



## **Ghost Hill Newsletter**

### **6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**A message from Mrs Westall**

**What a fantastic week we've had in school! This has been one of the busiest and most memorable weeks of the school year so far. We've celebrated STEM Week, World Book Day, and Fab Science Day—all filled with exciting learning opportunities.**

**On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Year 6 pupils from Taverham Junior School. They performed the raps they had written for our Year 1 and 2 children, who thoroughly enjoyed listening. Afterwards, the older pupils spent time reading with the children, which was a real highlight.**

**The photos below show just how much fun everyone—children and staff—has had. Learning has stretched far beyond the National Curriculum this week, and the children have gained so much from these enriching experiences. A huge thank you to our staff for planning and delivering such an inspiring week.**

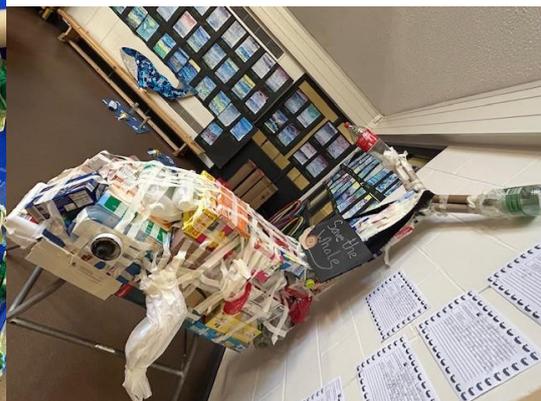
**Thank you also to all families who joined us for our STEM exhibition. It was a wonderful event, and we really appreciate your support.**

**Please find a summary of the Parent Survey results attached to the newsletter.**

**You will also find next year's school calendar at the end of this newsletter. To enable a two-week October half-term break, teachers will have fewer full training days and will instead complete some training during after-school "twilight" sessions. Children will therefore be in school on those days. The total number of pupil school days remains the same as this year. Because of these adjustments, our calendar will differ from the standard Norfolk School Calendar, so please do check it carefully when planning holidays.**

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend.**

**STEM week – Global Curiosity. Thank you for coming to our exhibition. The children loved the learning and activities.**



## World Book Day

Our KS1 children enjoyed a visit from Taverham Junior Year 6 children. The Year 6 children performed raps they had written and then enjoyed reading and drawing with Year 1 and 2. All children in the school enjoyed book related activities. Thank you to our kitchen staff for making lunchtime so special.



## Fab Science Day

What a wonderful way to end STEM week! So much CURIOSITY, TEAMWORK and Awe and Wonder.





Our **Year 2 Communication Leaders** have said this about this week...



**Donations of books would be very welcome.**

**Thank you for the books received so far! They are already in classrooms and the library.**



Books are very well used at Ghost Hill, and we are in the process of rotating books in the class reading areas with the library and taking out the books that are damaged. We are always grateful for donations of good quality picture books or chapter books that your children might have finished with. fiction and nonfiction. Please bring to Mrs Westall at the gate or the school office if you can help.

**Friends of School Easter Fayre**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March after school 3.20-4.20.**



There will be an easter egg hunt after school, easter trail, cake sale and stalls. If wet we will use two Year 2 classrooms for the stalls. If anyone is able to help with this event, then please contact Jenny Beckingham on 07473933939 and she can add you to the WhatsApp group to help plan.

***A Special Mention from Mrs Westall***

**Try Hard, be Brave, Be You.**



**Character virtue – Teamwork**

**Well done to Zoey and Zara in Year 1 for always being so helpful at lunchtimes and in class. You are great role models and work well as a team with other children too.**

**Ready, Respectful, Safe**



**Norfolk STEPS** is the behaviour approach we use in school to support all children to learn and connect with others in a positive way. The STEPS training team are offering workshops for parents too. Please do register with the school office if you are interested in learning more about how to support your child with behaviours that challenge.

Norfolk County Council

**Local First Inclusion**



**Supporting you with your  
child's behaviour: A Norfolk Steps  
approach**

Workshop for parents:  
2 sessions for 2 hours  
Please attend all sessions

To give you some tips, tools and ideas to support  
your children with behaviours that challenge.

**Dates:** 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 9.00 – 11.00am

**Venue:** Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery



## Sports News

As we are well into the school year, we would like to advise you that we are on track for all year 2 children to attend a sporting event while they have been at Ghost Hill. We will then look at offering some of the events to year 1 children. A lot of thought goes into who goes to which event and why. We are also committed to ensuring children that are on pupil premium have equal access to a wide range of sporting opportunities. Our school promotes inclusion and teamwork which links to our school values.

