

Ghost Hill Newsletter 3rd October 2025

A message from Mrs Westall

The weeks are flying by and as the seasons change it opens up new opportunities within our curriculum. The EYFS children have been collecting and exploring nature, and bringing the outdoors in. For children so young, they have settled so well into school life and we are proud of each and every child. Our Year 1 and 2 children seem very grown up and are great role models around school. Year 2 leaders have taken to their new roles brilliantly and enjoy standing up in a Friday assembly, completing projects and making decisions to help keep our school happy and healthy. Every Year 2 child is a leader every day and they change their roles half termly. This enables them to build confidence, independence, determination and team work. A reminder of the Year 2 leadership roles:

Eco Indoor leaders
Eco Outdoor leaders
Library leaders
Play leaders
Sports leaders
Communication leaders

Have a good weekend

Can you help us please in our Assembly on Monday 13th October at 3pm?



Focus on character virtue – Teamwork

Do you work as part of a team in your job? Can you come and talk to the school about your job and how important teamwork is? A 10 minute slot would be great – and maybe you could bring a few resources you use in your work? Please come in uniform if it's a uniformed job.

Please let us know via the school office if you are interested. office@ghosthill.set.education



Well done to the children who attended the Year 2 Football Festival, with other schools. Lots of talent was spotted, every child enjoyed it and everyone oozed enthusiasm! It was lovely that Mrs Everett could take Mrs Tubb as a volunteer!





Our Reception children had a special visit from Dawn and Marion from City of Norwich Rabbit and Cavie Club last week.

The children all loved seeing/stroking Archie (Chinchilla Netherland Dwarf rabbit) and Biscoff (Yellow Dutch rabbit). There is a Rabbit Show at Drayton Village Hall on 14th December if families want to visit.



Our Year 2 Communication Leaders are communicating with you through the medium of clay!





Our School Council visited Two Acres Care Home on Monday. They had a lovely preparation session with Mrs Brailsford the week before where they unwrapped layers of a parcel to find out more about one of the residents – reminding us all that everybody, young and old, have a story to tell. This is an excellent example of Community Awareness.





Individual School Photos - Thursday 16th October





Spaces available for 3years+ Nursery September 2025/ 2026

Speak to the school office for more information 01603 860334 or email office@ghosthill.set.education







A Special Mention from Mrs Westall

Try Hard, be Brave, Be You.



Character virtue - Teamwork

Well done to Esther in Hedgehog Class who always helps out where help is needed. Esther often is spotted looking after younger children, and helping in the lunch hall if she notices things need putting away. Esther is kind and considerate and sets a good example to everyone.

Ready, Respectful, Safe





Sports News

We have had a super sporty week continuing with our teacher lead clubs and developing PE skills in lessons.

Year 2 had a successful trip to the football festival. Mrs Everett was so proud of how the children represented Ghost Hill, showing grit and determination as well as **teamwork**.

We look forward to the upcoming trip with school sports partnership for the cross country running event!

We have been so happy to have so many achievements shared by the children and look forward to seeing some more. We love celebrating your children in our Celebration Assembly.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Wooltorton and Mrs Everett



Sports Star of the week

Sports Star of the week goes to Alexis in Deer Class for showing courage and enthusiasm during her visit to the football festival. Well done, Alexis!



Please send us in your children's achievements big and small. Please email the school office to do this: 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 Darcey in Butterfly. On Sunday she competed in her first ever gymnastics competition completing routines for tumble and trampette. Darcey was really brave as her friends were in a different group and she didn't know anyone and within minutes had a huge smile on her face. She loves every minute and came away with first prize! This is AMAZING Darcey!



Well done to Clemmie for joining her sister Delilah, starting horse riding lessons. Both girls look very happy!



Well done to Harley in Butterfly class, who was so inspired by space day he independently drew and painted a picture of a planet at home. We think this is incredible!



Well done to Tilly in Rabbit class and her cousin Charlie in Hedgehog class who both won prizes in a horticultural society pumpkin growing competition recently. They've both spent a lot of time feeding and watering their pumpkins over the last few months in their Mama and Grandads garden. This is a great achievement!



Safety on the roads near school

Please Park cars responsibly and considerately around the local area. Do not block the junctions, passing places or the footpaths at school drop off and collection times. Please do not enter the staff carpark during these times. If you require use of our disabled parking bay, please request prior consent from Mrs Westall. Children are having to walk on roads to get by.



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 September'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

Safeguarding Hands

Each child has a **safeguarding hand.** On each of the fingers is a named adult in school and home who they can talk to. This is a prompt for them to develop skills to support themselves when they are worried, upset or unhappy at home or school. We remind children that they can talk to any adult in school if something is worrying them.





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.

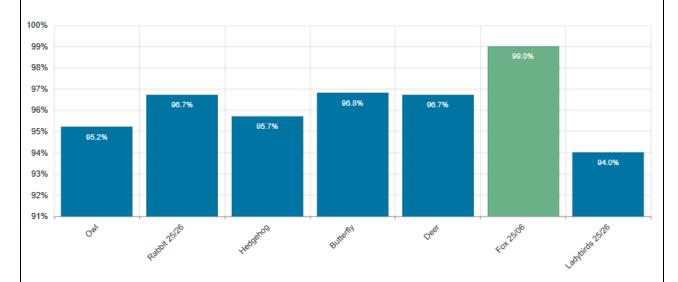
If you do not have MYCAS and would like access, please speak to Mrs Ferguson in the school office.

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 Fox class for 99% attendance this week.



The trust attendance target is **97%**Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School current attendance this week is **96.5%**

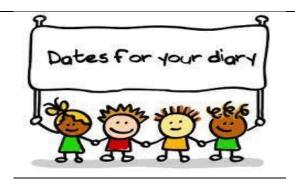
Good attendance matters!

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

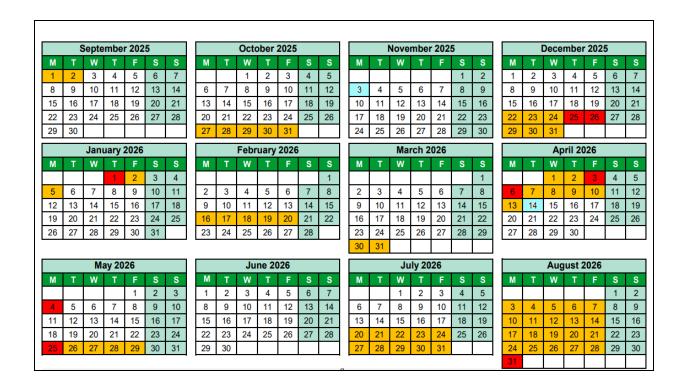
Please be aware breakfast and after school club has its own contact number. Should you need to reach them, please call 01603 558807



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

Autumn Term Dates

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

18th September 2nd October 16th October 30th October

To book your appointment, contact Emma on

emma.lakerjones2@norfolk.gov.uk or call 01603 222893

We Look Forward To Meeting You



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



