



Heacham Junior School Newsletter

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Newsletter

Dear Families,

We have come to the end of another year and would like to thank you all for your support. Our highlights include the climbing wall, our great Ofsted, life skills events, sporting achievements and medals, fabulous public speakers, apprenticeship day, our trip to Bletchley Park to name a few!

We want to wish all the best to Emma Hunt, Hannah Greenhalgh and Leah Gee as they leave us for new adventures. Robert Bridge is also moving to Snettisham Primary. We will miss you all at Heacham Juniors!

We also want to say goodbye to our wonderful Y6 students who are moving on to High School. They have done themselves proud throughout their time at Heacham and have worked to a good standard in the SATS - we wish them all the very best as they look forward to Y7.

Finally - we look forward to welcoming our new Head Pupils into Y6 next year. Both pupils thoroughly represent our school values and their kindness and responsibilities shine through! Congratulations to Max and Gracie.

Have a great summer- see you on 3rd September.

Louise Jackson



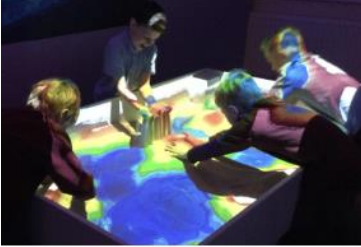
Year 6 Leavers 2025

Love of learning, bright futures, happy memories!

Our Learning

Year 3 – Lapwing & Oystercatcher

Just like that, you have completed your first year at Heacham Junior School! What a year we've had; from our fabulous Zoo trip, to our River of Hope project we've had many uncountable fun-filled days out and activities. This half term we completed Apprenticeship Day, Sports Day and we even dabbled in creating a Shaduf! Miss Pateman and Miss Cornwell have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you this year and we hope you have a fabulous summer holiday. Keep shining!



Year 4 – Avocet

This term, we completed our Multiplication Times Table Check, In DT, we learned how to build our own nightlights, we also had another exciting visit from the planetarium, deepening our knowledge of space and astronomy. We've shared so many memorable moments: Apprenticeship Day, Sports Day, and all the wonderful events happening across the school. We became experts on the Great Plague of 1665 (poor King's Lynn really had a tough time!), and we explored the landscapes of India and China in geography. What a fabulous end to the year! As you fly from the Avocets' nest into your new Albatross habitat, please remember: I am so, SO proud of you, and I'll always be here if you need me. Thank you for all your hard work, your enthusiasm, and your kindness. Wishing you a fun-filled, relaxing and well-deserved summer break.



Year 5 – Albatross

Year 5 has had a super busy summer term. We have explored our local area and looked into house prices, land use and building use in Heacham. The children have loved learning about the Victorians in History and have been enthusiastic when studying the lives of children in this era. They have all shown great teamwork and resilience when learning how to play tennis. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach this amazing group of children. I am very proud of them all. Well done Albatross Class!



Year 6 – Royal Tern

It has been a wonderful end to our time here at Heacham Junior School. Our last half-term has been jam-packed. A real highlight was our trip to see 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' in Norwich! We have also taken a trip to the beach during our last few days of primary school. A number of students also graduated from 'The Scholars' Club' programme, with a trip to Selwyn College - part of Cambridge University, with pupils leaving feeling inspired and aspirational towards a future that could include a place at Cambridge University. This is before we even delve into our curriculum! Our curriculum has included a focus on preparing for Secondary Mathematics, as well creating our own bakery - costing ingredients and looking at profit/loss when buying and selling items. We have studied books around leaving home for a new beginning in English - very much reflecting our reality at the moment! In Science, we have studied evolution and in DT, we have created our own birdboxes, following careful planning and design. We will miss each and every one of our Year 6 pupils as they progress to secondary school, but wish them all the best in their new adventure!



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Awards Presented this term:

Congratulations to the receivers of the following awards...

