 May	12.30	Multiskills	Reception	Easton College	
7 May	1.30pm	Local library trip	Laurel	Hethersett Library	
14 May	1.30pm	Local library trip	Hazel	Hethersett Library	
15 May		Census Day - 'Seaside Theme' - Non- Uniform Day and Special Menu - Info to follow	Whole School		
16 May		Non - Uniform Day (in exchange for Tombola Prize for Summer Fayre)	Whole School		
16 May	9.30pm	Year 6 Memorial Park Visit - Details to follow	Year 6	Hethersett Memorial Park	
19 May	11am	Girls Dynamo Cricket	Selected Year 5/6 Pupils	Eaton Park	
19 May	2pm	Netball Training	Year 6	School Playground	
19 May	2.30pm	SEND Surgery			
20 May	10.15am	Trampoline Park Visit	Orchard Class	High Altitude	
21 May	1.45pm	Stay and Play	Orchard Class		
21 May	3.30pm	Year 6 Netball Tournament	Selected Year 6 Pupils	City Academy	
23 May		Class and Year 6 Leaver's Photos			
23 May	3.15pm	School closes for Half -Term			
June					
2 June		Return to School following Half-Term			
2 June	2pm	Netball Training	Year 6	School Playground	
3 June		'Run Woodside' CSF Event	Whole School		
4 June	9am	'Bags 2 Schools' Collection		School Office	
4 June	3.30pm	Year 6 Netball Tournament Selected Year 6 Pupils		City Academy	
10 June	9.45am	Pananthlon Multi Sports Years 3 - 6		UEA Sportspark	
11 June	1.30pm	Local Library Trip	Chestnut	Hethersett Library	

17 June	9am	Year 6 Trip to Colchester Zoo - Details to follow	Year 6	Colchester
18 June	1.30pm	Local Library Trip	Holly	Hethersett Library
25 June	1.30pm	Local Library Trip	Elm	Hethersett Library
26/27 June	12.30pm	Extra Transition	Selected Year 6	Hethersett Academy
30 June - 2 July		Hethersett Academy Transition	Year 6	Hethersett Academy

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance w/c 03/03	Attendance w/c 10/03	Attendance w/c 17/03	Attendance w/c 24/03
Rowan	94%	91%	89%	84%
Sycamore	95%	93%	95%	93%
Chestnut	97%	95%	94%	96%
Holly	97%	97%	95%	99.6%
Hazel	91%	88%	89%	92%
Laurel	97%	95%	94%	96%
Beech	98%	94%	96%	94%
Lime	96%	98%	91%	95%
Cedar	99%	99%	99%	95%
Hawthorn	97%	97%	97%	95%
Ash	97%	94%	95%	93%
Birch	96%	98%	96%	98%
Elm	94%	99%	98%	96%
Maple	99%	96%	95%	99%

FUNDRAISING - COMIC RELIEF!



We had such a fun time in the sunshine on Red Nose Day to create this coin trail! Thank you so much to everyone who brought in coins to help make our trail that you can see in the photo here! Thank you to: our brilliant School Council for their great idea, everyone who helped to set up the trail and also those children who have given up their lunchtimes to help count the coins! We are still in the process of counting up all the coins but we are so pleased to announce that we have raised over £300 for Comic Relief! Well done everyone!

AUTHOR VISIT

In March our Year 1 and Year 2 classes welcomed author Ian Brown into school. The children had a fantastic time discovering Ian's book 'Alfred Upside Down' about a tortoise with a problem that he can only solve with teamwork!

The children were able to purchase their own copies on the day and have them signed by lan.

These events are always popular with the children and encourage a love of reading and writing their own stories! Thank you to Waterstones Norwich for arranging the visit with lan.



WORLD BOOK DAY!

We are delighted to share that our recent World Book Day celebration was a huge success! The children embraced the day with enthusiasm, creativity, and a deep love for reading, making it a memorable event for all.

A special thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the event, by donating books. We were overwhelmed with your generosity. The book sale raised a whopping £275 which we will use to enhance our school library. Your involvement plays a key role in making days like World Book Day so special.







As part of the day, children from Y2 to Y6 wrote their very own short stories, taking inspiration from all the stories they have previously read and enjoyed! They were challenged to write a story for Mr. McCabe to keep his spirits up, and were told they could even include Mrs. Mainwaring as a character because he's been missing her so much!!! Our wonderful connections at Waterstones in the city provided prizes, and a book per class was given to the most successful short story!