On that note, we have some exciting news! We will be organising a **PE café for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**. It is a chance for you to come and join your child and experience some of the activities they do during their PE lesson and sporting trips.

This will be a well organised event with children moving around stations with a parent or carer. Each station will be timed for 10 minutes before the signal is given to move on. There will be 6 stations. We are very lucky to have the Schools Sports Partnership in to help us at each event along with Sports Leaders from Taverham High School and Taverham Junior School. This is Community Awareness at its best, involving and inspiring all who attend.

The dates are as follows:

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1.20pm</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1.20pm</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1.20pm</b>

All dates fall on pupils PE days. More details for each year group will be given nearer to the time. Only one adult can compete in the activity with their child at a time. Maximum of 2 adults to attend the event, per child.

We look forward to energetic and happy days making lots of memories.



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

Sports star of the week is Harrison in Deer Class for fantastic skipping as well as a really positive, can do attitude in PE lessons.



## 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 Ivy in Rabbit Class who achieved 4 swimming badges this week. She has completed her Adventurer level, achieved all four swimming strokes; including front crawl, back crawl, butterfly and breast stroke. She was able to perform lots of tricks in the water and completed her safety skills. She has been working on these badges since September. This is incredible for a child so young!



### 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.**



### 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:**

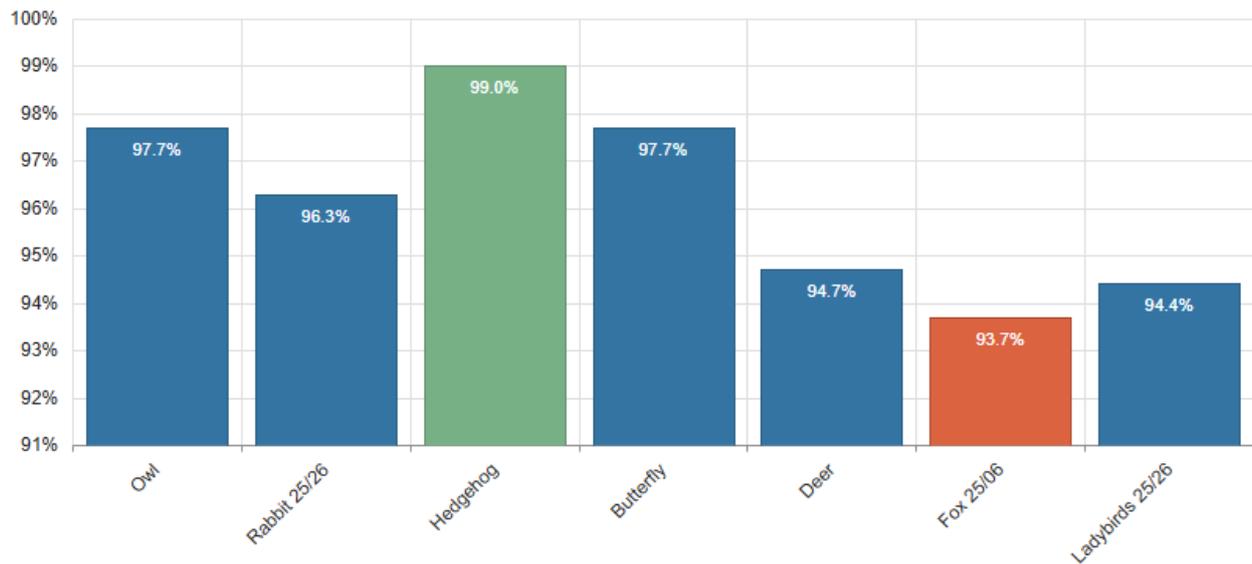
**CADS – Children’s Advice and Duty Service - 0344 800 8020.**

**Please see the most recent Online Newsletter on our school website:**

[GHOST HILL INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL](#)



Well done **Hedgehog class for 99%** attendance this week.



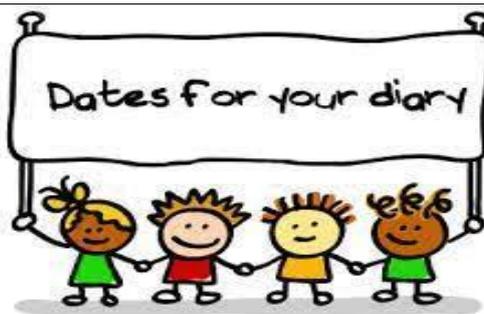
The trust attendance target is **97%**

Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School current attendance this week is **96.2%**

