



Ghost Hill Newsletter

2nd October 2026

A message from Mrs Westall

We've had a lovely week making the most of the Autumn sunshine. Our School Council had a great visit to Two Acres Care Home. They showed courage and curiosity when talking to our older friends – and for some of the children it was their first school outing. The highlight of the visit was when Ellen, who is 93 years old, shared an old school photo of hers. We had to guess which person was Ellen!



Please can I remind you to park safely outside of school and to not park on pavements or on the lines that are there to enable cars to pass. We all want to keep our children safe.

Please see our current Online Safety Newsletter on our website. The theme is digital wellbeing.

Have a lovely weekend.

We would like to introduce our new Character Education Logo!

Well done and thank you to our Year 2 Communication Leaders for showing great Teamwork painting the new logo.



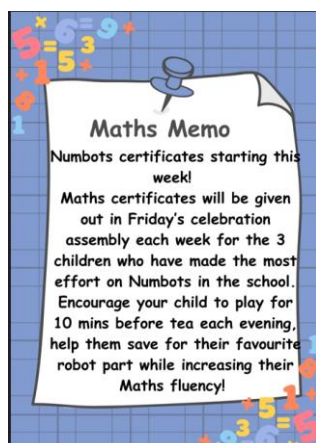


What a fabulous visit we had to celebrate International Rabbit Day! We welcomed Dawn from the City of Norwich Rabbit and Caviae club. She brought her dwarf rabbits Ben, Tommy and Phoebe with her. Phoebe was just 5 months old and nearly fully grown. Our Reception children asked their questions they had thought of yesterday and were so 'ready, respectful and safe' throughout our visit staying calm and quiet while we took turns to hold and stroke the rabbits.

The children showed so much CURIOSITY!



Curriculum



A snapshot of our EYFS curriculum



Parent Focus Group 23-09-2026

The session started with Mrs Hamill talking about what we do for transition into school and between every year group:

Transition into Nursery: -

Stay and Play sessions
Welcome evenings to see the school and classroom, meet the teachers
Teacher on a Page
Staggered start
Helpful hints page

Transition into Reception: -

Stay and Play sessions
Welcome evenings to see the school and classroom, meet the teachers
Teacher on a Page
Staggered start
Welcome packs
Tapestry posts over the Summer to introduce ourselves and make connections.

Transition into Year 1: -

Open morning to answer questions, curriculum overview- now moved to Summer 2 rather than Autumn 1 of new year.

As soon as classes decided teachers making connections, reading stories etc.

Two transition mornings.

Detailed transition notes.

Teacher on a Page.

Transition into Year 2:-

Open morning to answer questions, curriculum overview- now moved to Summer 2 rather than Autumn 1 of new year.

As soon as classes decided teachers making connections, reading stories etc.

Two transition mornings.

Detailed transition notes.

Teacher on a Page.

Transition to Junior School: -

- Teachers meet with Year 3 teachers and TA - To discuss needs etc.
- Two transition days to the Junior School.
- The music and sports event where current year 2 teachers attend with the children and go to the junior school together.
- Visit from the year 3 teachers to GH to meet the current classes and introduce themselves and answer questions

Feedback from parents:

- Very surprised and had no idea how much work went into transition behind the scenes.
- A parent said she had wondered how her child knew so much about her new teachers and how this had happened. She said "It was very impressive" that transition notes were made about the children between classes so they could know about the children beforehand. She said, "It works so well."

Suggestions from parents for the future: -

- Could more detail of transition be highlighted on a separate section of the newsletter e.g. "Your child this week has visited their new teachers, they have visited classes, teachers have been to classes and read stories" etc so parents are reassured lots is being done.
- Could clubs for the year be shared at the beginning of the year. They get lost on the newsletter.

A Special Mention from Mrs Westall

Try Hard, be Brave, Be You.



Character virtue - Teamwork, Curiosity, Community Awareness, Honesty, Courage

Well done to Zara in Deer Class who showed exceptional community awareness and curiosity when visiting the care home. She spoke confidently to Ellen, our 93 year old friend there, asking great questions and listening well.

