



September Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year. With 335 pupils now learning across 11 classes, our school continues to grow, and this has brought a number of changes to the way we operate day to day. The most significant adjustment has been to break and lunchtime arrangements, which were necessary to ensure the smooth running of the school and a positive experience for all children.

Our Reception children have settled brilliantly into school life and are already showing great enthusiasm for learning. Equally pleasing has been the way our older pupils have welcomed and supported them, setting excellent examples and demonstrating what it means to be part of the Hethersett Primary community. They have been fantastic role models and should be very proud of themselves.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support as we continue to make Hethersett Primary the very best place for our children to learn and thrive.

Regards,

Mrs Williams

**Matthew Parslow-Williams
Headteacher**

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Compass

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during our transition period with Compass. Many parents are finding the new system much easier to navigate but we are also aware of some ongoing issues that we are working hard to resolve.

To ensure the system continues to work effectively and so you do not miss any important information, please can we ask you to check all the contact details and information we hold on your account is correct.

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 Compass Wallet 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.

[NCC Free School Meals Application form.docx](#)

Reporting Absence

Unfortunately, with the start of the new academic year, we also see the return of a variety of coughs and colds. If your child is unwell and not able to come to school, please can you ensure you either report their absence through your Compass app or alternatively, leave a message on the school answerphone. All absences should be recorded by 9am.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Admirals Way Parking

Unfortunately, we are still receiving reports of parents inconsiderate parking on Admirals Way. Please help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours by:

- Parking legally and considerately
- Not blocking driveways or access points
- No parking on the pavements or opposite cars already parked on the opposite side of the road
- Keeping to public footpaths and avoiding private property
- Allowing extra time for congestion

We ask that no parking takes place within the turning circle of the road as outlined in red below.



New Lunch Menus

We are excited to share with you our new school lunch menu starting after the October half term holiday. Please see the link below for details. Parents of children who require the Allergen Aware menu, will be sent their new menu shortly.



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Permissions

During the school year, there are occasions when we might want your child to participate in food tasting activities or visit the local churches. To ensure we have your consent for these activities, please can we ask you to check your child permissions are up to date on your Compass account.

The permissions can be found within the Insights tab on your child's profile. If you have any difficulties accessing this, please contact the school office.

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 \(PDF, 771 KB\)](#)



Dear Parents,

'BE A CHORISTER' DAY AT NORWICH CATHEDRAL
Saturday 10th October 2026, 11.00am – 4.00pm



On Saturday 10th October, we will be holding our annual 'Be a Chorister' day, in partnership with Norwich School. This is a fun day of singing, music-making and games, open to all boys and girls of primary school age. No prior singing experience is necessary and there is no cost to participate. We simply want children to come along and enjoy the opportunity to sing with us in the Cathedral!

The programme for the day is:

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| 10.45am | Arrival and registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Singing session for children with a vocal coach ▪ Presentation for parents who would like to find out more about choirs at Norwich Cathedral ▪ Drama & games for children at Norwich School ▪ Q&A for parents and coffee |
| Lunch | Provided for children at Norwich School |
| Afternoon | Singing for children with Ashley Grote, Organist & Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral and the Cathedral Choristers

Optional tours of Norwich Lower School for parents |
| 3.30pm | Choral Evensong in Norwich Cathedral, sung by the participating children alongside the cathedral choristers – all welcome to attend |
| 4.15pm | End |
- Throughout the day, children are supervised in small groups by staff from Norwich School and Norwich Cathedral: parents can drop their children off and are not required to stay with them.

To register for a place, please visit www.norwich-school.org.uk/open-events-and-visits

Diary Date

Date	Event
23 rd Oct	Inset Day – Children not in school
12 th Oct	Year 2 Trip to Ladybelt Country Park
15 th Oct	Year 6 SATs Chat
20 th Oct	Puffins Class – Great Cressingham Trip
22 nd Oct	Penguins Class – Great Cressingham Trip
10 th Nov	New Intake Evening
18 th Nov	Parents Evening

20 th Nov	Children in Need
24 th Nov	Parents Evening
7 th Dec	Year 2 Carol Concert 3 Schools Carol Concert
8 th Dec	Reception Nativity am Year 1 Nativity pm
9 th Dec	Year 1 Nativity am Reception Nativity pm
10 th Dec	KS2 Hippodrome Circus
18 th Dec	Last Day of Term

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