



## Ghost Hill Newsletter

### 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025



**A message from Mrs Westall**

**We have had another great week at Ghost Hill. Children are very settled and enjoying learning indoors and out. Our Year 2 Leaders have taken to their roles well and are great role models around school.**

**Over the next few weeks, I will arrange a time to visit the Year 3 children at Taverham Junior, as I've heard they've settled very well too.**

**Please remember school photos on Thursday next week. We would like children to come to school in their school uniforms even if it is a PE lesson – and we will adapt the PE lesson accordingly.**



**We are now on Facebook. Follow, Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School.**

**Individual School Photos - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**



**Have a good weekend**



KS1 spent today thinking about World Mental Health Day. They talked together about what this means and how we can work to keep our minds healthy. They discussed different strategies to help to feel calm and what to do if they need some help with their worries. The classes then had a go at some 'mindful' strategies together.





### **Shoebbox Appeal – by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

THREE STEPS TO  
SHARE **WARMTH,**  
**JOY AND HOPE**

We are pleased to be taking part in this year's Blythswood Shoebbox Appeal once again bringing warmth, joy and hope to those in need this Christmas. Please see attached PDF for items required as well as image below:

If you can donate some of these items listed below , an empty average-sized shoebox or wrapping paper to our school, we can do the rest and make them up ready to be collected. If you would like to decorate your own shoebox as family and fill it with contents, these will be gratefully received too.

Please can we ask for shoeboxes and contents to be delivered to the school office no later than Friday 24th October to allow us the time to prepare them for collection? Thank you all in advance for whatever support you can give to this project which demonstrates our Character Education virtue of '**Community Awareness**' and '**Teamwork**' in one of the best possible ways - bringing light to those who need it most.

# THREE STEPS TO SHARE **WARMTH,** **JOY** AND **HOPE**

## STEP 1

### FIND AND WRAP

Choose an average-sized shoebox and decide whether it's for a child, teenager, man or woman. **Wrap the box** and lid separately so the lid can be removed without tearing the paper. If your box has an attached lid, cut the lid off, wrap separately and tape back on.



## STEP 2

### PACK AND CHECK

**Fill the box** with useful, long-lasting items. Remove any unnecessary packaging to save space and reduce waste. **Use the checklist** to ensure you've included the recommended items, then tick them off and tape the checklist to the outside of the box.



## STEP 3

### DONATE AND DELIVER

**Help cover transport and other costs** by donating online or by using the donation envelope — place it on top of the items inside the box. Secure the lid with rubber bands (not tape) so that the contents can be inspected. **Deliver your box** to a local collection point (such as a church or school) by the end of October or the start of November for Christmas delivery.



#### LOCAL COLLECTION POINT:

## CHECKLIST

Please tick the items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid. Include the essential items highlighted in the orange box. **Important: please only include new items.**

## ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Toothbrush & toothpaste
- ☐ Bar of soap
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Socks/tights
- ☐ Scarf, hat, gloves
- ☐ Toy\*/gift
- ☐ Sweets

\*Small toy for children such as cars, dolls, balls, etc. Please only include new shop-bought toys.

No chocolate, split multipacks, or any other food items. No loose sweets, lollies, or undated bags of sweets. Best before date no earlier than 31st March next year.

**Do not include** used or damaged items: war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; mouthwash; seeds; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; **chocolate** or any food other than sweets. Chocolate eclairs and chocolate limes are not allowed; books that are mainly words should not be included.

#### TOILETRIES (NO TALCUM POWDER)

MAXIMUM SIZE OF BOTTLES 200ML

- ☐ Shampoo or shower gel
- ☐ Face cloth/moist wipes
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Moisturising cream
- ☐ Comb/brush
- ☐ Sanitary products
- ☐ Shaving foam/razors

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- ☐ New make-up
- ☐ Sewing equipment
- ☐ Household candles
- ☐ Screwdrivers/pliers

#### STATIONERY

- ☐ Pens/pencils/sharpener
- ☐ Notepads/colouring books
- ☐ Rulers/rubbers

#### CLOTHES AND OTHER ITEMS

**WE CANNOT ACCEPT BABY BOXES, OR NEW KNITTED GOODS APART FROM HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES**

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#### SELECT YOUR SHOEBOX RECIPIENT

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<input type="checkbox"/> Boy (3-7)	AGE <input type="text"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Woman	
<input type="checkbox"/> Girl (teen)	AGE <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Girl (8-12)	AGE <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Girl (3-7)	AGE <input type="text"/>

Tear along the perforation to detach this panel and secure to the outside of your shoebox





## Christmas School Sugar Collection

For the homeless and hungry, families in crisis, and those seeking refuge from domestic violence in East Anglia.