Reading Awards - £10 Voucher & Certificate:

Presented for commitment to daily reading and/or most improved readers

Lapwing: **Tom**

Oystercatcher: **Ephraim**

Avocet: **Katie**

Albatross: **Fabi**

Royal Tern: **Zayn**

100% Attendance Whole Year

Certificate for attending everyday this year 1/9/24-14/7/25:

Year 3: **Jamie, Luke**

Year 4: **Isabelle, Amber, Layla-Shae, Niamh, Esme**

Year 5: **Izabella**

Year 6: **Norah**

Every Year our Year 6 Leavers are considered for the following awards:

Hunstanton Rotary Citizenship Award - £25 Voucher & Certificate: Congratulations to **Erin** and **Dylan** for being good citizens and making positive contributions to our school community.

The Davies-Oakland Award - £10 Voucher & Certificate: Congratulations to **Eliza** for being a talented artist.

The Darley Sports Cup - £10 Voucher & Certificate: Congratulations to **Isla** for outstanding contribution to sport, always supportive to others and participating in a range of sporting events and activities.

The Harby-Mackay Cup - £10 Voucher & Certificate: Congratulations to **Evie** for an outstanding attitude to learning, always leading by example and being a role model to others.



The following pupils have been chosen from Year 5 to be **Head Pupils** in September:

Congratulations to **Max** and **Gracie**! They will receive a Navy Head Pupil Sweatshirt/Cardigan and a certificate.



Thank you for your support this year . We are busy planning next year's events and will continue to keep you updated on Class Dojo and in Newsletters.

What Fundraising Events have we put on this year?

Spooky Bake Off (New)
World Kindness Day Book Swap (New)
Christmas Hamper Raffle
Pupil designed Christmas Cards and Gifts online shop (New)
Sold second hand uniform
Spring Disco
Easter Eggstravaganza
Doughnut Day (New)
Fieldathon
Sports Day Refreshments
Summer Hawaiian Disco
Summer Raffle
Healthy Tuck Trolley (New)
Bag2Schools Textile Recycling

How have our children benefitted?

Welcome Event for the families of the new Y3 (this was a new event and well received)
Books for the classrooms
Paid for a Panto Performance for HJS and Y1/2 from the Infants School
Christmas Gift for each pupil
Subsidised Y6 Leavers Hoodies
Donated £2,400 towards the cost of trips making them more affordable
Sanitary Packs for Y56 girls (new for this year)
Not to mention the fun of taking part in the fundraising activities themselves!

Events at the planning stage for next term (see diary dates)

Welcome Event for Y3 families
Half-termly Non-Uniform Days (New for next year)
Spooky Bake Off
Bag2Schools
Pupil designed Christmas Gifts online shop
Christmas Hamper Raffle
Panto Performance 'Rapunzel'



We say farewell to Mrs Hunt, Miss Greenhalgh, Mrs Gee and Mr Bridge.



We bid a warm Heacham welcome to Miss Wells, who will be our Y5 teacher from September.

DIARY DATES 2025-2026

Every Monday – Y4 Ukelele 9.10-9.40am

Every Monday – Y6 String Tuition with Miss Johnson 1-3PM

Every Wednesday – Swimming 11AM

Please check PE days with your class teachers

23/07/25 – Summer Holidays

03/09/25 – Children return to school

10/09/25 – Friends Y3 Welcome Event 2.30-3.30

10/09/25 – Y6 Swimming commences

15/09/25 – Bikeability Day 1 Y56 (date change)

16/09/25 – Bikeability Day 2 Y56

16/09/25 – Pupil Portrait & Sibling Photos

23/09/25 – Flu Vaccination TBC

26/09/25 – Friends Non-Uniform £1 cash

06/10/25 – Y34 Quicksticks Hockey @Snettisham

16/10/25 – Croydon Cup Football

21/10/25 – TBC Friends Spooky Bake-Off Competition

27/10/25 – Half-term

03/11/25 – Children return to school

04/11/25 – Friends Bag2School Collection (drop off after 3pm 3/11/25 or before 8.34am 4/11/25)

