



## January Newsletter

**Dear parents/carers,**

As we come to the end of January, it's been fantastic to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life after the Christmas break. They have shown real focus, enthusiasm, and resilience throughout the month, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they are putting into their learning.

It's also been wonderful to see the progress they have made since the start of the year, both academically and in their confidence and independence. The hard work happening in classrooms every day is really paying off.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**Regards**

*Mrs Miambs*

In this month's edition of our school newsletter, you can read about:

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### **Love Reading Café**

On Friday 13th February, we would love to welcome parents and carers into the children's classrooms to take part in a fun, shared reading activity together.

The session will run from 2:30pm to 3:00pm, allowing plenty of time for children to gather their belongings and be ready for the usual 3:15pm collection at the end of the school day.

We hope you can join us for this lovely opportunity to celebrate reading and spend some time with your child in their classroom. We're really looking forward to seeing you there!

### **Is your Child a Young Carer?**

A Young Carer is someone under the age of 18 who helps to look after a relative. This may be due to them having an illness, a disability, a mental health concern or a drug or alcohol problem.

Young carers may look after a parent or provide care for another family member like a grandparent or sibling. This could include some personal care but also cooking, cleaning and other jobs around the house as well as emotional support.

Some children and young people have provided care for a family member for a number of years so do not appreciate they are a young carer. For others it is a more sudden change in their home circumstances.

It is helpful for us to know if these circumstances apply to children in our school, so that we can provide and signpost to, further support.

More information can be found here. [Young Carers](#)

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Miss Miller at school  
rmiller@hethersettprimary.co.uk

### **Reporting Absences**

Unfortunately, it is that time of the year when we see an increase in the number of children with coughs, colds and sickness bugs. If your child is unwell and unable to come to school for whatever reason, please ensure you notify the school office as soon as possible.

We strongly advise all our parents to download the Compass app so not only will you receive all notifications sent from school, you will also be able to record your child's absence. Alternatively, please contact the school office on 01603 810498 and speak to a member of staff or leave a message.

We kindly ask that whilst we are happy for you to email the class teacher regarding absence, **you must** also follow the procedures already outlined. Failure to do so, may result in your child receiving an unauthorised absence mark.

### **School Crossing Patrol**

Mr Lee, our School Crossing Patrol has reported seeing an increase in the number of both children and parents, failing to use the crossing patrol to cross Queen's Road. This road can be extremely busy, often with vehicles parked or turning into local businesses. To ensure everyone's safety, please cross with the patrol and encourage your children to do the same.

### **End of Day Arrangements**

The end of the day is a very busy time in school with some children being collected early and others attending our After School Clubs. To ensure the safety of all our children, please can we ask that you contact the school office on 01603 810498 before 2pm if there is a change to your child's usual collection arrangements. This will allow time for messages to be passed to the relevant members of staff.

We understand there are also times when this is not possible i.e. traffic delays, but by informing the office in a timely manner, we can ensure all children are appropriately dealt with without causing undue upset and anxiety for both parent and child.

If your child is attending our **After School Club**, please contact them on **07783 921858** if you are going to be late.

Please be aware you may be charged for late collection.

### **Cold Weather**

We continue to have a number of children arriving at school without coats.

Please ensure;

- they bring a coat each day
- all clothing is clearly named

Thank you.

### **World Book Day 2026**

We are excited to announce that our school will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday, 5th March 2026**. As part of the celebration, each class will be engaging in various activities throughout the day to recognise the importance of reading and the love of books.

Additionally, we would like to invite all children and staff to participate in a **dress-up day**, where they can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to express their love for reading and get creative!

We look forward to seeing all the fantastic costumes and celebrating the magic of books together.

### **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](#)

## What I wish my Parents Knew

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play. Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner, has written a guide to help parents.