Dear Parent/Carer,

This Christmas our school will be collecting sugar to support a local appeal, " Sugar for Shelters".

Every year Norfolk and Suffolk school children donate sugar to help homeless and needy people throughout the county at Christmas. (The total last year was an amazing 6 tonnes!).

- Sugar for Shelters is a part of the Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA). This NORFOLK farm based Christmas Food Charity, founded by Norfolk farmer Mike Buckingham in 1985, provides the food for more than 5000 Christmas dinners.
- Schools help Sugar for Shelters by collecting bags of sugar for the homeless, needy and vulnerable in local shelters.
- Huge amounts of sugar are needed and make a REAL difference in Shelters and Food Kitchens throughout Norfolk and Suffolk in the cold days of winter and particularly over Christmas.
- Collecting sugar is simple and affordable and helps children focus on the spirit of giving at Christmas.
- British Sugar will match the schools' donations of every kilo of their brand of sugar (Silver Spoon) up to 2000kg !

We do hope that you and your child can help the homeless and needy by bringing in a bag of sugar to school by December \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you in anticipation for supporting the Appeal at this special time of the year.

Yours sincerely ,





## Christmas School Sugar Collection

**Supporting shelters in East Anglia for  
the homeless and families in crisis**

**PLEASE BRING A  
BAG OF SUGAR  
INTO SCHOOL BY**

**Friday 12th December 2025**



**For the needy,  
sugar is instant  
and vital energy  
in food and hot  
drinks**

*Celebrating 30 years of school sugar collection*

BEFA (The Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal)  
Registered Charity Number: 1066578

Supported by BRITISH SUGAR

## **Parent Café**

***Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November***

***at 2pm***

***Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School***

**“How to help your child when they  
are not wanting to come to school”**

**With expert input from a Family worker  
with the School and Community Team**

**With additional Information &  
Advice for**

❖ **Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.**



# GHOST HILL INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

We warmly invite you to our:  
Open Events for September  
2026 Reception and Nursery



**OPEN EVENING  
FOR PARENTS AND  
CARERS  
WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER 4PM  
AND 6PM**



**OPEN MORNINGS FOR FAMILIES  
THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOV 9.30 - 10:15AM  
TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOV 9.30 - 10:15AM  
WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOV 9.30 - 10:15AM**

Please contact the school office to book the open morning.

**01603 860334**

office@ghosthill.set.education



Our Reception children really enjoyed a visit from Emma, a Dental Nurse from the Happy Smiles Club at Plummers Dentists. We learned about how to look after our teeth helped by cheeky Derek the Dinosaur. Did you know that you are not meant to rinse your mouth after brushing your teeth? It is much better to leave the toothpaste on your teeth to protect them.







## Spaces available for 3years+ Nursery September 2025/ 2026

Speak to the school office for more information  
01603 860334 or email  
[office@ghosthill.set.education](mailto:office@ghosthill.set.education)



### *A Special Mention from Mrs Westall*

Try Hard, be Brave, Be You.



Character virtue – Curiosity

Well done to Meliah in Deer Class. She showed incredible curiosity when completing Maths challenges. She was so curious about numbers, and number bonds to 100 and wanting to be challenged and challenged and challenged! Well done to Meliah!

Ready, Respectful, Safe



### Sports News

The school have had a super week continuing their PE units with a focus on Team building. This links well with our Character Education Focus on 'Teamwork.'

The enthusiasm for swimming and the teacher led sports clubs has been amazing to see! So many children have talked about what they have been doing which is fantastic!

