



## Ghost Hill Newsletter

### 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

A message from Mrs Westall

I hope you have all had a good week. The highlight of this week was the visit for Year 2 from Edith Cavell 'Janet Marshall -Journeys for Learning.' Thank you to Friends of School for funding this wonderful experience. The children showed curiosity by asking questions and they listened so well. This is an experience they will always remember.



Its not Crazy Hair on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – it's 'Wear What you Love!' Sorry – that was me getting in a muddle!

We have a lot of exciting things planned for the second half of this term. Please look at the diary dates at the bottom of this letter. World Book Day, Fab Science Day, Stem Week, Dance Club Show as well as Year 2 school trip.

Children can come dressed as book characters or non-uniform on **World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Please complete our Annual Parent Survey using the link below:



We welcome your feedback and as always this helps us improve our school, as well as hearing the aspects of school you feel we do well.

[Ghost Hill- Parent View 2026 – Fill out form](#)

## A Special Mention from Mrs Westall

Try Hard, be Brave, Be You.



Character virtue – Teamwork

Well done to Mimi in Rabbit Class. She has been spotted several times helping other children and being very kind.

Ready, Respectful, Safe



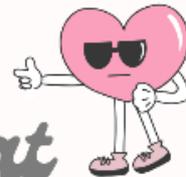
FRIENDS OF GHOST HILL SCHOOL

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Non-Uniform Day



*Wear what you Love!*

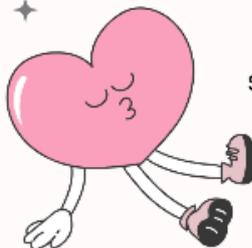
*13th February*

Come dressed in your favourite outfit!

£1 donation for FOGH



Pay on the day or scan the QR code to pay at PTA Events



## Safer Internet Day



Next week we will be marking Safer Internet Day by holding an assembly on Monday, and then some lessons on Tuesday in classes to help children understand being safe online. This will also include talk about AI and being curious about what they see or hear online. Please support us by continuing these conversations at home.

We are linking this to our Character Education curriculum by focusing on the character virtues

**HONESTY and CURIOSITY**

**Our Year 2 Library Leaders have been busy making these book covers to display**



Norwich Science Festival is in Half term – please take a look at the link below. It's a great event for all ages.

[Norwich Science Festival](#)



Here is a snapshot of what's on:

	<p><b>SAT 7 FEB</b></p> <p>10am - 2pm</p>	<p><b>INSPIRED at Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form</b></p> <p>A free family STEMM day, with science and maths related activities, experiments and competitions.</p> <p>FAMILY EVENT FREE ALL AGES FOR KIDS</p> <p>POPULAR SCIENCE</p>
	<p><b>FRI 13 FEB</b></p> <p>7.30pm - 9.45pm</p>	<p><b>Explorium Lates</b></p> <p>For the first time ever, The Explorium is open after hours – and it's just for the grown-ups (18+)!</p> <p>SHOW TALK THE EXPLORIUM</p> <p>AI AND TECHNOLOGY POPULAR SCIENCE</p> <p>WILDLIFE AND ANIMALS CHEMISTRY FOR ADULTS</p>
	<p><b>SAT 14 FEB</b></p> <p><b>SAT 21 FEB</b></p> <p>9.30am - 10.30am</p>	<p><b>Quiet Hour in The Explorium</b></p> <p>Ease into the excitement of Norwich Science Festival with a Quiet Hour at The Explorium!</p> <p>FREE THE EXPLORIUM POPULAR SCIENCE</p> <p>FOR KIDS FOR ADULTS FAMILY EVENT</p> <p>SEND-FRIENDLY</p>

## STEM Week

We are excited to share that our focus for STEM Week this year is 'Global Curiosity'. All week the children will be working hard on science, maths and art projects beyond our usual curriculum offer. As part of this learning, we will be looking at our planet so please can you support us by saving up your recycling.

Please can each child bring in a carrier bag of recycling to school by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.