Ready, Respectful, Safe



GHOST HILL INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

We warmly invite you to our Open Events for September 2027 Reception and Nursery

 **OPEN EVENING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**
THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER
4PM AND 6PM



OPEN MORNINGS FOR FAMILIES
WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 9.30-10.15AM
TUESDAY 24TH NOV 9.30 - 10:15AM
WEDNESDAY 25TH NOV 9.30 - 10:15AM
TUESDAY 1ST DEC 9.30 - 10:15AM
Please contact the school office to book the open morning.
01603 860334
office@ghosthill.set.education





Sports News

The children have had a super active week enjoying refining skills in their pe units and taking part in active out of school clubs!

Mrs Everett said the year 2's who took part in the school sports partnership event had an amazing time! Tilly was heard saying that her football skills were good because of her time in girls football club with Miss Davies.

Swimming has been a success and the children are gaining confidence every week.

Please keep sharing your children's out of school achievements- we love celebrating them in assembly on a Friday!



Sports Star of the week

Our sports star of the week is Betty in Deer class for being brave and putting her face under the water.
Well done Betty!



Achievements out of school



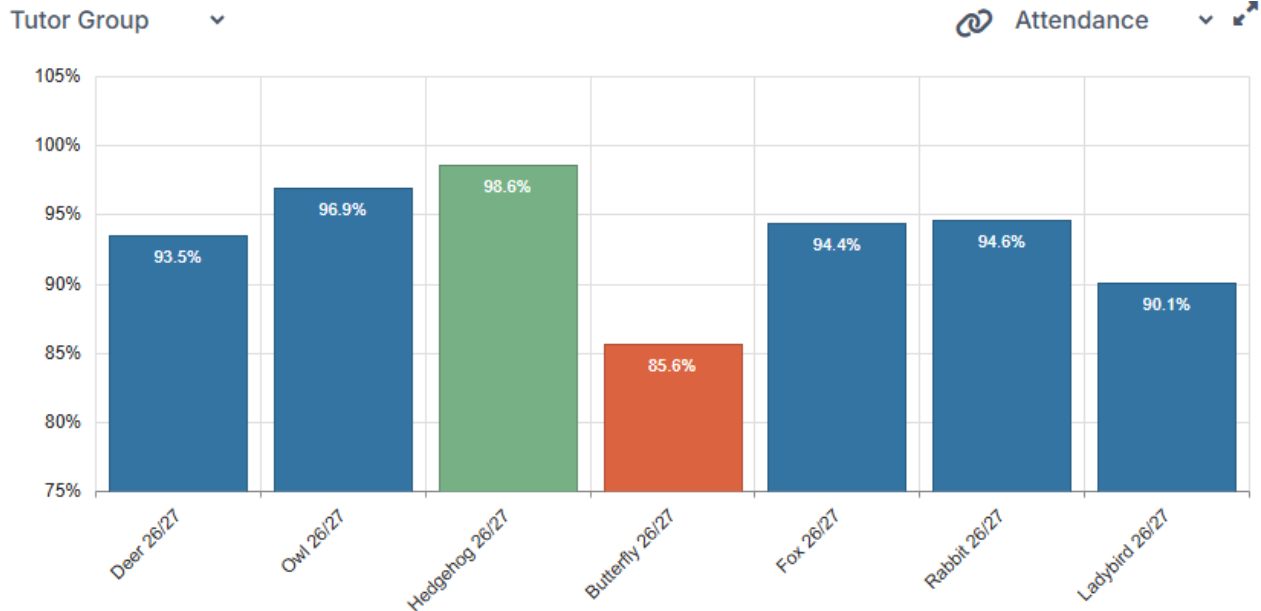
Please send us in your children's achievements big and small. Please email the school office to do this:
office@ghosthill.set.education

Well done to Clayton in Rabbit Class who can now ride a bike unassisted. This is great news and shows so much courage!





Well done **Hedgehog** class for **98.6%** attendance this week!!