Next Tuesday we look forward to taking some Key stage 1 children to the Cross-Country event organised by School Sport Partnership!

We have loved receiving more sports achievements from you, thank you so much for sharing with us, we love celebrating your children as a whole school.

Have a super weekend,  
Mrs Wooltorton and Mrs Everett



### Sports Star of the week

Our Sports Star of the week goes to Poppy in Butterfly for working well with her partner in Team Building.



### 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)

If any children are in uniformed organisations such as Rainbows or Beavers, we'd love to hear about any activities they do, badges they gain or new things they've tried. This would be a really good example of **Community Awareness**.

Well done to Mabel in Hedgehog Class. Her swimming teacher chose her as her swimmer of the month due to 'incredible determination to complete challenges given and mastering the confidence to submerge underwater with ease'. She is very proud of herself! This is excellent Mabel, well done.



Well done to Didi in Rabbit Class. She learnt to ride her bike without stabilisers at a Little Riders Learn to Ride course. This is brilliant Didi!



#### **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 October's [Online Safety Newsletter](#) on our website.**

Games are a great way for young children to explore the internet and learn about the world around them. CBeebies home page is safe for young children to explore with independence. Have a chat with your child about keeping safe online.

[Internet safety for children | Keep your child safe online - CBeebies](#)





#### 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.

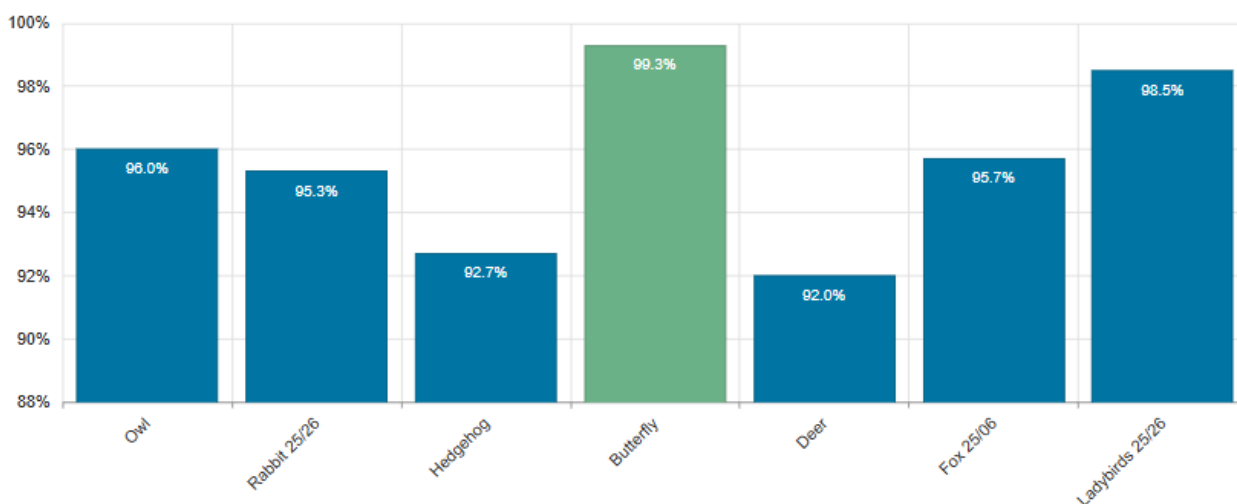
If you do not have MYCAS and would like access, please speak to Mrs Ferguson in the school office.

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 **99.3%** attendance this week.



The trust attendance target is **97%**

Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School current attendance this week is **95.3%**

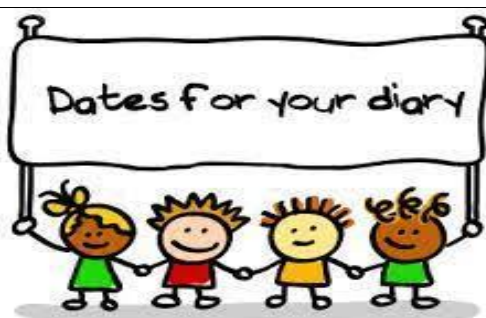
**Good attendance matters!**

Attendance ladder.

