



Heacham Junior School Newsletter

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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has moved quickly, with plenty of opportunities for learning and enrichment. The children had a brilliant time at the Valentine disco yesterday with plenty of singing, hearts and dancing - thank you to the hard work and support from the Friends of Heacham Junior School.

Many of you met with our Family Hub worker Alexis and Amy from the SEND and Community Team at the school recently. Please let me know if you appreciated this contact and we will continue to invite professionals to our school to support you. Don't forget to book into the Adult Education courses that were advertised recently - making story sacks and developing maths with your child has been successful in the past.

Our attendance is a focus next term with a big push on punctuality and we need your support with this. Please make sure your child is in school regularly and on time - if there are any barriers to this we can offer support so please contact the office for a meeting.

Enjoy the half term break!

Louise Jackson
Exec Headteacher

Our Learning

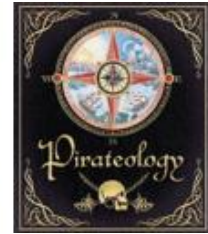
Year 3/4 Oystercatcher

This half term, Oystercatchers have been extremely busy learning about Russia in Geography. We particularly enjoyed exploring the Ural Mountains and discovering what plants and animals live and grow there. In Science, we carried out a range of exciting experiments with solids and liquids, including melting ice and adding Mentos to Coke! We also had a fantastic trip to the Science Centre, where we learned about fire-resistant materials. Alongside this, we have been developing our teamwork skills in PE through playing Netball, and in PSHE we have been learning about dreams, goals and how to cope with disappointments. One of our favourite subjects this half term has definitely been Computing, where we spent a whole afternoon combining images by cutting, pasting, sourcing and saving them. This was great fun and required lots of perseverance! It has been a brilliant half term for Oystercatchers, and we are very excited to see what comes next.



Year 4 – Avocet

This term, Year 4 have enjoyed a rich and varied curriculum across all subjects. In history, we travelled back in time to explore the Shang Dynasty, learning about ancient Chinese life, oracle bones, kings and the importance of bronze. In geography, we focused on Russia, locating it on a map and discovering key physical and human features. In Religious Education, pupils learned about Judaism, with a particular focus on Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, exploring their meaning, traditions and why they are important milestones in Jewish life. Our science learning covered the states of matter, where children investigated solids, liquids and gases, carried out simple experiments and learned how materials can change state. In computing, pupils developed their digital creativity through photo editing, learning how to crop images, clone areas and combine multiple images to create effective final pieces. In languages, we continued to build our Latin skills by learning key verbs and adverbs and practicing how they change and are used in simple sentences. Finally, in English, Year 4 were immersed in the exciting world of the *Pirateology* book. They produced a persuasive piece of writing on “*Why You Should Become a Pirate*”, using powerful language, reasons and persuasive techniques to convince their reader. It has been a busy and exciting term, and the children have shown great enthusiasm and effort in all areas of their learning. We are very proud of their progress!



Year 5 – Albatross

What a lovely half-term with many exciting learning opportunities. The children have kept up all their hard work and effort and demonstrated a fantastic passion for learning. They have explored the implications of the French revolution and followed the ups and downs of Napoleon’s fascinating life. In science, the children became even more hands on with designing their own experiments exploring mass. Developing density towers of liquids was especially fun! The children have understood Eastern cultures through exploring Chinese pottery and calligraphy. We saw such a wide range of examples in the Fitzwilliam museum and extended our knowledge of Benin through our workshop at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. They have had lots of fun in their swimming sessions pushing themselves further forward to swim lengths. It has been such a fun packed half-term, I can’t wait to see what the next half-term brings!



Our Learning (continued)

Year 6 – Royal Tern

We began 2026 with a whole raft of new topics and exciting experiences for our Year 6s. We began a new book in English – Call of the Wild. It's a tricky text to read and understand sometimes, as it was written over one hundred years ago but our class have really taken on the challenge and have enjoyed the story as well as the writing that they have produced with it. In maths, we have been tackling all things fractions, percentages and decimals, the class have risen to this challenge too! In Science, we have looked at plants and how they grow, reproduce and absorb minerals and water. We even grew our own cress in different conditions within the class as part of an experiment. We have particularly enjoyed D.T, with our topic being 'Dyson Engineering', we created our own handheld electric fans! In History, we continue to be captivated learning about what happened in Germany after World War 1 and the lead up to the second World War. In RE, we have studied the topic of Buddhism. We have also looked at South America in Geography. It has been a busy, busy half-term – not least including number day, safer internet day and non-uniform day a little earlier on! So, rest up in the half-term, enjoy the break and return refreshed for Spring 2!



