



November Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

It has been a busy but wonderful first term, our Reception children have settled so well into school life, learning new routines and learning with enthusiasm. Across the school, children have consistently demonstrated excellent learning behaviours, both in the classroom and around the school, setting a fantastic example for one another.

I would like to thank our dedicated teachers and staff for their hard work and commitment to ensuring every child thrives. A huge thank you also goes to the amazing Friends of Hethersett for their tireless efforts in organising fundraising events, including the ever-popular discos and our brilliant Christmas Fair (Saturday 6th December). Your support makes a real difference to our school community.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Hethersett Primary, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back in January for another exciting term of learning.

Regards

Mrs Miami

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Welcome

We are delighted to let you know that we have recently appointed two Teaching Assistants to work in Year 1. Miss Daisy Woodgate will be working in Pandas Class whilst Mrs Bryony Huckle will be working in Polar Bears Class. We are sure you will make them both feel very welcome.

Goodbye

It is with sadness that on Friday 5th December, we say goodbye to Mrs Geschke, who has been working in Panda Class covering for Mrs Kaliski. She has become a much-loved member of staff who has taken over the role with enthusiasm and introduced children to the delights of our Forest School. She will be missed. We would like to thank her for all the hard work and dedication she has shown to the school. We wish her well on her next adventure.

With the sadness of Mrs Geschke leaving, comes the excitement of welcoming Mrs Kaliski back after her maternity leave. Mrs Kaliski will return to teach Panda class on Wednesday 10th December. She will be a familiar figure to many children, and we know they will give her a warm welcome.

Governor News

We wish to inform you of the result of our election for a parent governor

Elected: Rosie Tasker-Brown

If you would like to be considered in another capacity as one of our governors in the future, please contact the school office.

Alternatively, do consider looking for vacancies in other schools in the area. For further support with this, you can register your interest with [the NCC Governance Service](#). The service is free, and they help to partner volunteers with local schools who are recruiting for new governors.

NCC Guidance on Attendance and Lateness

Children must get a full-time education that meets their needs — either by attending school or through [home education](#). This is legally required under [Section 7 of the Education Act 1996](#).

Children must start full-time education from the school term after their fifth birthday and remain in full-time education until the last Friday in June in the school year they turn 16.

Parents are legally required to make sure their children attend school regularly. This means your child must attend school every day. You could get a fine or be prosecuted if your child is missing school without authorisation.

Please see the link below for further information.

[School attendance - When your child needs to attend school - Norfolk County Council](#)

Cold Weather

We have several children who are continuing to arrive at school without coats.

Please ensure;

- they bring a coat each day
- all clothing is clearly named
- children who cycle to school also have suitable lights on their bicycles.

Fundraising

Last year, we invited families to nominate a charity to become our school's "Charity of the Year." Unfortunately, we only received a few responses. After discussions with the PTA at our recent AGM, we have decided to focus our fundraising efforts on a project that is closer to home — a school redevelopment project.

Our new project involves transforming the grass area on the playground into a natural, enhanced learning space for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children. This exciting initiative will be funded through a combination of fundraising events (past and present) and use of ringfenced school funds.

To make this happen, we will be introducing a new approach to fundraising: each half term, one year group will take the lead on organising a fundraising event. This could be anything from a cake sale or a non-uniform day to ticket sales for a year group performance — creativity is encouraged! More information to follow...

National fundraising events such as Poppy Appeal and Children in Need will still be supported with parents being invited to make voluntary contributions and/or wearing items to show support.

We truly appreciate your support in making this project a success. Together, we can create a lasting and positive change to our school environment for our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Healthy Snacks

As a school, we try to encourage our children to lead a healthy lifestyle, including exercise and nutrition. It is with this in mind that we would like to remind parents that children should bring only a healthy snack for breaktime. This means chocolate bars and crisps, should not form part of this snack. Please where possible, send your child to school with fruit or a healthy alternative. However, remember that we are a **nut free** school!

Dinner Money

Please can we ask that if your child has a school lunch, you ensure their School Money account is credited with the cost of this meal in advance. This does not apply to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 or children entitled to free school meals.

If you feel you may qualify for free school meals, please see the link below for further information. All applications can be brought into the school office.

[Application for Free School Meals](#)

KS1 Nativity

The children of KS1 are working hard rehearsing this year's Nativity in preparation for inviting their parents to come and watch. We will be holding two performances for parents but unfortunately, due to space limitations, we must ask that only 2 adults per child attend per performance.

Performances will be held on;

Tuesday 9th December at 2pm
Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am

We look forward to seeing you!

When Can My Child Return to School?

Unfortunately, it is the time of year when we see an increase in the number of children being sent home due to either sickness or upset tummies. Please can we remind parents that if your child has been sick or has had an upset tummy, they must remain at home for 48 hours from the last bout. This helps us manage any potential outbreaks and protects those families who may be vulnerable due to underlying health conditions.

The link below gives further advice on common illnesses which you may find helpful.

Thank you for your understanding.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Norse Recipe of the Month



Makes 8

norse group

Sausage Pastry Pinwheel

This recipe can be a tasty snack, great on a picnic or as part of a main meal!