05/11/25 – Y5 Swimming commences

20/11/25 – Y6 Chemistry Kitchen @Springwood

21/11/25 – Friends Non-Uniform item for Xmas Hamper or £1 cash

19/12/25 – Panto Performance @HJS funded by Friends

19/12/25 – TBC Friends Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw

22/12/25 – Christmas Holiday

06/01/26 – Children return to school

24/06/26 – Hilltop 3-day Residential Y56

Copies of any menus, trip letters, Parent Forms, previous newsletters can be found on our website

<https://www.heachamjunior.co.uk>

May be subject to changes/cancellations

Swimming Rota 2025-2026 - May be subject to further changes

Wk No.	Date	Class/Year	Wk No.	Date	Class/Year
1	10/09/2025	Royal Terns Y6	x	18/02/2026	Half-Term
2	17/09/2025	Royal Terns Y6	18	25/02/2026	Avocet Y4
3	24/09/2025	Royal Terns Y6	19	04/03/2026	Avocet Y4
4	01/10/2025	Royal Terns Y6	20	11/03/2026	Avocet Y4
5	08/10/2025	Royal Terns Y6	21	18/03/2026	Avocet Y4
6	15/10/2025	Royal Terns Y6	22	25/03/2026	Avocet Y4
7	22/10/2025	Royal Terns Y6	X	01/04/2026	Easter
X	29/10/2025	Half-Term	X	08/04/2026	Easter
8	05/11/2025	Albatross Y5	23	15/04/2026	Avocet Y4
9	12/11/2025	Albatross Y5	24	22/04/2026	Oystercatcher Y3/4
10	19/11/2025	Albatross Y5	25	29/04/2026	Oystercatcher Y3/4
11	26/11/2025	Albatross Y5	26	06/05/2026	Oystercatcher Y3/4
x	03/12/2025	Pool Closed	x	13/05/2026	SATS - NO SWIM
x	10/12/2025	Pool Closed	27	20/05/2026	Oystercatcher Y3/4
x	17/12/2025	Pool Closed	x	27/05/2026	Half-Term
x	24/12/2025	Xmas	28	03/06/2026	Oystercatcher Y3/4
x	31/12/2025	Xmas	29	10/06/2026	Oystercatcher Y3/4
12	07/01/2026	Albatross Y5	30	17/06/2026	Oystercatcher Y3/4
13	14/01/2026	Albatross Y5	31	24/06/2026	Oystercatcher Y3/4
14	21/01/2026	Albatross Y5	32	01/07/2026	Royal Terns Y6
15	28/01/2026	Albatross Y5	33	08/07/2026	Royal Terns Y6
16	04/02/2026	Avocet Y4	34	15/07/2026	Royal Terns Y6
17	11/02/2026	Avocet Y4			

Swimmers leave at 11am and return for lunch at 1pm. They need a one-piece swimsuit/trunks, towel, waterproof bag (hat and goggles are optional), spare underwear/socks. Earrings must be removed.

**The children would benefit from a good breakfast and a morning snack on the days that they swim.
PLEASE WEAR A COAT.**

Term Dates 2025-2026 – Primary Schools

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Please remember to pre-book for September.

You are now able to book and pay in advance for the following through the MCAS website or App:

- Breakfast Club
- School Lunches
- After-School Clubs
- Trips and Events
- Music Tuition (Min 6 week notice period)

Families in hardship and needing wider support in addition to the offer of FSM vouchers for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support.

Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide financial support, including essential household items, to families experiencing hardship. Wider support from a range of partners can then also be made available with NAS working alongside the Children's Services Community and Partnerships service.

Families may get in touch with NAS via their dedicated website, which includes an online application form at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/41957/What-the-Client-Hardship-Service-is>, or they can call **0344 800 8020**.

Vouchers for Free School Meal Eligible Pupils – EXTENDED

Norfolk County Council is extending the scheme to **March 2026**. This is reflective of the recent government announcement. This is for pupils eligible for means-tested Free School Meals (FSM). Families who are eligible for FSM will receive Edenred vouchers for this period. The Vouchers can be spent at many major retailers including supermarkets. They cannot be re-issued if they expire.

Have your circumstances changed recently? You may be eligible for Free School Meals.

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including free school meals), so it is worth applying even if you don't have school meals!! You can apply online

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>