

Homefield C of E Primary School

Newsletter January 2026

Headteacher Update

We have had a great start to the spring term; I am so pleased to be back at school with the staff and children.

Unfortunately, my knee surgery was not as successful as I hoped it to be and I now need to have more reparative surgery on the 5th March 2025. Although I am deeply disappointed, I am optimistic as the next procedure is less invasive and I am expecting a quick recovery, returning to school before the Easter Holiday.

Miss Hogg will be running the school in my absence, but I plan to remain in close contact throughout.

I want to take a moment to highlight the incredible work our children have been doing, particularly in their reading. Daily reading sessions and additional reading interventions have been implemented, and it is heartening to see the progress being made. However, I must stress the importance of reading at home. We have noticed that not enough children are engaging in reading outside of school hours. I kindly ask that you make it a priority to read with your child at least four times a week. Reading truly unlocks the door to all learning, and it is vital for your child's development across all subjects. During our upcoming parents' evening, class teachers will share your child's current reading age and discuss how this affects their learning in other areas.

On a more personal note, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to two members of our team. Miss Harper is expecting and will be going on maternity leave towards the end of the summer term. We are also delighted to announce that Miss Hodds, our MSA, is also pregnant and will begin her maternity leave at Easter. We are all excited to welcome the newest members of Team Homefield!

Mrs Savage

New School Building Update

Many of you have been inquiring about the progress of our new school building, and I appreciate your patience as we navigate this process. I received an update from the local authority this week that I would like to share with you. There was a delay in the land transfer, but I am pleased to inform you that this has now been completed. The land has officially been transferred to the local authority, and building contracts are currently being re-costed. Unfortunately, groundwork is not scheduled to commence until June 2026, which will affect our original timeline of moving in during the spring term of 2027. At present, the building is planned to be ready for June 2027. While we are disappointed by this news, we remain optimistic about being in our new school by September 2027. I will continue to keep you updated on its progress as we move forward.

Parental Concerns

I would like to address a growing concern that has come to my attention. We have noticed an increase in parents questioning the decision-making of our teachers and school leaders. As a parent of both a 7-year-old and a 15-year-old, I completely understand the worries that arise when your child shares their perceptions of events that occur at school. However, it is important to remember that children, even our oldest, often convey their perceptions and how they felt rather than the complete facts surrounding an incident.

I want to reassure you that we are committed to communicating as much information as we can regarding any incidents. However, please understand that we are often stretched thin, and we may not always be able to respond as quickly as we would like. If you have any concerns, I encourage you to reach out to the office via email and ask the class teacher for more information. This allows us the opportunity to provide you with factual accounts, enabling you to make a balanced judgment.

We all share the same goal: to do our best for your child. Every adult in this school genuinely cares about your children and wants what is best for them. If you have concerns, please do not hesitate to ask for more information. We are eager to work with you, but I kindly ask that you reach out before making accusations or judgments.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure that our children have the best possible educational experience.

Reading Updates

We need your help!! Reading is the gateway to learning, it drives academic success across all subjects, it strengthens brain connections and improves concentration. For children, being able to read opens them up to a world of new ideas, stories & opportunities.

Our expectation is that children will read/share books at least **4 times per week** and log these onto Boom Reader. The percentage of children logging 4 reads in each class is calculated at the end of the week, with classes achieving 60% or more receiving a reading reward. The classes which achieve the 60% target get to 'Spin the Wheel' and participate in a whole class reading reward. This year classes have enjoyed: Pj Days, Non- Uniform Days, Extra Break Time, Wild Play, Board Game Sessions and Climbing Frame Sessions.

These are the percentages of children in each class who have logged the expected 4 reads this week.



YR - 23%
Y1 - 27%
Y2 - 35%
Y3 - 39%
Y4 - 24%
Y5 - 100%
Y6 - 68%



Well done especially to Year 5 and well done year 6, we hope you enjoy your reward! We would love to see more classes gaining their rewards for all of their fabulous reading. **Please can we call on your support to help achieve this, especially for our younger children in the school who are unable to independently log their reads.** If you have lost your log in details please do ask at the office or the class teacher.