['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

## After School Sports Clubs

We are excited to let you know about our after school sports clubs starting after the February half term holiday. Clubs will be available to book online from 10am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Monday – KS1 Tennis

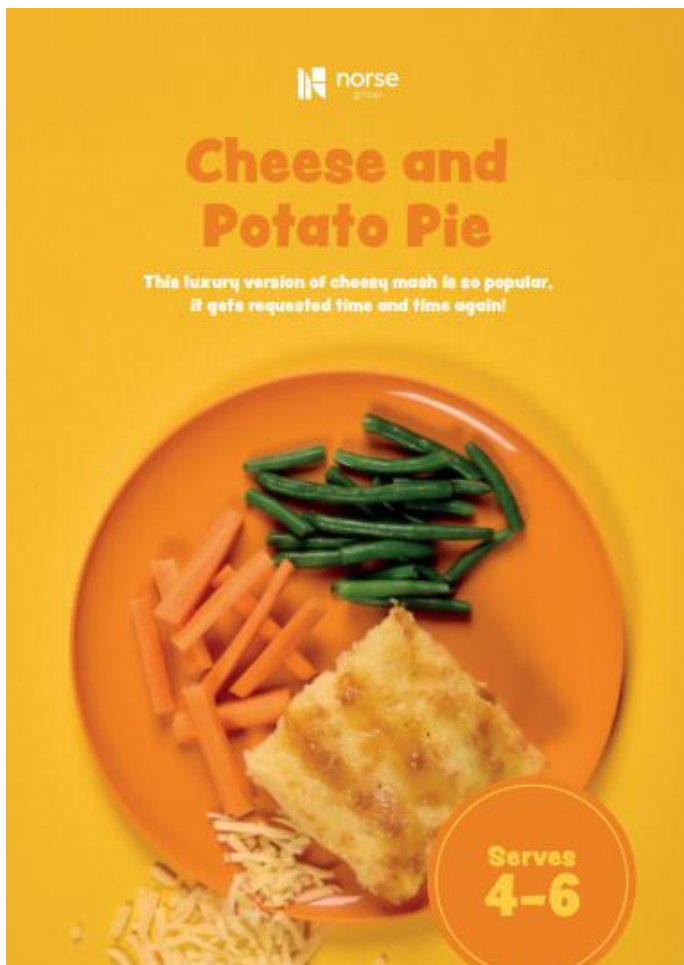
Tuesday – KS2 Tennis

Wednesday – KS2 Handball

Thursday – KS1 Basketball

Friday – KS2 Basketball

## Norse Recipe of the Month



## ARCHAEOLOGY OPEN DAY EVENT

A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction  
Improvement Scheme

January 2026 | [Nationalhighways.co.uk/a47thickthorn](https://nationalhighways.co.uk/a47thickthorn)  
Our Ref: A47A11-Event-February-ARC01

**You're invited to explore the past at our Archaeology Open Day!**  
**Hethersett Youth Club, NR9 3JJ – Jubilee Room, 17 February 2026**

Join National Highways and Skanska, in partnership with MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology), for a free, family-friendly archaeology event celebrating the discoveries made during works at the A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Improvement Scheme.

This informal drop-in event is open to residents, families, and schools, and offers a unique opportunity to learn how archaeology is carried out alongside major infrastructure projects.

#### Event details

**Date:** Tuesday 17 February 2026

**Time:** 10am – 4pm (drop in at any time)

**Location:** Back Lane, Hethersett, NR9 3JJ – Hethersett Youth Club, Jubilee Room

**Cost:** Free – no booking required

#### What's on the day

- Hands-on activities inspired by real archaeological finds
- Taking visitors back in time
- Archaeological finds on display from the local area
- Meet the archaeologists and project team working on the scheme
- Learn how archaeology helps uncover and protect our shared heritage

Activities are suitable for everyone, including children and young people, making the event ideal for families and school groups.



#### Keeping you updated

If you'd like more information about this work, you can email us email on [a47a11thickthornjunctionris@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:a47a11thickthornjunctionris@nationalhighways.co.uk) or visit our website at [www.nationalhighways.co.uk/a47thickthorn](https://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/a47thickthorn) where you can sign up for future works information.

Alternatively, you can contact us by calling the 24/7 National Highways Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
16 - 20 Feb	Half Term Holiday
3 Mar	Reception Vision & Hearing Screening
4 Mar	Reception Vision & Hearing Screening cont.d
9 Mar	Olly Day Roadshow – Year 3 & 4
11 Mar	Year 1 Strangers Hall Trip
12 Mar	Year 5 Harry Potter Trip
16 Mar	Year 3 Bikeability Training
19 Mar	Year 4 How Hill Reception Class Mothers Day Concert
30 Mar – 10 Apr	Easter Holiday
13 Apr	Inset Day – Children Not In School

**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**