



## **Ghost Hill Newsletter**

### **19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**



#### **A message from Mrs Westall**

**Well done to all of our Nursery and Year 1 children. What stars they were in their shows. Thank you for coming along. Your donations at the end of each performance raised £484. This will go directly on providing experiences and resources for your children.**

**We have had a very festive and busy week. Lots of memories have been made with a very happy atmosphere.**

**Please see Spring Dates added below.**

**I'd like to take this opportunity to thank staff for all of their hard work this term, and in the run up to Christmas. They work so hard for your children and always give their best; as well as juggling their own home lives too.**

**Thank you to you as parents and carers for your continued support and cooperation and for helping our school community be what it is. Ghost Hill is a special place.**

**As part of our Community Awareness focus, we are happy to help you advertise your small business on our weekly newsletter. We can keep it on the newsletter for 2-3 weeks. Please do get in touch if you'd like us to pop an advert/info on the bottom of our newsletter.**

**I wish you a very happy, fun and relaxing Christmas.**

**Change to next academic year's school calendar**  
**A message from the Trust**

Many of you will be aware that several trusts / schools have recently realigned the structure of the school year. After reviewing our own pattern, we have decided that a slight adjustment would benefit both pupils and staff, particularly in relation to the length of the autumn term.

Our priority has been to maintain the total number of days pupils spent in school, whilst also enhancing the well being of pupils and staff.

The main change is an extension to the October half-term break. We believe this adjustment will support pupil and staff wellbeing and improve attendance, especially given the national priority.

We can confirm that there will be no reduction to the number of teaching days. Thank you for your continued support as we implement these changes.

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**Thank you to ASPENS staff for a wonderful Christmas Dinner – and thank you to Ghost Hill staff for serving and helping.**



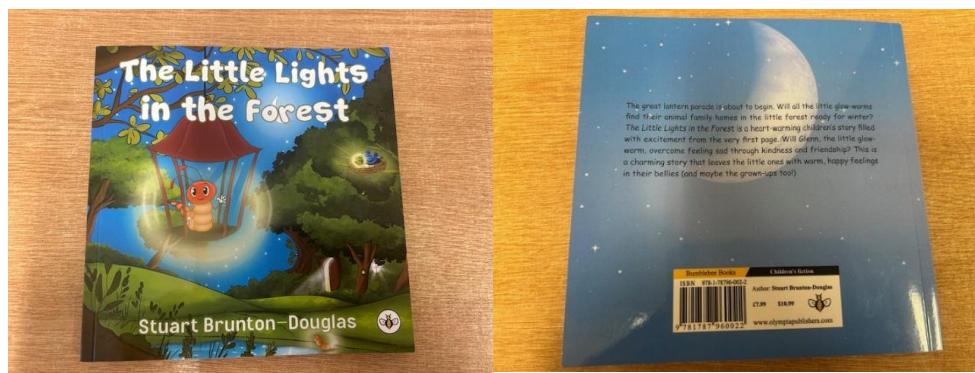


**Santa visits Ghost Hill!!!**

We had a very special visit from Santa this afternoon. He took a quick break from his Christmas preparations at the north pole to read a story to the children.

**We have an author in our school community!**

Thank you to Mr Brunton-Douglas, a parent of a child in Hedgehog Class, for coming in to school to read the book he has written and had published. It is a lovely story, and Year 2 children really enjoyed it.



### School Council Visit to Care Home

School Council had a really special visit to Two Acres Care Home on Monday. We made Christmas decorations and sang Christmas songs with our friends there. We continue to love our intergenerational work with the charity Friend in Deed, and this supports children live and breathe our focused character virtue, **Community Awareness**. Thank you the School Council for being such great ambassadors for the school.





**Parent Focus Group – Character Education**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 9-9.45am**



Are you interested in hearing more about our Character Education curriculum? Come along and listen to a presentation delivered by Mrs Westall and then time for thoughts and ideas from parents and carers.

**Food Tasting with ASPENS**

**After school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**



We listened to feedback from last year's event and this year's event there will be no long queues. It is being organised differently, with tables and chairs for all. Please come along and support us with tasting the food your children are served at school. Children are welcome too.

## Friends of School Meeting 6pm Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

All welcome! This is a planning meeting, with Mrs Westall, to discuss the upcoming events. We always welcome new faces.

Thank you to the Friends for all of their fundraising this term. We are very grateful.



## A Special Mention from Mrs Westall

Try Hard, be Brave, Be You.



