June Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

As the end of the academic year approaches, I wanted to take a moment to reflect and say thank you.

I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of the Hethersett family. We are so lucky to have the school we do and the wonderful people who make it such a special place. Every day, I am reminded of the strength, kindness and sense of community that exists here.

At this time of year, we say goodbye not only to children moving on to the next stage of their educational journey, but also to families whom we have known and worked alongside for many years. To all of you leaving us this summer, thank you for your support, trust and partnership during your time at Hethersett. The relationship between school and home plays a vital role in helping children flourish, and we are grateful for the part you have played in our shared journey.

To our Year 6 leavers: you have been with us the longest. Many of you were part of our very first Reception class, and I could not be prouder of the young people you have become. You have shown resilience in the face of adversity and consistently stepped up when it mattered most. Through your embodiment of our school values, you have been exceptional role models for the younger children in our school. Those who follow in your footsteps will have some very big shoes to fill. We wish you every success and happiness as you begin your next adventure.

I would also like to thank our incredible staff team. Your commitment, care and dedication make a difference to children's lives every single day. You work tirelessly to ensure every child is supported, challenged and given every opportunity to succeed. Every member of staff plays a vital role in making our school what it is, and I hope you know just how valued and appreciated you are.

To our amazing Friends of Hethersett team—Clare, Fi, Becca and all the members of the PTA—thank you for your unwavering support and tremendous fundraising efforts throughout the year. Your hard work enables us to provide additional opportunities, experiences and resources for our pupils and families. We are enormously grateful for everything you do.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday, whatever your plans may be. Thank you for being part of our school community and for making Hethersett such a special place to learn, work and belong.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Regards

Matthew Parslow-Williams
Headteacher

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

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Assistant Headteacher Appointment

I am delighted to share that, from September, Mrs Burgess will be joining our Senior Leadership Team as Assistant Headteacher. Congratulations to Mrs Burgess on this well-deserved appointment.

In her new role, Mrs Burgess will lead on Inclusion and Personal Development, areas that are central to our vision for every child to thrive, achieve and feel a strong sense of belonging within our school community. Her experience, expertise and passion for supporting children will be invaluable, and I know she will bring great enthusiasm, commitment and leadership to these important areas.

I would also like to thank everyone who expressed an interest in the role or took part in the application process. It is a testament to the strength of our school that we have such a talented and dedicated team, all of whom are committed to providing the very best opportunities and outcomes for our children.

Please join me in congratulating Mrs Burgess as she prepares to take on this exciting new role. We look forward to the positive impact she will make as part of our leadership team.

As Children's Commissioner, I'm writing to ask for your support in helping children at your school or college take part in my national survey, The Big Future.
Your students can take part here: http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

I want to hear from children and young people aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country. The survey asks about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they would like to see in their communities, and what they believe a good childhood should look like today.

Direct student participation is essential to ensuring that young people's voices are heard and represented.

Staffing Changes
At the end of this academic year, Mr Wilkins will be leaving us to take up a teaching position at a school in Norwich. This role will allow him to focus on his two great passions, Maths and PE, particularly cricket and hockey.

Mr Wilkins has been a long-standing and dedicated member of our school community and one of my first appointments. Over his time here, he has made a valued contribution to the life of the school and to the many pupils he has taught and supported. We are grateful for his commitment, enthusiasm and the positive impact he has had. I am sure you will join us in thanking him for his service and in wishing him every success and happiness in his new role.

As you may know, we have been busy recruiting teachers for the next academic year. We are delighted to share that Miss Butler, Mr Hansen and Mrs Culling will be joining our team in September.

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

Late Arrivals
We are aware that some of our children are arriving at school after the registers have been taken at 8.50am. Please can any child arriving after this time, be brought to the school office to register. For the welfare of all our children, we can then ensure that each child is correctly accounted for and has a lunch ordered. Even if the playground gate is open, please ensure your child registers at the office. Thank you.

Update re. Compass and School Money
Many of you will be aware that we have recently been experiencing some issues with the School Money platform. As a result, we have made the decision to move all our club bookings, dinner money and trip payments, to Compass. This will mean you be able to make bookings and payments through your Compass app.

By making this move, we hope parents will benefit by only having the one app to monitor.

Please ensure you have the Compass app downloaded to enable you to receive all the latest updates, relating to your child.

During this time of transition, we ask for your patience and understanding whilst we too are learning to manage a new way of working. Thank you!

Sports Clubs for September
We are pleased to confirm our after school, sports clubs for September, will be as follows;

Monday – KS1 Multisport
Tuesday – KS2 Multisport
Wednesday – KS2 Football
Thursday – KS1Tag Rugby
Friday – KS2 Tag Rugby

Bookings for these clubs will be available online through your Compass app from **Monday 13th July.**

Glurbs Language Quest

We're excited to announce that our school is taking part in a Language Angels challenge, the Glurbs Language Quest, where schools can win a school resources grant of [cash prize], and we need your help!

Our pupils are on a mission to boost our school's ranking by completing fun, curriculum-aligned language lessons in the Glurbs app.

Designed by the team behind Language Angels, Glurbs features safe, structured, curriculum-aligned learning for children aged 4-12.

How to join the mission:

1. **Download:** Scan the QR code on the flyer that is provided or search for "Glurbs" in your app store (Apple or Google Play).
2. **Register:** Join the competition by pressing on the "Language Quest" button and enter our unique school code **8V3X7PS.**
3. **Enjoy:** Start learning and exploring! Completing planets and activities earns points for our school throughout the challenge and helps us move up the competition leaderboard!