Ghost Hill infant and Nursery school attendance target is **97%**
Current attendance this week is **93.5%**

Absence reporting: Always call the school office if your child is not in school for attendance purposes, 01603 860334 and leave a voicemail on the absence line.

Top Tips To Support Attendance

- ✓ Get into good routines: start the year right and make attendance a priority.
- ✓ Show an interest in school and education by going to parents meetings and other school events.
- ✓ Talk about school at home: ask your child what they're learning, how their friends are and how they're getting on. Encourage them to tell you about the good and the bad!
- ✓ Don't let your child take time off school for minor illnesses: particularly those that would not stop you from going to work.
- ✓ Take family holidays during school holiday time only.

If you think or know that your child is having any difficulties, give the school a call to talk about how they can help you and your child.

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Westall, Mrs Hamill, Mrs Ferguson

All staff are responsible for safeguarding. The Designated Safeguarding Leads ensure staff are supported and well trained. If you are worried about your own child or another child in school, please talk to one of the designated safeguarding leads.

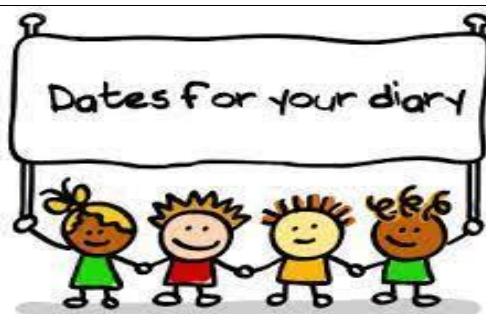
If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours; the number to ring is: [CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service 0344 8008020](tel:03448008020)

Please use the school office email address for any future emails. Office@ghosthill.set.education

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 are available to book on our 'my child at school' app.



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

Tuesday 6 th October 6pm	Friends of School AGM. All welcome.
Thursday 15 th October 4pm and 6pm	September 2027 NEW INTAKE Open Evening
Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October – 2 week Halfterm	

Tuesday 3 rd November 2.45pm	Parents can visit their child's classroom and look at their books and displays – ahead of parents evening.
Monday 9 th November AM	Care Home Visit – School Council
Tuesday 10 th November 3.30-5pm	Parents Evening
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th November	Antibullying week
Thursday 19 th November 3.30-7pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 3 rd December 9.45am	Reception Christmas Performance to parents. Note: There is only one show to parents for Reception as it has been clear previous years that this is enough for the children.
Monday 7 th December AM	Care Home Visit – School Council
Tuesday 8 th December 9.45am	Year 1 Christmas Performance to parents. Please only come to one of the shows.
Tuesday 8 th December 2.30pm	Year 2 Christmas Performance to parents. Please only come to one of the shows.
Wednesday 9 th December 2.30pm	Year 1 Christmas Performance to parents Please only come to one of the shows.
Thursday 10 th December 9.45am	Year 2 Christmas Performance to parents Please only come to one of the shows.
Wednesday 16 th December 2.30pm	Nursery Christmas Performance to parents
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term.

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Key: White dates - school open to pupils, Yellow dates - pupil holiday, Blue dates - Staff Training (school closed – pupil holiday), Red dates - bank holiday for staff and pupils.



Join Our

Ghost Hill Toddler Group

Fun and engaging activities for toddlers.

**Every Monday and Tuesday, during term
time.**

10.00am- 11.30am

Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School,
Eastfield, Taverham, NR8 6PJ

Activities Include:

- Storytime and singing
- Arts and crafts
- Outdoor play

Contact Us:

office@ghosthill.set.education
01603 860334



**Come Play,
Learn, and Grow
Together!**

Drayton Junior School Holiday Club – age 4-11. See below.

Here is also a booking link: - [Drayton CofE Junior School – Premier Education](#)

Available for all children from any local school from age 4-11

Premier Education's first holiday club at...

DRAYTON JUNIOR SCHOOL (NR8 6EF)

26th - 29th October (Half Term)

08:30-16:30
(£36 - Full Day)
&
10:00-14:00
(Half Day) £24

20% OFF
Currently only £28.80 if you book before October 1st!