Our Head Pupils



Gracie:

I enjoy my role as head pupil because I like helping people out at break and lunch time, I like solving problems between people.

In my role as head pupil, I have done a reading at the local church and helped read out the attendance in assembly each week.

I would like to change the fact that we only do practice drills (fire and lockdown) once a term.

Max:

I enjoy my role as head pupil because I get to announce the attendance in assembly and update the boards around the school for learning champions and over and above winners.

In my role as head pupil I have been invited to Heacham Church to represent my school at their Christmas service.

My aims for the rest of the year are to encourage the younger students to work hard, be kind and enjoy our wonderful school.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The following clubs are live to book on MCAS:

Please note different pick up times

Wed 25/2/26 to 18/3/26 **Fitness** with MS Cornwell - 12 spaces (no club 4/3/26)
Pick up time 4pm

Wed 14/1/26 to 11/2/26 **Football** with Norwich City - 12 spaces
Pick up time 4.30pm

Thurs 26/2/26 to 25/3/26 **Board Games Club** with Mr Kirwan - 10 spaces (no club 12/3/26)
Pick up time 4.15pm



BREAKFAST CLUB – BOOKING DETAILS

Session Details:

Days: Monday to Friday

Time: 7:45am – 8:45am

Years: Year 3-6

Price: £4.00 per session (including breakfast) 15% sibling discount

All bookings can be made online via their website:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/search/?school=Heacham+junior>

Bookings can be made daily, weekly, or monthly but must be pre-booked as they will cancel sessions if there are no bookings.

Parents' Evening

Our spring term parents' evenings will take place on Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th March between 3:30PM and 5:30PM. These will be face to face by appointment in the hall.

If you would like an appointment please message the staff listed below on Class Dojo to say whether you prefer a meeting between 3:30-4.30pm or 4.30-5.30pm and on which day. We will do our very best to accommodate your preferences.

Year 34 Oystercatcher – Ms Cornwell

Year 4 Avocet - Mr Agate

Year 5 Albatross – Ms Wells

Year 6 Royal Tern – Mr Kirwan

Teachers will allocate you a time and send you this information in a Class Dojo message.

Meetings will take place in the hall, please come to the main entrance and make your way through to a seating area in the hall. Teachers will be able to share English and Maths books.

Email: friendsofheachamjunior@gmail.com



The Friends of HJS

£2,000 GRANT RECEIVED!

Back in October, the Friends were nominated by the (soon to open) **Heacham Stores** to be considered for a £2,000 grant. The Friends applied and were successful! The money is being used to update the library, which will benefit all the children now and in the future. Lots of lovely new books, for all reading abilities, have been delivered recently and Mr Kirwan, along with the Reading Leaders, are busy getting the Library ready. A new 'night sky' canopy will be put up to cover the glass roof to help stop the beautiful books from fading in the sunlight!

Thank you to **Heacham Stores** for putting us forward and to **Nisa** (Make a Difference Locally grant scheme) for this funding.

What's happened this half-term!

There were **two new events** this term. In January, The **Matchbox Challenge!** The children said that they enjoyed it and Fred managed to squeeze 73 items into his matchbox (raised £14.07). We also held our first **Cookie Day** which was gratefully supported by Tesco and Morrisons and went down well with the children (raised £125). Our **Spring Disco** was well attended and, as always, the children were so well behaved and had a lot of fun (raised £164).

What's coming up next half-term?

Non-uniform Day 6/3/26, In exchange for a bottle for our tombola or £1 cash

Easter Eggstravaganza 12/3/26, lots of games and stalls 3.30-4.30pm – parent helpers needed please

Our **Healthy Tuck Shop** will continue every Wed 40p per item.

How are we doing?

We have sent home a small parent questionnaire to get your feedback on the Friends of HJS and the events that we put on, we would be grateful for your input. Please could forms be returned to the school office by the end of February please – Thank you.



We would like to thank the following businesses for donating items for our Cookie Day:

- **Tesco Hunstanton**
- **Morrisons Fakenham**

We are looking for parent volunteers to help at our Easter Eggstravaganza on Thurs 12th March. Please contact Denise Bridge, office@heachamjunior.co.uk if you can help – it will be fun, we promise!!