## **Sports News**

The children are still continuing to complete their dance units in PE with lots of enthusiasm and creativity!

Year 2 girls will be finishing their last week of swimming next week- Mrs Everett has been delighted with all their progress throughout the term.

Thank you to the parents who have expressed an interest in the adult pilates class, I will be in contact next week confirming places.

Dance club have been building on the choreography of our dance to Bewitched Ce la Vie, we are so impressed with their dedication to practising in the club and at home!

Have a super weekend,

Mrs Woolderton (Year class teacher and PE lead) and Mrs Everett (HLTA and PE lead)



## **Sports Star of the week**

Our sports star of the week is Florence in Owl class for keeping to the 8 count beat!



## **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 Emily in Rabbit Class for going from white belt to yellow and white. This is great  
Emily!



Well done to Emilia and Darcey in Butterfly Class. They both achieved their Core 3 Awards and medals at Gymnastics this week. This is a great achievement girls!



#### 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.**

# School Attendance

Every day counts...



## Good attendance helps with...



### Academic Achievement

Regular attendance helps children stay on track with the curriculum and achieve stronger academic results.



### Social Skills

Being in school every day helps children make friends, develop important social skills and feel part of the school community.



### Routine & Responsibility

Attending school regularly teaches the importance of commitment, routine and responsibility, helping children build valuable life skills.



### Focus & Engagement

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.



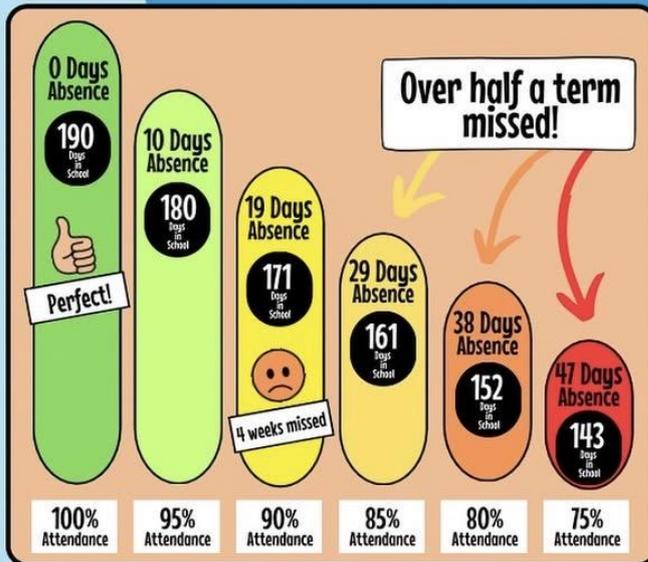
### Building Confidence

Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.



### Enhanced Learning Opportunities

School offers more than academic learning - it provides clubs, activities and enrichment opportunities that help children discover new interests and talents.



## Did you know there are...

- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

## Tips for Supporting Good Attendance...

### Set a regular routine

A consistent bedtime and morning routine helps children feel ready for school and reduces last-minute stress.

### Aim for every day

Try to make school attendance the default. Only keep your child off if they are genuinely unwell.

### Plan appointments carefully

Where possible, book medical or dental appointments outside school hours so your child doesn't miss lessons.

### Talk positively about school

Ask about your child's day and celebrate the little things they enjoy. Your positivity helps them look forward to school.

### Stay in touch

When a child is struggling, early communication with the school helps everyone find solutions and makes things easier for the child.

