



## April Newsletter

**Dear parents/carers,**

### **Twelve Years at Hethersett!**

This month marks my twelfth year as Headteacher at Hethersett VC Primary School. I've said it before, usually when I'm writing about working here, but there's a well-known saying: "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." While I'm not sure who first said it, I do know how true it feels when I reflect on my time here.

When I first joined the school in April 2014, it was only ever meant to be a short-term role. I had a clear ambition and my plan was to stay for no more than four years. Fast forward twelve years and I'm still here, and I think that says everything.

Over that time, I truly believe Hethersett has grown into a place where children are happy, feel safe and develop a genuine love of learning. More importantly, they leave us with a strong sense of who they are: good humans, with a moral compass, a clear understanding of right and wrong and values that stay with them long after they move on.

Our children know that they matter, that they can achieve anything they put their minds to and that kindness, respect and integrity are just as important as academic success. To have played a part in shaping that, alongside such a dedicated staff team and supportive community, has been a real privilege.

Twelve years on, I'm incredibly proud of our school, grateful for the journey and still excited about what lies ahead.

**Regards**

**Matthew Parslow-Williams**  
**Headteacher**

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

- School Car Park
- Music Lessons
- Dinner Money
- Wellbeing and Safeguarding Parental Survey
- School Uniform Reminder
- Year 6 Visitors
- Sports Days
- Diary Dates
- Notices

### **School Car Park**

Please can we kindly remind all parents that the school car park, is for staff and visitor use only during the school day (unless agreed otherwise with the headteacher).

Thank you for your understanding.

### **Music Lessons**

At Hethersett VC Primary School we are pleased to be able to offer our children the opportunity of learning a musical instrument. Alongside the music lessons that take place in class, we are also fortunate to have Mr Dan Adcock visit daily to teach piano, keyboard, guitar and drums. These lessons are private but take place during the school day.

If this is something you would like to explore for your child, please contact Mr Adcock at [dadrums12@gmail.com](mailto:dadrums12@gmail.com) for further information.

### **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](#)

### **Wellbeing and Safeguarding Parental Survey**

We would like to evaluate how well we support the wellbeing and safeguarding of our children and families. We would be really grateful if you could take a moment to answer this quick 6 question survey. The first 4 questions relate to our general wellbeing and safeguarding practice, and the final 2 are about parents confidence and understanding regarding online safety. Answers are anonymous.

[Wellbeing and Safeguarding questionnaire for parents 2026 – Fill out form](#)

### **Year 6 Visitors**

On Tuesday 28th April, Year 6 enjoyed a special visit from two current Norwich City players, Jose Córdoba and Anis Ben Slimane. The players assisted the class with a football warm-up and spoke about the importance of staying active and healthy. Afterwards, they answered questions and shared some of their personal experiences.

To conclude the session, they left the class with an inspiring message: *“You have to keep trying hard and believe in yourself. If you have a dream and truly want it, you must be willing to put in the work and accept that there will be disappointments along the way—but remember, it will get better.”*

### **School Uniform Reminder – PE Kit**

We would like to remind parents and carers of our expectations regarding appropriate PE kit. Recently, we have noticed an increasing number of children coming to school wearing football kits for PE lessons. While we appreciate children's enthusiasm for sport and their teams, football kits are not part of the school PE uniform.

#### **For PE lessons, children should wear:**

A school PE shirt or a plain white or blue T-shirt  
Blue or black shorts  
Plimsolls or trainers

In colder weather, children may also wear:

A plain tracksuit or similar (ideally dark or school-coloured)  
Trainers

Appropriate PE clothing helps ensure all pupils can take part safely and comfortably and promotes a sense of equality and belonging. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that children attend school on PE days wearing the correct kit.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

### **Sports Day**

We are delighted to share with you details about our school Sports Days.

#### **EYFS/KS1**

Our EYFS/KS1 Sports Day will be taking place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

The day will start at 11am and break for lunch at 12.15pm when you are invited to bring a picnic style lunch to share with your child on our field. Race activities will then commence at 1.15pm.

The day will finish at 3pm when your child will return to class and prepare to leave at 3.15pm.

#### **KS2**

Our KS2 Sports Day will be taking place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

The day will start at 11am and break for lunch at 12.15pm when you are invited to bring a picnic style lunch to share with your child on our field. Race activities will then commence at 1.15pm.

The day will finish at 3pm when your child will return to class and prepare to leave at 3.15pm.

We hope you are able to join us and make these events an exciting opportunity for you to share with your child.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 Gressenhall Trip
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Hethersett VC Festival
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term Holiday
5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day Year 3 Norwich Castle Trip
12 <sup>th</sup> Jun	KS2 Sports Day
26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Year 6 Hautbois Trip
29 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Year 6 Hethersett Academy Transition Days
10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Reports
13 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip
14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Performance (afternoon)
15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Performance (evening)
17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Leavers' Service Last Day of Term

JOIN US FOR OUR

# Hethersett VC Festival

SATURDAY 23RD MAY  
11AM - 4PM

Entry  
£2 Adults  
Children Free

Music, Street Food,  
Performances,  
Games  
and much more....

**HETHERSETT VC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
22 QUEENS ROAD, HETHERSETT, NR9 3DB

# Happy Healthy Hethersett



Do you know about Hethersett Environmental Action Team's

## Tree Project?

**100,000 to be planted by 2030!**

### Since 2025

>7000 trees planted at the Strategic Gap  
840 saplings planted at The Back Pocket Forest - December 25  
>1000 tiny tree saplings fostered  
25+ trays of tree seeds sown

### Can you help?

Do you have any space for native trees or hedges to help increase Hethersett's biodiversity?

Do you have any stray tree saplings in your gardens to donate to our tree nursery?

Would you like to foster a mini forest? Can you help plant trees?

Watch out for details of our Tree Festival event in March 2026  
Follow us on Facebook – Hethersett Environmental Action Team

If you would like to help, please contact our village Tree Warden:

Email: [cllr.aedwards@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.aedwards@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Or the Parish Council Office: [office@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@hethersettparishcouncil.gov.uk)



## Have a go at hockey!

Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 – girls and boys  
Sessions run by qualified coach (level 2)  
Mondays 8 June, 15 June, 22 June, 29 June  
6:15pm to 7:30pm

**No charge – all sessions are free**

At the hockey pitches near Goals Soccer Centre, Hall Road  
You will have to buy and fit a gumshield (get online/at Sports Direct and easy to fit)  
We will provide a stick

Wear your own shin pads with ankle protection (we have some to lend out)

Sessions provided by Norwich Dragons Hockey Club

Email [devboys.ndhc@gmail.com](mailto:devboys.ndhc@gmail.com) to register interest!



**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**