Our next meeting – please join us 11th March 10.30am to 12pm

DIARY DATES 2025-2026

Every Monday – Y56 String Tuition with Miss Johnson 1-3PM

Every Tuesday/Friday – SATS Booster 8.15AM

Every Wednesday – Friends' Healthy Snack Trolley 40p/item, Swimming 11AM, Y4 Recorders 2PM

Please check PE days with your class teachers

16/02/26 – Half-term

24/02/26 – MITI Instrumental Play Day @ St Nich's (early lunch)

24/02/26 – Pancakes for dessert

26/02/26 – Girls' Football @ Lynnsport

27/02/26 – Y5 Experience Day @ Smithdon

02/03/26 – Parents' Evening

04/03/26 – Parents' Evening

04/03/26 – Primary Literary Event (3xY5)

05/03/26 – World Book Day: Children dress up as a book character

11.15 Parents invited to classrooms

12.00 Y34 parents leave at 12pm

12.00 Special Lunch (Y56 parents invited)

06/03/26 – Music for Youth Festival

06/03/26 – Friends Non-Uniform £1 cash or item for Tombola

11/03/26 – Y6 Trip to Imperial War Museum London

12/03/26 – Y34 Trust Sport Event @ Clenchwarton

12/03/26 – Friends Easter Eggstravaganza TBC

16/03/26 – Y34 BEE Netball @ Lynnsport

19/03/26 – Y34 Trip to Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts

19/03/26 – Y34 Croydon Cup football @ Glebe

20/03/26 – Y6 Shakespeare Workshop @ HJS

26/03/26 – Y56 BEE Netball @ Lynnsport

30/03/26 – Easter Holidays

14/04/26 – Children Return

22/04/26 – Y6 Leavers' Photo

22/04/26 – Y3 Swimming commences

24/04/26 – Friends Non-Uniform £1 cash

29/04/26 – Special Lunch

30/04/26 – Y6 Crucial Crew Trip

30/04/26 – Y34 Tri-Golf @ Glebe

08/05/26 – TBC Parent Online Safety

11/05/26 – SATS week

19/05/26 – KAPLA Club (paid for by the Friends of HJS)

21/05/26 – Special Lunch

21/05/26 – Trust Sport Event @ HJS

22/05/26 – Friends Doughnut Day

25/05/26 – Half-Term

11/06/26 – Special Lunch

18/06/26 – Y34 Trip to Cambridge Science Centre

18/06/26 – Cycle Races @ Glebe

19/06/26 – Friends Non-Uniform £1 cash or Prize for Raffle

22/06/26 – Y34 PE Festival @ Smithdon

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

01/07/26 – Y4 Dance Festival Rehearsal & Performance

02/07/26 – Y34 Trip to BeWILDerwood

02/07/26 – Area Sports @ Smithdon

06/07/26 – MITI Workshop @ Springwood 1.30-4.30pm

10/07/26 – TBC Sports Day PM

16/07/26 – TBC Friends Summer Raffle Draw

16/07/26 – TBC Friends Disco 4.30-6pm

17/07/26 – Last Day of Term

03/09/26 – Children return to school

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

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

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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Key: White dates – school open to pupils
 Orange dates – pupil holidays
 Purple dates – staff training days
 Red dates – bank holidays

Staff training days are – Monday 1 September, Tuesday 2 September, Monday 5 January, Monday 13 April as whole training days.
 Monday 20 July 2026 is disaggregated.

Term Dates 2026-2027 – Primary and Secondary Schools

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Please remember to pre-book

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

School Lunches

After-School Clubs

Trips and Events

Music Tuition (Min 6 week notice period)

Vouchers for Free School Meal Eligible Pupils - ENDING

Families who currently receive Edenred vouchers, through the Housing Support Funding scheme (HSF), will receive their last vouchers in March. Any unspent vouchers should be redeemed as soon as possible, the March vouchers must be redeemed within the three-month timeframe to ensure they do not expire.

Although HSF is coming to an end, there will be ongoing support for families in crisis. We would encourage people to visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving which will be kept up to date with any help on offer.

If families are in difficulty, we would encourage them to contact Family Hub services www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs where there is broader support on debt and welfare rights.

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is continuing, and the Easter programme will launch in the coming weeks. Families can visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun to sign up.

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>

FRIENDS OF HEACHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

Wed 12/03/26 - 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Lots of stalls and games:

- Socks on the washing line
- Dippy Egg
- Quack Shot
- Jolly Jar Tombola
- Bunny Bowling
- ...AND MORE!



Year 6 will also be running stalls in aid of two Children's Charities

- SPLAT THE TEACHER
- Bake Sale



The Friends of Heacham Junior School

Charity No. 1175520

EASTER RAFFLE!

Friday 13th March 2026

Ticket £1 per ticket

Get **FREE** meal plans

**FREE FOR
EVERYONE
LIVING & WORKING
IN KING'S LYNN & WEST
NORFOLK**

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cook every night?**

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