

# Ghost Hill Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

#### A message from Mrs Westall

This week I have spent time in classes and loved every minute of it. Part of my week is teaching too, which I also love. The environments the children learn in are wonderful; with a big focus on Character Education. Our Character Virtues of Community Awareness, Honesty, Teamwork and Curiosity can be seen being taught, on display and children are using these words. The Year 2 communication leaders helped me label displays with character virtues. They had no trouble spotting them - everywhere!

I have enjoyed taking a look at Tapestry and all of the learning EYFS children have been taking part in at home and school. Well done everyone!

It's that time of year when we review our Parent Code of Conduct. We have shared it on email for your reference. It's also on our website.

We are now on Facebook. Follow, Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School. This is a celebratory page and a space to share enrichment and our curriculum. There will be no notices on there for school events that aren't shared on our newsletter.

Today I am a speaker at a conference at Stanstead with the organisation Restitute. Please see the website We are Restitute - Restitute for more details of how Restitute can help you. I volunteer with Restitute and am a Non Executive Director so if you or a family member or friend need help (3<sup>rd</sup> party victim of serious crime) please come and chat with me. I will be more than happy to help.

Have a good weekend



Thomas D in Butterfly Class drew this in his Art Sketch Book. It made us all smile.



Emily in Rabbit Class, when at the writing table, drew a picture of her family having a barbecue.

We thought this was wonderful Emily!





# A Special Mention from Mrs Westall

Try Hard, be Brave, Be You.



Character virtue - Teamwork

I spotted Matilda in Fox Class being so kind and caring when helping a friend. This was so wonderful to see. Well done Matilda!

Ready, Respectful, Safe





#### **Sports News**

What a fantastic time we had at the Cross Country Competition at the Langley Prep School. The Schools Sports Partnership did a great job of organising this event for year 1s & 2s with fifteen schools in attendance.

Each category had sixty children competing against each other. I am always amazed at the grit and determination of Ghost Hill at these events. We had two first places with Poppy in Year 1 and Meliah in Year 2 and two third places, Zoey in year 1 and Aden in Year 2. The rest of the children finish in good places making Ghost Hill the overall winner of this event! Mrs Wooltorton, myself and the who school, especially Mrs Westall are very proud of this achievement.

We are looking forward to next year!

# 1st - Ghost Hill i



2nd - Drayton Infant

3rd - Thomas Bullock

4th - Swanton Morley

5th - Necton

6th - Lyng

7th - Toftwood Infant

8th - Kinsale Infant

9th - Litcham

10th - Scarning

11th - Nightingale

12th joint - Langley Prep & St Mary's

13th - Astley

14th - Dereham Infant

15th - Hockering





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

Well done to Ronnie in Deer Class who has impressed us all with his swimming. He shows so much confidence and ability in the water and has never had a swimming lesson, beyond school.

**Wow Ronnie!** 



## **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 Emilia in Butterfly Class for completing the 5k inflatable run at the showground with her Daddy and people at his work to raise money for the Norwich Community Sports foundation. She ran, climbed, jumped and smiled the whole way round. Amazing day! This is a great example of **Community Awareness.** 



Well done to Rory in Hedgehog Class. We are blown away by his drumming skills. We hope he is able to play to the school soon. Brilliant work Rory!





#### **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.

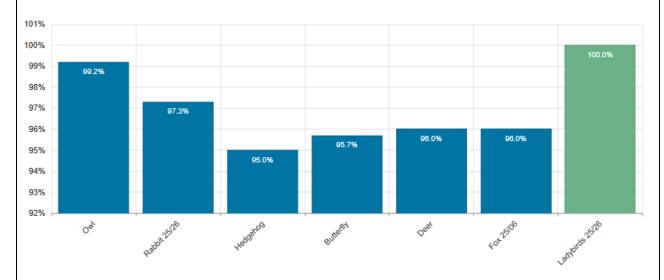
If you do not have MYCAS and would like access, please speak to Mrs Ferguson in the school office.

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

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 Ladybird class for 100% and Owl class for 99.2% attendance this week.



The trust attendance target is **97%**Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School current attendance this week is **96.7%** 

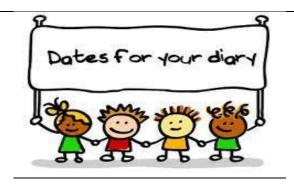
#### **Good attendance matters!**

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**

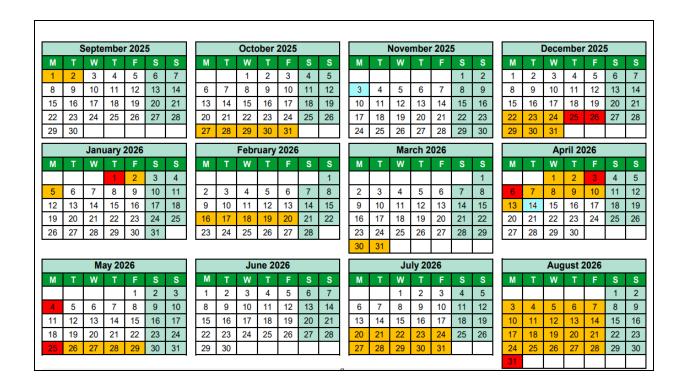
Please be aware breakfast and after school club has its own contact number. Should you need to reach them, please call 01603 558807



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

# **Autumn Term Dates**

Thursday 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.		
Half term - Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October			
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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		
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Café with the schools and communities		
	team (see poster above)		
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>	Open mornings for Sept 2026 new intake		
Nov			
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.		







#### **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 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 BOOKOR CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW



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



# **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



