



October Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

And just like that, the first half term comes to an end!

A huge well done to all our Reception children for beginning their school journey with such enthusiasm and success, and a warm welcome to any new families who have joined us this autumn term.

At Hethersett VC Primary, we strive to live and breathe our school values every day, helping children become the very best versions of themselves. Our aim is to create a community where everyone feels valued, supported and able to flourish.

Thank you to all of you for your continued partnership with the school. Your support, whether through attending events, encouraging learning at home or simply cheering your children on, makes a huge difference to their success and happiness.

We hope you all enjoy a well-earned break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term ahead.

Regards

Mrs Williams

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

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Welcome

We promised you in the September newsletter that we would let you know about our new Midday Supervisors after completion of their safeguarding checks. We are now delighted to let you know that Miss Folkard and Miss Melville have been appointed.

We trust they will enjoy working with us and that they are looking forward to getting to know the children.

Goodbye

Whilst we are always delighted to welcome new members of staff to the Hethersett VC Primary School family, there are times when unfortunately, we have to say goodbye.

Today, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Lightwing. Many of you will know Mrs Lightwing and she may have helped to look after your child during their time at our school. Mrs Lightwing has been working with us for over 12 years and most recently in Year 1 as a Teaching Assistant. Some of our families may also have known her when she worked in our school kitchen.

We know she is going to be truly missed and we are sure you will join us in thanking her for all her hardwork and dedication. We wish her all the best for her next adventure.

Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be returning to school after the half term holiday! Books will be available to purchase on Wednesday 5th November and Friday 7th November. Further details can be found below.

New Lunch Menus

There will be a new and exciting lunchtime menu available after the half term holiday, details can be found at <C:\Users\Office-HethersettPri\Downloads\Norse Group Primary School Autumn-Winter Menu 2025-26 - ALL OPTIONS.pdf>

Children who require the Allergen Aware menu should already have received a copy of their menu.

Please note the cost of a school meal will remain at £2.70 and this must be paid for in advance through your School Money account.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and those children entitled to Free School Meals, will not be charged.

Cold Weather

Now the evenings are getting darker and the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing to school. We have a number of children who are continuing to arrive at school without coats.

Please ensure;

- they bring a coat each day
- all clothing is clearly named
- children who cycle to school also have suitable lights on their bicycles.

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](#)

Parents Evenings

We wish to inform you that our Parents Evening meetings will be taking place on Thursday 6th November and Tuesday 11th November. Both these evenings will be held online and invitations to book an appointment will be sent to you today. If you do not receive an invitation, please contact the school office on 01603 810498.

Further information regarding these appointments and how you can access them can be found at <C:\Users\Office-HethersettPri\OneDrive - hethersettprimary.co.uk\Karen Cloud\Video Call Information for Parents.pdf>

Please ensure you familiarise yourself with this process prior to your meeting.

Year 5 Bikeability

Children from Year 5 were recently invited to take part in Level 2 Bikeability cycle training. We are very proud of all the children; they not only passed the course but were also commended on their behaviour. Well done!

Is Your Child Too Ill For School?

This is a question you have probably asked yourselves.

When your child wakes up in the morning and says they don't feel well, it can sometimes be difficult to know whether you should be sending them into school or letting them rest at home. The link below from the NHS website contains useful guidance on a range of childhood illnesses – we hope you may find this helpful.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)


Norse Recipe of the Month!

Makes 10-12

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Beetroot Brownie

This sounds like a crazy combination but trust us – it works! The beetroot gives a lovely depth of flavour and adds moistness to the sponge.



Ingredients list

- 125g Self-Raising Flour
- 25g Cocoa Powder
- 110g Caster Sugar
- 2x Eggs - beaten
- 175ml Vegetable Oil
- 1tsp Vanilla Essence
- 50g Cooked Beetroot – grated

Method

- Sift the flour and cocoa powder into a mixing bowl.
- Mix in the sugar.
- Add the vegetable oil, vanilla essence, eggs, and beetroot and mix well.
- Pour into a greased and lined tin, measuring approx. 20cm x 26cm.
- Bake in a pre-heated oven at Gas Mark 4, 180°C for 25-30 minutes.
- Turn out on to a cooling rack and leave to cool.
- Dust with icing sugar and enjoy!

HETHERSETT VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception Intake 2026

Open Events:
6pm - 7pm
Tuesday 18th November
Thursday 4th December

Contact school office to book your place.



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SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

FREE BOOKS for your school when you buy at the Book Fair!

A pop-up book-store with hundreds of books from **JUST £2.99**

BOOK FAIR



What are you waiting for?

Come find us at your Book Fair!

TIME:
3.15pm to 4pm

DATE:
Wednesday 5th November
Friday 7th November

LOCATION:
Library - new building

Find these characters and **EVEN MORE BOOKS** online



HETHERSETT V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Market

★ GIFTS ★ FESTIVE FOOD STALLS
 ★ FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT ★ RAFFLE
 ★ FREE ACTIVITIES ★ TOMBOLA
 ★ GAMES ★ ENTERTAINMENT
 ★ FACE PAINTING & MUCH MORE

Saturday 6th
 December
 11am - 2pm

You are invited to our
Christmas Wreath
 making workshop

1ST DECEMBER | 7 - 9 PM
 HETHERSETT VC PRIMARY SCHOOL
 MULLED WINE, NON ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND
 NIBBLES PROVIDED
 OVER 18S ONLY
 £40 PER PERSON
 PLEASE BRING SCISSORS AND APRON (IF
 PREFERRED)

Diary Dates

Date	Event
27 th – 31 st Oct	School Holiday
4 th Nov	Individual & Sibling Photographs
5 th & 7 th Nov	Book Fair
6 th Nov	Parents Evening - Online
11 th Nov	Parents Evening - Online
13 th Nov	Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme
14 th Nov	Flu Immunisation – all pupils
18 th Nov	Reception 2026 Intake Open Evening
2 nd Dec	Flu Immunisation – remaining pupils
4 th Dec	Reception 2026 Intake Open Evening
8 th Dec	Hethersett Schools Carol Concert
12 th Dec	Hippodrome Circus – Year 3,4, 5 & 6
22 nd Dec - 2 nd Jan	School Holidays
5 th Jan	Inset Day – Children not in School
6 th Jan	Spring Term Begins

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