SPORTS

- *FOOTBALL *DODGEBALL * BASKETBALL *CRICKET
- * BENCHBALL * CAPTURE THE FLAG * GYMNASTICS AND MORE

ARTS & CRAFTS

- Monday - Paper Lanterns
- Tuesday - Trick or Treat Basket
- Wednesday - Mummy Tissue Game- Can you be the fastest?
- Thursday - Pumpkin Paper Plates

NEED HELP? REACH OUT TO OUR CHILDCARE EXPERIENCE MANAGER FOR SUPPORT

We understand parents may have some questions. Please feel free to email Luke who will support you.
ldickerson@premier-education.com

BOOK TODAY!



premier-education.com

HOW TO BOOK!

Scan the QR code and select your dates directly OR head to the Premier Education website. Select parents > holiday clubs > add in your postcode > select the Drayton Holiday Club > book your dates.

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Kids



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In Person Workshops

Thursday 17th September
Introduction to Neurodiversity

Thursday 24th September
Behaviour

Thursday 1st October
Demand Avoidance (PDA)

Thursday 8th October
Parental Resilience

10.30am - 12.30pm

The Bircham Centre

Market Place
Reepham
Norwich
NR10 4JJ

Email
sally.macgregor
@kids.org.uk for
more info



Scan here to book



Making Sense of SEND



**In person, free, friendly information
and support about SEND for
families and professionals.**



**Saturday 3 October 2026,
11.30am-1.30pm at
Hellesdon Community Centre, NR6 5SR**

**Are you looking for support for your child
/young person with SEND and your family?**

- Listen to an expert-led talk
- A chance to give feedback and be heard by the Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) team or SEND advisor. Bookable on the day.
- Speak directly with more than 20 services and get personalised, face-to-face advice all in one place.

**No need
to book - please
just come along.
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more:**



www.norfolk.gov.uk/msos

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HALLOWEEN TENNIS CAMP
SPOOKY SKILLS, MONSTER CHALLENGES,
GAMES AND PRIZES!



**Hellesdon Community Tennis
Taverham Tennis Club**
28th - 30th October 9.00-11.30am

5-10 years

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK-
<https://nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/norfolk>

SCAN TO BOOK



JOIN THE FUN IF YOU DARE!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: HELLO@NATIONALTENNIS.ORG.UK



Taverham
Evangelical
Church

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Bright Party

31st October, 5-7pm

Taverham Village Hall, Sandy Lane,
Taverham, Norwich NR8 6JR

Games • Sweets • Crafts • Activities
Food • Silent Dance Floor • Glitter Tattoos

For primary school aged children and their families.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Fancy Dress or Dress to party (no scary costumes)

Booking is essential

For more information and to book scan
QR code or visit: www.tec-church.com





What is Muddy Monsters? 🏁

We set up the Muddy Monsters Race Series in 2023, to give children who enjoy riding their bikes, the opportunity to try a fun grassroots cycle race.

Muddy Monsters is a series of off-road races held in public parks in Norwich at weekends. The series is designed specifically for beginners/novice riders who want to take part in local grassroots races.

For 2026, the series comprised of 4 rounds. At each round of the series, U8-14 riders take part in 3 races:

- Sprint race (1 lap of main course)
- Endurance race (multiple laps of main course)

- Skills race (1 lap of skills course)

Riders will score points from each race which are combined to give an overall result for the round.

There will also be a fun U4 Balance Bike category at each round where young riders under the age of 4 will have the opportunity to take part in a sprint race and a skills race.

The remaining rounds of the 2026 series;

- Round #3 - Sunday 13th September (1.00-3.30pm) @ Easton College, Norwich
- Round #4 - Sunday 18th October (1.00-3.30pm) @ Earlham Park, Norwich

The series is now organised by our sister organisation [Green Light Cycling](#) and sponsored by [Little Riders](#).

So if your child enjoys riding their bike and you think they might enjoy taking part in a fun race, enter them into one of the upcoming rounds today! www.littleriders.co.uk/muddymonsters/