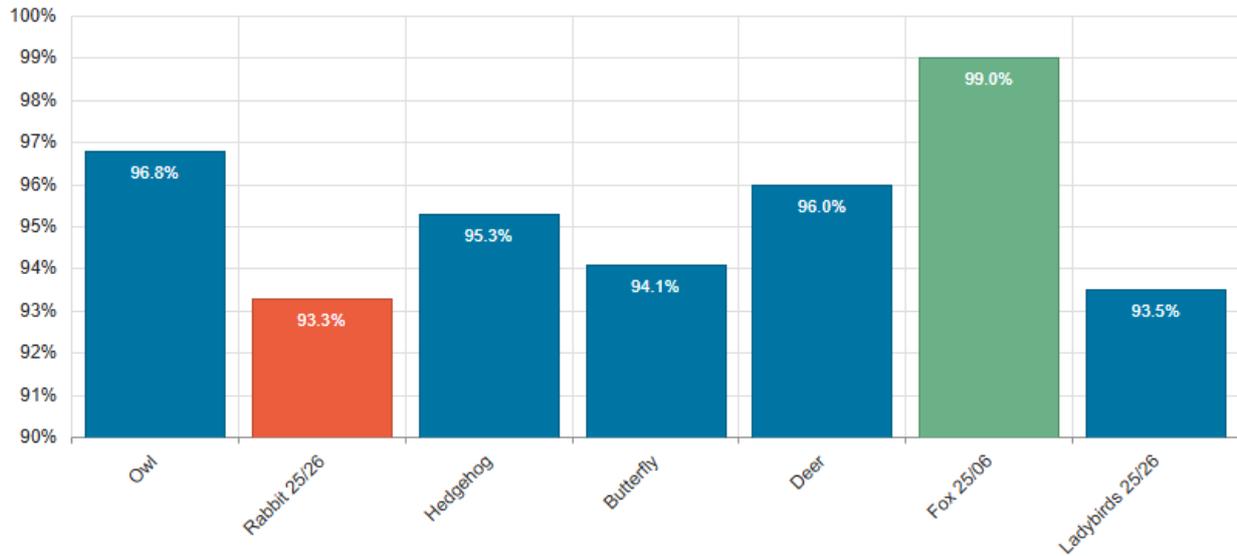
### Prepare the night before

Pack bags, lay out uniforms and check homework in the evening to make mornings smoother and less stressful.





Well done to **Fox class** for **99%** attendance this week.



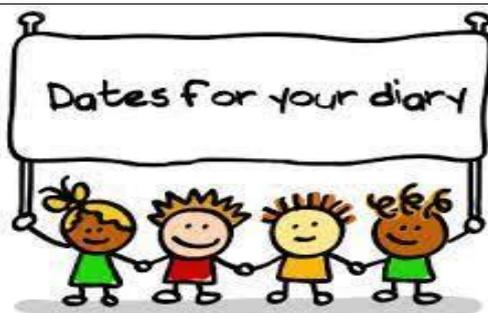
The trust attendance target is **97%**

Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School current attendance this week is **96.3%**

### **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.



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

### Spring Term 2026 Dates

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	SAFER INTERNET DAY
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Late Parents Evening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Wear what you LOVE – Friends Fundraising event £1 voluntary donation per child.
<b>HALFTERM – 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Early Parents Evening
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 – please come dressed as a book character or in non uniform. This is just for fun.
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
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March during the school day	Wonderful Women Gift Shop – Friends Fundraising event
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 School Trip to The Bug Parc
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March evening	Dance Show

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*St Edmund's Church, Taverham*

**Shrove  
TUESDAY**

*Pancake Party*



**2.30 - 4.00**

**Tuesday 17th February**

**St. Edmund's Church**



### Spring Learn to Ride Courses

We are really excited to release details of our **Spring** programme of **Learn to Ride** courses.

We will be running our hugely popular courses at venues across **Norfolk** and **Suffolk**, including:

- Cringleford
- Queen's Hill
- Sprowston
- Wymondham
- Ipswich
- Stowupland

Courses will be held at **weekends** and during **school holidays**.

Don't worry if your child doesn't have their own bike or helmet as we can lend them one. We also sell great value lightweight bikes and comfortable helmets on our [Little Riders online shop](#).

Our coaches have years of experience and have taught thousands of children how to confidently ride a bike.

So if you would like us to take the stress out of teaching your child how to ride a bike in time for the Summer, book them a place today!

**[BOOK NOW](#)**