### 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.**

### Spring Term 2026 Dates

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
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 9-11am	Parent STEPS workshop
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March after school	Friends of School Easter Fayre
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 School Trip to The Bug Parc
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March evening	Dance Show

### Summer Term 2026 Dates

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term starts for children
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 1 School Trip to How Hill
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1.20pm</b>	<b>Reception Sports afternoon for parents.</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Friends of School Crazy Hair Day event . £1 donation.
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1.20pm</b>	<b>Year 1 Sports afternoon for parents.</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1.20pm</b>	<b>Year 2 Sports afternoon for parents.</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM
W/b 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 National Phonics check and Y2 retakes
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June PM	Friends of School Marvellous Men Giftshop
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Evening for new intake 5.30pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception School Trip to Gressenhall

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30am	Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and 2.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30am	RESERVE sports day for R,1,2
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 11am	Nursery sports day + family picnic
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 2 Multisports and Music day at Taverham Junior School – in school hours – Ghost Hill staff to take and collect.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Nursery sports day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 transition days to Taverham Junior School. Parents to take and collect from the Junior School. More info will follow.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends of School Summer Fayre
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 9.30am	Year 2 Leavers Show
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term

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**Adverts from our parents who offer music/sports coaching/tuition or run small businesses.  
This supports our COMMUNITY AWARENESS focus.**



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### 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](#)**

# Free Online Parent & Carer Webinars

## Free Online Webinars: Feb - March 2026

### **Join Our Spring Term Webinar Series!**

The PINS Spring Webinar programme offers a series of free, supportive online sessions designed to help families better understand and support neurodiverse children — both at home and in school.

These sessions are part of PINS (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools), a Norfolk programme working alongside families and schools to create inclusive, understanding learning environments for every child.

- ✓ Free to attend
- ✓ Online – join from home
- ✓ Welcoming and practical
- ✓ No diagnosis or prior knowledge needed

### **When?**

Understanding neurodiversity in school

- Social communication and friendships
- Masking and emotional wellbeing
- Behaviour as communication
- Inclusive school cultures
- Working positively with families
- Supportive learning environments

### **Who is it for?**

These sessions are designed to be supportive, practical and understanding. Whether you're just beginning to explore neurodiversity or looking for new ideas, you'll find insight, reassurance and encouragement.

All sessions are free and delivered online via Microsoft Teams. Joining links are attached with QR codes as an option. Join as many sessions as you like — even just one can make a difference.

Session and session title	Date/Time Presenter	Audience	Session detail and Registration link
<p><b>Session 9.</b> Behind the Mask: Thinking about why children mask and how home and school can work together</p>	<p><b>26th Feb 1000-1100</b>  <b>Family Action Norfolk</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governors</li> <li>• SLT</li> <li>• SENDCO</li> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• Parent/Carers</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">NORFOLK PINS 2026: Session 9</a></p> 
<p><b>Session 12.</b> Plan Bee Taster: Understanding and Supporting Neurodivergence at home and at school</p>	<p><b>3rd March 0930-1100</b>  <b>Family Action Norfolk</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governors</li> <li>• SLT</li> <li>• SENDCO</li> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• Parent/Carers</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Norfolk PINS 2026: Session 12</a></p> 
<p><b>Session 14.</b> A Low Demand Approach - Looking at demand anxiety and strategies to help</p>	<p><b>5th March 1000-1100</b>  <b>Family Action Norfolk</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governors</li> <li>• SLT</li> <li>• SENDCO</li> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• Parent/ Carers</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">NORFOLK PINS 2026: Session 14</a></p> 
<p><b>Session 17.</b> Plan Bee Taster: Understanding and Supporting Neurodivergence at home and at school</p>	<p><b>10th March 1530-1700</b>  <b>Family Action Norfolk</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governors</li> <li>• SLT</li> <li>• SENDCO</li> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• Parent /Carers</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">NORFOLK PINS 2026: Session 17</a></p> 
<p><b>Session 18.</b> Anger or Anxieties? Thinking about emotional distress and how it can present.</p>	<p><b>12th March 1000-1100</b>  <b>Family Action Norfolk</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governors</li> <li>• SLT</li> <li>• SENDCO</li> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• Parent/ Carers</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">NORFOLK PINS 2026: Session 18</a></p> 
<p><b>Session 20.</b> Masking - What It Looks Like, Why It Happens, and How We Can Support <i>(evening)</i></p>	<p><b>12th March 1900-2030</b>  <b>Dr Pooky Knightsmith</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governors</li> <li>• SLT</li> <li>• SENDCO</li> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• Parent/ Carers</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">NORFOLK PINS 2026: Session 20</a></p> 