INCLUSION



Our next half termly SEND Surgery will be on Monday 19th May 2:30 - 4:30. If you would like to attend one of these appointments with Mrs Jefferson to discuss any SEND concern or query you may have please fill out the link on this form:

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WOODSIDE CHOIRS & MUSIC

Norfolk County Music Festival

Both the Acorns and Oaks Choirs performed separately to a large audience and adjudicator, Lin Marsh, at the Kings Centre on Thursday 20th March. The Acorns (Year 1s and 2s) sang with energy and were praised for showing great joy and fun. The Oaks (Years 3 - 6) were praised for their good technique, sense of style and effective singing in two parts. Their behaviour was excellent and they all represented Woodside very well indeed!





CASMA

The week before, on Tuesday 11th March, the Oaks Choir performed as part of a much larger choir of nearly 200 children from 7 schools to sing a full concert at St Peter Mancroft Church. They all enjoyed themselves and worked hard to remember all the words, actions and different parts to sing.

If your child would like to join the Acorns Choir or Oaks Choir please <u>fill in this google form</u> to sign them up. It is a free club but we expect that the school values are adhered to: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

Acorns Choir - Reception and Years 1 and 2 - Tuesdays before school - Sycamore Oaks Choir - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Tuesdays after school - Main Hall

Musical Instrument Lessons at Woodside

If you are interested for your child to have musical instrument lessons, here are the contact details for our different teachers:

Recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone - David Wragg - dcwragg@icloud.com

Piano – Fiona Kerr – fionapblack@gmail.com

Guitar - Mark Campling – markcamplingmusic@gmail.com

Ukulele – Gemma Cullingford – <u>gemsta@gmail.com</u>

Drums - danielhowe25@hotmail.co.uk

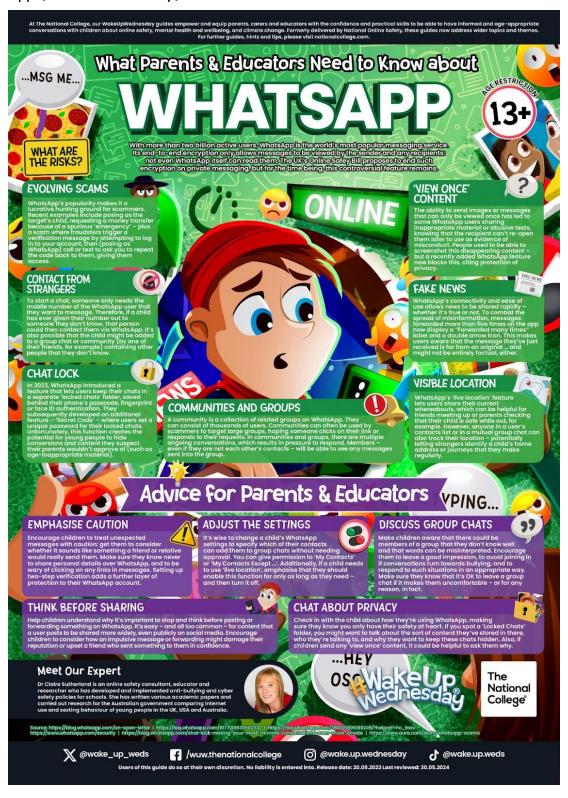
Violin, viola, cello – Ceri Peterson - contact Victoria Smith – vsmith@hethersettwoodside.org.uk

Any questions... please contact Victoria Smith, Music Lead - vsmith@hethersettwoodside.org.uk



E-SAFETY

For e-safety this month, we're looking at Whatsapp, primarily to point out that it is a 13+ years old app (16+ until recently). Please see below for some of the risks:



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

For this month's P.E challenges we have two energetic games for you to play. The games require limited equipment and space to run around. Why not have a try at All Four, I Score or 6 in a Row over the Easter Holiday's with your friends and family!

Please also see information regarding the importance of a good night's sleep for mental wellbeing, including tips on how to improve sleep habits

The importance of sleep in mental health

Sleep plays a vital role in your child's mental health and overall well-being. For primary-aged children, a good night's sleep is essential for emotional balance, learning, and physical health. Yet, with busy schedules, screen time, and excitement about the day ahead, many children don't get the rest they need.

