



May Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

End of Half Term – A Big Thank You

It's hard to believe we've already reached the end of the first half of the summer term! It has been a busy and positive few weeks, with lots going on across the school and so many moments to be proud of.

I'd really like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our staff. Their energy, care and commitment to the children shines through every day. Whether it's in the classroom, out on the playground, or behind the scenes, they go above and beyond to make Hethersett Primary such a special place and I'm incredibly grateful for everything they do.

Friends of Hethersett Summer Fair – Saturday 23rd May

We're also really looking forward to the Friends of Hethersett Summer Fair this Saturday 23rd May. It's always such a lovely event and a great chance for everyone to come together and enjoy some time as a community.

A huge thank you to the Friends team for all the time and effort they've put into organising it, events like this don't happen without a lot of hard work, and we really appreciate everything they do to support the school.

We'd love to see as many families there as possible. Whether you stay for a short while or the whole afternoon, it promises to be a really enjoyable day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mr Williams'.

Matthew Parslow-Williams
Headteacher

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

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Queen's Road

Please can we remind parents who access our school from the Queens Road entrance, to be considerate to other users of both the pathway and road.

We are both concerned and saddened to have received reports of poor behaviour from some parents, including the lack of supervision of young children resulting in a near miss. Please ensure your children are kept close to you and are encouraged to cross the road with the school crossing patrol.

If driving in the vicinity of a school, please remember the following points when approaching the crossing point;

- Slow down when you see a School Crossing Patrol on duty and be prepared to stop
- Stop when the School Crossing Patrol is displaying the STOP sign
- Be patient and do not move forward
- Do not move forward until the School Crossing Patrol has returned to the pavement
- Do not park or stop where the School Crossing Patrol works, on zig-zag lines or other areas with parking restrictions.

Failure to stop when the STOP sign is showing is a criminal offence.

This could result in a fine of up to £1000 and 3 penalty points placed on your licence.

Not stopping when a STOP sign is presented is considered driving without due care and attention.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Library Books

Polite request for library books to be put in book bags where possible, as we are losing too many books due to water damage from water bottles leaking in school bags. If you don't have a book bag, please ensure that the lid of your water bottle is on tight or store the bottle in an outer pocket on your school bag if you have one. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Congratulations Year 6 – You did it!

Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils who worked so hard last week undertaking their SATs exams. They can now relax and enjoy the rest of their time at Hethersett VC Primary where they have a number of exciting activities to look forward to. Further details will be shared with them in due course.

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 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 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](#)

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 all pupils 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 5th June.

The day will start at 11am when you are welcome to come and join us.

We will break for lunch at 12.15pm and 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 12th June.

The day will start at 11am when you are welcome to come and join us.

We will break for lunch at 12.15pm and 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 can join this exciting opportunity to share with your child.

Recording Absences

To ensure the safeguarding of our pupils, if your child is unable to attend school, please can we ask that the **school office** is notified of their absence by **9am**. This can be done either by using the Compass App. or alternatively by contacting the school office on 01603 810498 and leaving a message.

Information can then be shared with the relevant class teachers.

School Money

We have recently been experiencing issues with School Money resulting in some parents being unable to access their accounts. Unfortunately, this was due to a technical issue within the School Money platform. We understand this has now been resolved and thank you for your patience.

Norse Recipe of the Month

Makes 12

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Apple Flapjack

There's nothing quite like flapjack and the apple makes this recipe nutritious and delicious!

Ingredients list

- 325g Rolled Oats
- 200g Apples – peeled, cored, and diced
- 140g Baking Margarine
- 120g Caster Sugar
- 90g Golden Syrup
- 20ml Water

Method

1. Slowly melt the margarine, sugar, and syrup in a large pan.
2. Once melted, take the pan off the heat.
3. Add the oats, apple and water to the pan and mix well.
4. Lightly press the mixture into a greased and lined square or rectangular tin, 20cm x 30cm and bake at 160°C or gas mark 3 for 25 minutes or until firm and golden brown.
5. Portion while hot. Allow to cool slightly before removing from the tin.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
23 rd May	Hethersett VC Festival
25 th – 29 th May	Half Term Holiday
5 th Jun	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day Year 3 Norwich Castle Trip
12 th Jun	KS2 Sports Day
26 th Jun	Year 6 Hautbois Trip
29 th – 1 st Jul	Year 6 Hethersett Academy Transition Days
8 th Jul	Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 Bressingham Museum Trip
10 th Jul	Reports
13 th Jul	Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip
14 th Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Performance (afternoon)
15 th Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Performance (evening)
17 th 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

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Summer Shopping

Your uniform is supplied through our
Norwich Branch

Address:

67 Ber Street,
Norwich,
NR1 3AD

Contact:

norwichbranch@stevensons.co.uk

Please note we are a cashless branch.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30am - 5pm
Tuesday: 9:30am - 5pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: Closed
Friday: 9:30am - 5pm
Saturday: 9:30am - 5 pm
Sunday: Closed

Online

Shopping online at www.stevensons.co.uk is easy!

You can select home delivery or opt for convenient Click & Collect from your local store.

Our in-stock items are typically dispatched within 48 hours.
Plus, with our 365-day return policy, you can shop with confidence knowing that returns are hassle-free.

In Store Opening Hours

Our store is open throughout the summer to support families getting ready for the new school year.

We offer extended opening hours over the summer, so please check our website for the latest information. Our team is happy to help with sizing, product recommendations, and school-specific uniform guidance.

We look forward to welcoming you in store.






4 pm to 6 pm on
Saturday 23 May

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




ORDCAR

Ordgar is a Viking and Saxon re-enactment group that brings to life Viking farming and daily routine through a high standard living history display.



A group of people in Viking-style clothing, including tunics, cloaks, and hats, standing on a beach. Some are holding long poles with flags, and one is holding a large round shield with a red and white design. The background shows a clear blue sky and the ocean.

Ladybelt Country Park Summer Viking
Fayre
NR18 9RT
Sunday 7th June
11am to 4pm



facebook.com/ladybeltcountrypark

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