Character virtue – Teamwork

Well done to Hunter in Owl Class. He was spotted helping out at lunchtime when a child had hurt themselves. He showed kindness and empathy.

Ready, Respectful, Safe





## Sports News

We hope you all enjoy the holidays and stay active. Enjoy visits to the park, walks with family and any extra activity. And tell us all about when you come back to school in January!

The Cross Country Team who ran at Langley earlier in the term, came 1<sup>st</sup> in the whole competition and we received the trophy earlier in the week. This was presented to the whole team in assembly today.



### **Sports Star of the week**

This will start again in January. All children are stars this week!



### **Achievements out of school**



Please send us in your children's achievements big and small. Please email the school office to do this:  
[office@ghosthill.set.education](mailto:office@ghosthill.set.education)

Well done to Gregory in Butterfly Class for achieving his he completed his Learn to Swim level 1 last week. This is brilliant news Gregory.



Well done to Niamh in Deer Class for achieving her 50m swimming certificate. That is amazing Niamh!



We are really proud of William in Hedgehog class, for smashing Stage 7 at swimming! He's now working towards swimming Club award 1 and has earned his 200m badge. He's making such big waves — go William!



Well done to Jon in Fox for achieving his Learn to Swim 1 certificate. This is great news Jon!



#### Designated Safeguarding Leads

**Mrs Westall, Mrs Hamill, Mrs Michael, Mrs Ferguson**

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

**If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, then the number to ring is:**

**CADS – Children’s Advice and Duty Service - 0344 800 8020.**

**Please see December’s [Online Safety Newsletter](#) on our website.**

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**Here is an extract:**



**Information:**

**Please ensure push notifications for the my child at school app are switched on.**

All booking and amendments for lunches and wraparound care need to be made 24hrs in advance.

Please order your child's lunch on the MYCAS app. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss the lunch options with your child and encourages them to try new foods.

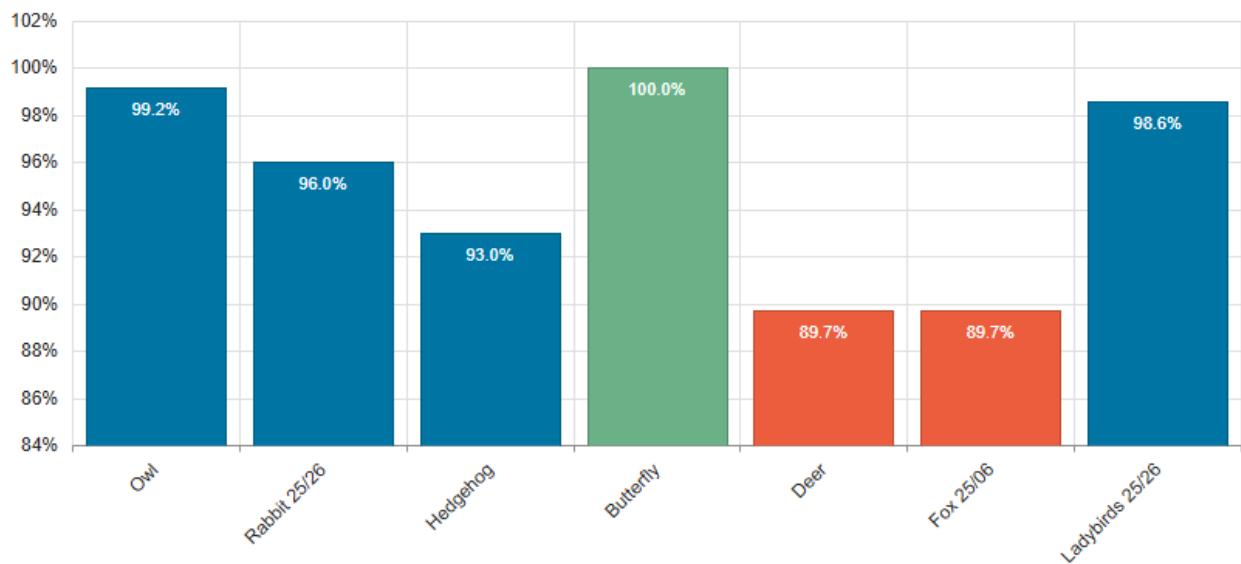
If you do not have MYCAS and would like access, please speak to Mrs Ferguson in the school office.

Please use the school office email address for any future emails. [Office@ghosthill.set.education](mailto:Office@ghosthill.set.education)

**Please check the data collection tab for your child/ children to ensure the information we hold for you is up to date and correct. (All parts with a \* need to be completed to save.)**



Well done to **Butterfly class** for **100%** attendance this week.