Why sleep matters for your child

Sleep isn't just about rest—it's when your child's brain and body do some of their most important work. Here's how sleep supports your child's mental health and development:

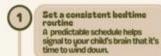
- Improves mood and emotional regulation: a well-rested child is better equipped to handle frustrations, challenges, and social interactions.
- Boosts learning and memory: sleep helps consolidate what your child has learned during the day, making it easier to retain new information.
- Reduces stress and anxiety: consistent sleep patterns can lower stress levels, helping your child feel calm and focused.
- Supports physical health: sleep strengthens the immune system and promotes healthy growth.

Signs your child might not be getting enough sleep

It's not always obvious when children are sleepdeprived, but here are some common signs to watch for:

- · difficulty waking up in the morning
- frequent mood swings or irritability
- trouble focusing or remembering things at school
- Increased hyperactivity or impulsivity.

TIPS FOR BETTER SLEEP HABITS



Limit screen time
Encourage your full to avoid
screens at least an hour before
bodtime, as blue light can interfere

Create a calm alcep environment Reep your child's bedroom cook quiet, and dark to promote restful

4 Encourage relaxation activities
Reading a book, istening to soft music, or practicing deep broathing can help your child relax before bed

Model good sleep habits
 Children learn by example, so
 demonstrating the value of
 prioritising sleep is crucial.



All Four, I Score

What you need: four socks and a partner



How to play:

- Tuck two socks into your waistband, one on either side, so that they hang down.
- Stand facing your partner.
- Try to take your partner's socks. If you manage to get one, hold
 it in the air and shout 'tag'. At this point, the game stops so
 that you can tuck the additional sock into your waistband.
- Restart the game. To win, you need to get all four socks tucked into your waistband.



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6 in a Row



What you need: 6 shoes, two dice, a line marker e.g. dressing gown rope or a line on the floor and two or more players.

How to play:

- Place the 6 shoes in a row on the line.
- The two players begin at opposite ends of the shoes with one dice each.
- The shoes are numbered 1 6 from each player's end so one player's #6 will be their opponent's #1 etc.
- Roll the dice and run to the shoe with the corresponding number. Move that shoe to the right side of the line.
- Run back to the dice and roll again.
- The winner is the player to have all 6 shoes on their right of the line, or whomever has the most shoes in 4 minutes.
- Make this easier by playing first to four shoes.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES & HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES





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Events at Waterstones Norwich

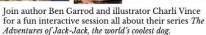
Do you love Animals, Drawing and reading?
Then get ready to meet Jack-Jack, the World's coolest Dog!
Saturday April 12th at 11am











Ben says 'It's the best job in the world when you get to write about your best mate. When he happens to be a snake-wrangling, chimp-wrestling, snack-loving dog, it doesn't feel like work at all.'

Expect live story-telling and draw-alongs, plus colouring and a chance to ask all your dog related questions. The session will be followed by a book signing. Ideal for ages 6 and up.

Free to attend but please book your place by emailing events.norwich@waterstones.com

Find us on Facebook, Instagram (@norwichstones), Tiktok and Twitter





Splashdown holiday courses with the Norwich Penguins:



Join the Norwich penguins for a fun filled 4 or 5 day holiday course

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	Recreation Road Infant	07/04/2025 - 11/04/2025	5 days	9:00 am to 11.00ar		
	Colman Junior School	07/04/2025 - 11/04/2025	5 days	9:00 am to 11.00an		
	Heartsease Primary Academy	07/04/2025 - 11/04/2025	5 days	9:00 am to 11.00an		
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The 5 day Course is priced at ±.40 and the 4 day course is priced at ±.32 - Sessions are 30 minutes per Please phone the office on 01603 984949 to book a place and make payment.















We are excited to announce we are partnering up with ACTIVE NORFOLK - BIG NORFOLK HOLIDAY FUN – OFFERING FREE SPACES for our upcoming Easter Half Term Camp,

All camp days are hosted at City Academy Norwich

To book free spaces with lunch. Please follow the links below to sign up!

School Years 1 - 6 HAF Spaces

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School Years 7 – 13 HAF Spaces

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SEND School Years 1 - 13 HAF Space

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Join the Sandringham Education Team this Easter for a celebration of Spring and Growing.
Choose from a range of resources and ideas to make your own growing head.
All resources provided.

1.00pm-2.30pm

Located at the School Room in the Stables Courtyard.

£20 per child booking essential.

Suitable from 3 years upwards.
One adult receives admission to the garden with every ticket sold.
Parking extra.