Ingredients list

- 400g Sausage Meat
- 350g Puff Pastry
- 1x Egg
- 1x Small Onion – finely diced
- 3g Mixed Herbs
- Pinch Salt and Pepper

Method

- Using a little oil in a pan, gently cook the onion without colouring it.
- Beat the egg in a mixing bowl and keep to one side.
- Mix the sausage meat, onion, seasoning and herbs in a bowl.
- Roll out the pastry into an oblong shape, approx. 30cm x 20cm.
- Spread the mixture evenly over the pastry leaving a small gap at each end.
- Roll the pastry from one of the long sides (like a Swiss roll).
- Brush the egg over the pastry and then cut into 8 pieces. Place the cut side up onto a greased and lined baking tray.
- Bake for 30 minutes at 180°C or gas mark 4 for 25-30 minutes.

HETHERSETT VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception Intake 2026

Open Events:

6pm - 7pm

Tuesday 18th November

Thursday 4th December

Contact school office to book your place.



Join us !!

Hethersett VC Primary School
www.hethersettvcprimary.co.uk
office@hethersettprimary.co.uk 01603 810498

You are invited to our
Christmas Wreath
making workshop

1ST DECEMBER | 7 - 9 PM
HETHERSETT VC PRIMARY SCHOOL
MULLED WINE, NON ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND NIBBLES PROVIDED
OVER 18S ONLY
£40 PER PERSON
PLEASE BRING SCISSORS AND APRON (IF PREFERRED)

HETHERSETT V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Market



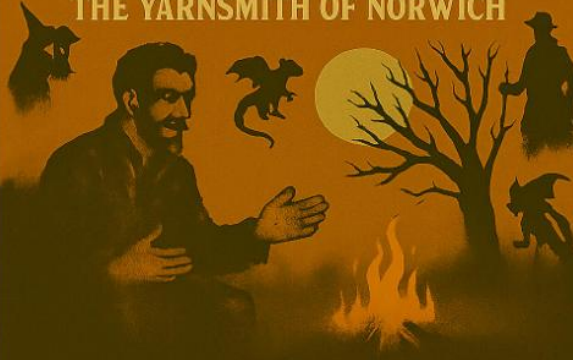
- ★ GIFTS
- ★ FESTIVE FOOD STALLS
- ★ FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT
- ★ RAFFLE
- ★ FREE ACTIVITIES
- ★ TOMBOLA
- ★ GAMES
- ★ ENTERTAINMENT
- ★ FACE PAINTING & MUCH MORE

Saturday 6th December
11am - 2pm



NORFOLK FOLK-TALES

WITH STORYTELLER DAVE TONGE
THE YARNSMITH OF NORWICH



STORYTELLING FOR OLD AND YOUNG, RICH AND POOR!
29TH NOVEMBER, 2:30PM
KETTERINGHAM VILLAGE HALL NR18 9RU

Purchase tickets at <https://wegotickets.com/event/680968/>
In support of Ladybelt Country Park



WHAM CENTRAL NORFOLK

HETHERSETT HUB AT THE SPORTS PAVILION NR9 3EN



DANCE, ACT, SING. YOUR PATH TO TRIPLE THREAT STATUS.

- 4PM TO 4.45PM BAMZ EARLY YEARS MUSICAL THEATRE (AGES 3 TO 5)
- 4.45PM TO 5.30PM JUNIOR MUSICAL THEATRE (AGES 6 TO 9)
- 5.30PM TO 6.15PM SENIOR MUSICAL THEATRE (AGES 9 TO 13)



BOOK A TRIAL ONLINE @ WHAMTHEATRESCHOOLS.COM OR CONTACT US WITH ON THE DETAILS BELOW!

CONTACT
EMAIL: NORFOLK@WHAMTHEATRESCHOOLS.COM
WWW.WHAMTHEATRESCHOOLS.COM



4 pm to 6 pm on Saturday 29 November

Where: St Remigius Church, Hethersett

Children need to bring a parent or guardian

For further details contact:
Sue on 01953 607719

Facebook page: Messy Church, Hethersett

- Crafts
- Food
- Activities
- Songs
- Stories

Diary Dates

Date	Event
2 nd Dec	Flu Immunisation – remaining pupils Year 6 Pupils to Sing at Hethersett Methodist Church
4 th Dec	Reception 2026 Intake Open Evening
5 th Dec	Non-Uniform Day Chocolate Tombola
6 th Dec	Christmas Fair
8 th Dec	Hethersett Schools Carol Concert
9 th Dec	Reception Nativity 9.30am KS1 Nativity 2pm
10 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 9.30am Reception Nativity 2.30pm
11 th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme
12 th Dec	Hippodrome Circus – Year 3,4, 5 & 6
15 th Dec	School Disco
16 th Dec	Magic Show for Reception, Years 1 & 2
17 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
18 th Dec	Reception & Yr1 Trip to see The Cat in The Hat
22 nd Dec - 2 nd Jan	School Holidays
5 th Jan	Inset Day – Children not in School
6 th Jan	Spring Term Begins

Hethersett VC Primary School empowers its children and their families to flourish and grow. Creativity, compassion, responsibility, the love of learning to gain knowledge and wisdom, combined with Christian values shape our inclusive education.

Together we are stronger, respecting ourselves and others to create a successful and healthy future. Keep your roots deep in him, build your lives on him, and become stronger in your faith, as you were taught. And be filled with thanksgiving. Colossians 2:7