The trust attendance target is **97%**

Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School current attendance this week is **94.7%**

### Good attendance matters!

### Winter Health

The winter months can bring with them increased chances of common illnesses for us all. To help make sure we stay healthy as we move into the colder months, we wanted to share with you some useful advice and services to support.

**Keep their diet healthy** A healthy and nutritious diet with all of the food groups and plenty of fruit and vegetables is really important. Keep your children hydrated by aiming for five cups of water per day. The [Department of Health](#) advises that all children from the ages of six months to five years are given supplements containing vitamins A, C and D in the form of vitamin drops. This will be especially important for those with fussy eaters but even for those children who do eat a well-balanced diet. This is because it is very difficult to get enough vitamin D from food alone.

**Good hygiene habits** Avoiding the germs is the best way to help your child keep well and teaching the importance of hygiene is essential ★ Wash hands frequently ★ Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, use a paper tissue, throw it away and then wash hands

**Keep their sleep routine going** A good night's sleep will help keep your child fighting fit. Adequate rest and sleep is essential for maintaining a healthy immune system.

**Help if your child is ill** There are lots of places you can get help if your child is ill. This includes [Just One Norfolk](#), your local pharmacist, your GP and [NHS 111 online](#). Your [local pharmacy](#) can supply prescription-only medicines, including antibiotics and antivirals to treat seven common health conditions without the need to visit a GP. This includes sinusitis, sore throat and earache. We have 6 paediatric first-aid trained staff across the school site, who are on hand in school to support our pupils' mental and physical health. We will call home and inform you if your child is feeling ill during the school day and we believe it is appropriate for them to be collected early.

**If your child did not receive their Flu vaccine in school** – there are several community catch-up clinics available. Please use the link <https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/book> to book an appointment.

If you previously declined consent for your child when the team visited the school, you **CAN CHANGE** your consent. Please call vaccination UK on 01603 576320, and they will book a clinic appointment for you.

#### **Breakfast and After school club contact number**

Please be aware breakfast and after school club has its own contact number. Should you need to reach them, please call 01603 558807

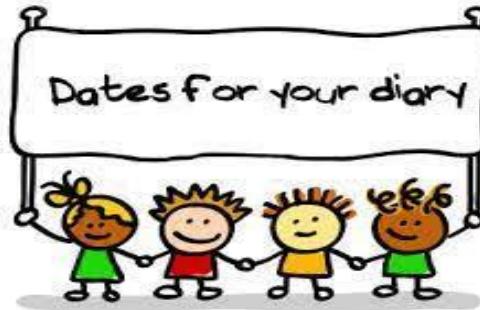
Breakfast and Afterschool club sessions for next half term is now available to book on my child at school.

## Teacher led afterschool clubs for spring term

Teacher led afterschool clubs for the spring term were available to book from 4.00pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

The clubs on offer will be:

Club	Teacher in charge	Year group	Day
Art- <b>FULL</b>	Mrs Ulph	All	Monday
Lego club- <b>FULL</b>	Mrs Belson	All	Wednesday
Numbots- <b>SPACES AVAILABLE</b>	Mrs Hamill	1&2	Wednesday
Dance (not available to book on MYCAS)	Mrs Everett & Mrs Wooltorton	2	Mondays
Construction club- <b>FULL</b>	Mrs Jennings	All	Wednesday
Jigsaw puzzle club- <b>SPACES AVAILABLE</b>	Mrs Summers	All	Wednesday
Music- <b>FULL</b>	Mrs Westall	All	Friday



Any dates that are added each week will be highlighted for easy reference.

### Spring Term 2026 Dates

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent/Teacher meetings for children on our SEND register.

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	SESMA taster sessions during the school day for all classes.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 9am	Parent Focus Group – Character Education
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 6pm	Friends of School meeting in school hall
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Multiskills with Schools Sports Partnership for some Year 1 and 2 children.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January after school	ASPENS food tasting
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Owls visiting Reception
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	SAFER INTERNET DAY
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Late Parents Evening
<b>HALFTERM – 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	STEM week in school
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 3.20-3.45pm	STEM exhibition for parents and children in the school hall
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	FAB Science workshops
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 and 2 cricket festival with school sports partnership
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March evening	Dance Show

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UEA Sportspark

Just £3 per session

Girls aged 5-11

First session: Thursday 15th January, 6-7PM, every Thursday after

Payment made at reception on

**Have fun**

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