Attendance	Description	Approx. days (sessions) lost per year	Approx. weeks lost school per year
100%	Perfect	0	0
96%	Good	7.5 (15 sessions)	1 week
95%	Nearly there	9.5 (19 sessions)	1–2 weeks
94%	Need to improve	12.5 (25 sessions)	2-3 weeks
90%	Persistent Absence – very concerning	19.5 (39 sessions)	3-4 weeks
50% or more	Severely absent - very concerning	95+ days (190+ sessions)	19 or more weeks

**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



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

### Autumn Term Dates

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photos.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Flu immunisation clinic (R, yr 1 & yr 2)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Friends of school event: Autumn Parade after school. Children can come to school dressed in Autumn Colours – with an Autumn craft to display. More info to follow.
<b>Half term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Extra INSET day. Children not in
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Sept 2026 Intake OPEN EVENING
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Fair after school
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parent Café with the schools and communities team (see poster above)</b>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening 3.30-5pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Fundraising dress up day.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening 3.30-7pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Taverham Junior School Open Evening for current Year 2 children and families. 5-7pm.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov, Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov, Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open mornings for Sept 2026 new intake
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November PM	Friends of School event: Elfridges. Christmas gift shop for children. More info to follow.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2pm	Year 2 Christmas show to parents.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 10am	Year 2 Christmas show to parents
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends of School event: Colour raffle dress up day in a Christmas jumper or non uniform. More info to follow.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 10am and 2pm	Reception Christmas show to parents
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends of School in assembly to draw the raffle with the children.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm	Nursery Christmas show to parents.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	Year 1 Christmas show to parents
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December lunchtime	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 10am	Year 1 Christmas show to parents
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term – non uniform just for fun.



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### Parents and Carers

Do you feel you need support or advice regarding your children?

Come and chat to Emma your Community Worker from the Broadland Family Hub , she's here to help with:

- Behaviour Advice
- Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing
- Household Finances & Cost of Living
  - Parenting Support
  - Any Other Concerns

#### **DROP-IN SESSIONS AT THE DRAYTON ECFS BASE 9.00am-16.00pm NEXT SESSIONS**

18<sup>th</sup> September  
2<sup>nd</sup> October  
16<sup>th</sup> October  
30<sup>th</sup> October

To book your appointment, contact Emma on  
[emma.lakerjones2@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:emma.lakerjones2@norfolk.gov.uk)  
or call 01603 222893

**We Look Forward To Meeting You**





# JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP

**Taverham Tennis Club  
Hellesdon Community  
Tennis**

**29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025  
9:00–11:30am  
5–10 years**

— Action packed holiday  
camps with team  
challenges, tennis skills,  
games and prizes.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
BOOK OR CLICK ON THE  
LINK BELOW

[HTTP://NATIONALTENNIS.ORG.UK/CAMPS/NORFOLK](http://nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/norfolk)

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION -  
HELLO@NATIONALTENNIS.ORG.UK

LTA —  
YOUTH



# WHY NOT START YOUR TRICK OR TREATING AT THE BOB CARTER CENTRE!



**FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025 | 4-6PM**

Join us for a spook-tacular afternoon of fun!

- Halloween tunes
- Party games
- Festive fun for the whole family

## **MAKE IT EXTRA SPECIAL**

Pre-book a meal with us. Choose from our

## **SPOOKY CHILDREN'S MEALS**

## **THE BOB CARTER CENTRE – MORE THAN JUST A VENUE!**

### **CATCH ALL THE ACTION LIVE WITH SKY SPORTS!**

From football to rugby and every unmissable moment in between – enjoy it all here in a warm, welcoming atmosphere with great company, refreshing drinks, and delicious home-cooked meals.

### **OUR NEW MENUS ARE HERE!**

- Comfort Food Menu – hearty favourites for every occasion
- Children's Menu – tasty dishes designed to keep little foodies smiling

**MEMBERSHIP NOT NEEDED TO EAT OR PLAY**

### **STAY CONNECTED**

Like & follow us on social media  
to keep up to date with events