The BoomReader App is very easy to use, please see the parent crib sheet (see link) <https://go-read.co.uk/downloads/parent-guide-mobile.pdf> and a helpful video (see link) <https://vimeo.com/531349764> if you are having difficulties.

Nursery intake 2026/27

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed, If you would like to make an appointment please email office@homefield.norfolk.sch.uk or call 01493 661691

Attendance

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



Our whole school attendance is currently 93%, below our target of 96%

As we enter the colder months, the likelihood of illness increases. If your child does become ill and you are unsure on whether they should attend school, please speak with the school office or use this guide from the NHS

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Nature School

The children will have their Nature School session as a class group with their class teacher, teaching assistant and Lindsey Moore (Nature School Leader).

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1			Forest school	Forest School	Forest School			
Autumn 2						Forest school	Forest school	Forest school
Spring 1	Forest school	Forest school						

Spring 2			Forest school	Forest school	Forest school			
Summer 1						Forest school	Forest school	Forest school
Summer 2	Forest school	Forest school						

Nature school runs all year round, whatever the weather, so ensuring you have the right kit is essential for everyone to enjoy being outside. The following is the suggested list for the Autumn:

- **Waterproof Rain Set** - this could be a puddle suit or separates. It is a good combination to have a waterproof jacket with waterproof trousers.
 - **Comfortable trousers** - this could be jogging bottoms or leggings and avoid denim.
 - **A T-shirt** - long sleeve is best for Spring & Autumn.
- **A Jumper** - This can vary, on colder days opt for a warm fleecy jumper, and warmer days pack a light fleece.
- **Light Warm Jacket** - A fleece zip up jacket is much easier for changing into. This is for the backpack just in case it is a colder day.
- **Two Pairs of Socks** - wear a thin cotton sock on the bottom with thick wool or bed socks on top. The top layer can depend on the weather.
 - **Wellies or Sturdy Shoes** - Something you do not mind getting muddy.
 - **SPARES** - Always pack a spare set of clothing, especially socks & trousers

Extra Curricular Clubs

Club Overview - Spring 1

Monday	Girls Football	Y3-6	EN6FC Football Pitch	ENSFC
	Boys Football	Y1-3	EN6FC Football Pitch	ENSFC
	Boys Football	Y4-6	EN6FC Football Pitch	ENSFC
	Musical Theatre (10)	Y1-2	Nursery	Mrs Dixon
	Modelling Club (15)	Y1-6	Y2	Miss Everett & Mrs Howard
Tuesday				

Wednesday	Puzzle Club (10)	Y1-6	Reception	Miss Buck & Mrs Jones
	Multi Sports	Y4-6	Playground	ENSFC
Thursday	Nature Club (15)	Y3-4	Nature Area	Lindsey
	Multi Sports	Y1-3	Playground	ENSFC
Friday				

We also have our usual breakfast and after school clubs available

Diary Dates		
Date	Event	Year Group
4th February	Maths family cafe 2:15 - 3pm	Reception
4th February	Family cafe 2:15 - 3pm	Nursery
5th February	Family Cafe 10:30 - 11:15am	Nursery
6 th February	No school crossing patrol	Whole School
9th - 13th February	Children's mental health week	Whole school
11th February	PTA Friendship Disco	Reception - Year 6
11th February	Time & Tide trip	Year 2
16th - 20th February	Half Term	Whole school
5th March	World Book Day Dress as your favourite book character	Whole school
16 th -23 rd March	No school crossing patrol	Whole school
18th - 20th March	Book fair	Whole school
19th March	Dental nurse visit	Nursery & Reception
20th March	Red Nose Day	Whole school
23 rd & 26 th	Parents Evening	Whole School
25th March	PTA Wonderlicious bars	Whole school
27th March	Last day of Spring term	Whole school
14th April	Start of term	Whole school