The app is free to download and participation is completely optional.

Thank you for supporting **Hethersett VC Primary School** and encouraging language learning beyond the classroom.

For full details, please visit www.glurbs.com.

School Term Dates 2026/27

As this academic year comes to an end, we are pleased to share with you the timetable for the next academic year. Please see the link below for details of the Norfolk County Council School Term Dates 2026 to 2027.

Download the 2026-2027 term date calendar (PDF, 771 KB)

THE READING AGENCY
UNIVERSAL
UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP UNITED KINGDOM
READ to the BEAT
Summer Reading Challenge 2026
Join FREE at your local library!

HOLIDAY CLUBS
Premier Education
HOLIDAY CLUB
AT HETHERSETT WOODSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!
PLEASE CHECK OUR PREMIER EDUCATION WEBSITE TO VIEW THE AVAILABLE DATES
FLEXIBLE TIMES
08:00-17:30
08:00-16:00
09:00-15:00
10:00-14:00
CHOOSE WHAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU!
SPORTS WE PLAY
FOOTBALL
DODGEBALL
CRICKET
TENNIS
BASKETBALL AND SO MUCH MORE!
EVERY DAY IS DIFFERENT BUT JUST AS FUN AS THE DAY BEFORE!
TOURNAMENT MONDAYS!
EVERY MONDAY AFTERNOON IS
TOURNAMENT AFTERNOON!
FUN, FRIENDLY AND COMPETITIVE SPORTS TOURNAMENTS
NEW CHALLENGE EVERY WEEK!
SCAN HERE TO BOOK!
MORE THAN JUST SPORTS!
WELL-BEING
STEM
BASIS OF CHARACTER
ARTS & CRAFTS

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun
Funded by UK Government
BEST START IN LIFE
Norfolk County Council
active norfolk
Martial Arts Fun
With ESKA Karate
Scan here to book!

Wildlife Explorers
Wymondham, Norfolk
Join Us!
Get inspired by nature and discover local wildlife with our new nature group for 8-12 year olds. It takes place at Rothbury Community Hall, 18 Rothbury Rd, Wymondham, NR18 0LD
We meet on the second Sunday of each month, 10:00-11:30am
£1 (RSPB member) or £2 (non-member)
Contact: alex.price@rspb.org.uk to sign up!
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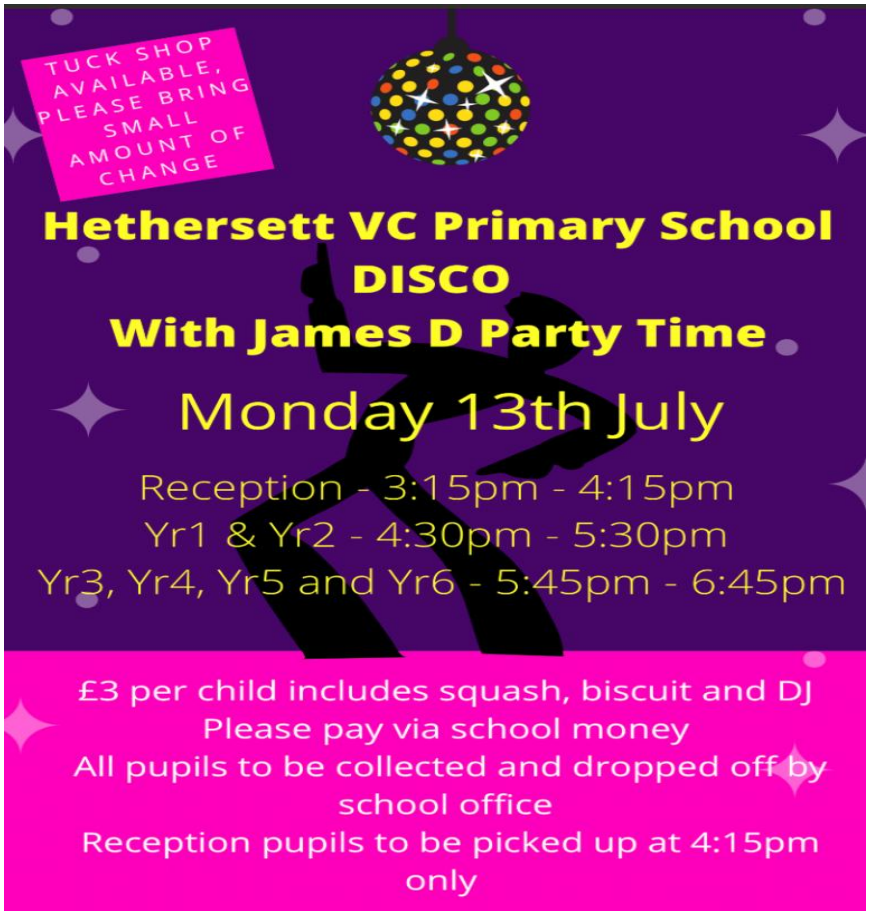
Find out more
https://group.rspb.org.uk/wymondhamwex/



Diary Date

Date	Event
29th – 1st Jul	Year 6 Hethersett Academy Transition Days
7th Jul	Year 6 Leavers' BBQ
8th Jul	Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 Bressingham Museum Trip
10th Jul	Reports
13th Jul	Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip
14th Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Performance (afternoon)
15th Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Performance (evening)
17th Jul	Leavers' Service Last Day of Term
20th Jul – 31st Aug	Summer Holidays – School Closed
1st & 2nd Sept	Inset Days – School Closed
3rd Sept	Autumn Term Begins – Yrs 1-6

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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.

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