



Ghost Hill Newsletter

9th January 2026

A message from Mrs Westall

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a good rest over the festive break, as well as lots of fun. It has been a great week, starting off with snow, then ice, and then rain! The snow was so exciting for the children. We will always try and keep the school open and always risk assess to ensure safety of children, families and staff. Part of the risk assessment is ensuring that staff who travel in are safe too. Mr Giles our caretaker did a great job gritting paths on Monday, which meant it was a much more manageable job when the children came back to school on Tuesday. If we do have to close the school we will let you know via e mail as well as logging it on the Norfolk Emergency School Closure site. We will always give you as much notice as we can. If you don't hear from us, we are open! Please make sure your children come to school in suitable footwear and warm coats in this wintry weather.

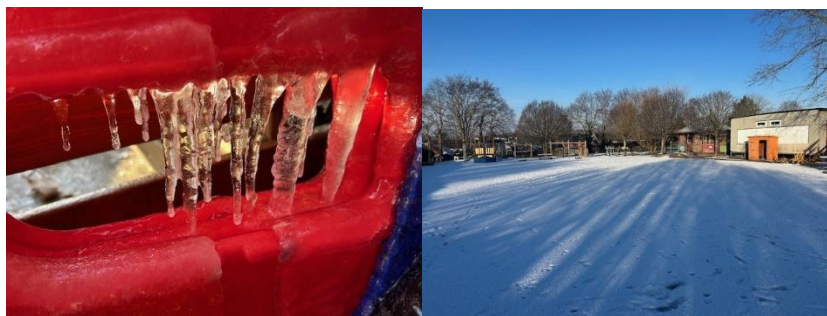
Please can children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 come in PE kits Wednesday 14th January. There will be SESMA taster sessions for every class.

Please do look at the list of dates for Spring Term.

Please follow us on our school facebook page: Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School

And do take a look at our new school website: <https://www.ghosthill.org>

I hope you have a lovely weekend.





Parking outside of school

Please can parents be mindful where they park and not park on the lines that prevent cars from pulling in for others to pass. This could become an unsafe situation with drivers who have nowhere to go, apart from reversing, or mounting pavements when there are young children about. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Applications for Reception admissions 2026 are closing soon. The closing date is 15th January 2026.

If your child is in our Nursery and you'd like your child to attend Ghost Hill then you still need to apply for a place.

Please apply through the Norfolk County Council

[School admissions - Norfolk County Council](#)

Change to next academic year's school calendar

A message from the Trust

Many of you will be aware that several trusts / schools have recently realigned the structure of the school year. After reviewing our own pattern, we have decided that a slight adjustment would benefit both pupils and staff, particularly in relation to the length of the autumn term.

Our priority has been to maintain the total number of days pupils spent in school, whilst also enhancing the well being of pupils and staff.

The main change is an extension to the October half-term break. We believe this adjustment will support pupil and staff wellbeing and improve attendance, especially given the national priority.

We can confirm that there will be no reduction to the number of teaching days. Thank you for your continued support as we implement these changes.

Sapientia Education Trust

Parent Focus Group – Character Education

Tuesday 20th January 9-9.45am



Are you interested in hearing more about our Character Education curriculum? Come along and listen to a presentation delivered by Mrs Westall and then time for thoughts and ideas from parents and carers.

Food Tasting with ASPENS

After school on Thursday 22nd January 2026



We listened to feedback from last year's event and this year's event there will be no long queues. It is being organised differently, with tables and chairs for all. Please come along and support us with tasting the food your children are served at school. Children are welcome too.

Friends of School Meeting 6pm Wednesday 21st January

All welcome! This is a planning meeting, with Mrs Westall, to discuss the upcoming events. We always welcome new faces.

Thank you to the Friends for all of their fundraising this term. We are very grateful.

A Special Mention from Mrs Westall

Try Hard, be Brave, Be You.



Character virtue – Curiosity

Well done to Kiko in Hedgehog Class. Kiko shows curiosity with wanting to find out new things, in every lesson and throughout the school day. He asks great questions. Kiko can often be caught reading his chapter book when he can spare a moment in breaks and lunchtimes. That's when he isn't playing basketball! Well done Kiko!

Ready, Respectful, Safe



Sports News

The children have settled well and have begun their new pe units. We start the term off with a visit from SESMA on Wednesday the 14th of January. Master Wayne will be offering a taster session for Reception and key stage 1 children. Please can children come in PE kits.

Later in the term some children will be attending the school sports partnership multiskills festival- we look forward to updating you on this!

Year 1 grown ups have been sent a letter regarding their child's cycling ability, please fill this in and return as soon as you can.

We are looking forward to starting Dance club after school on Monday for year 2!

Please remember to share out of school achievements by emailing into the school office.

Mrs Woollorton and Mrs Everett



Sports Star of the week

Our sports star of the week is Rosie in Hedgehog Class for enthusiasm in her PE lesson!



Achievements out of school



Please send us in your children's achievements big and small. Please email the school office to do this:
office@ghosthill.set.education



Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Westall, Mrs Hamill, Mrs Michael, Mrs Ferguson

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, then the number to ring is:

CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service - 0344 800 8020.

Please see January's [Online Safety Newsletter](#) on our website.

<https://www.ghosthill.org>

Here is an extract:

Playing games online

Does your child play games online? We have outlined some risks that you should consider:



Chatting to strangers / risk of inappropriate language

Some games will allow communication via text chat, direct messages or chatting. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off and/or the option to restrict bad language, so make sure settings appropriate to your child are applied. If your child is playing online with strangers, then you need to be aware that there is a risk of grooming. Some games do allow you to restrict communication to 'friends only,' however you would need to monitor that their online friends are real life friends. It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report other players.

Cyberbullying

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face. Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect. Other forms of cyberbullying whilst playing games could be excluding others, criticising the ability of other players and ganging up on others.

In app purchases

Many games include the option to purchase additional items/ subscriptions so ensure you do not have payment cards saved or set up restrictions/ a password to approve purchases.

What can I do?

- **Set up parental controls** - as well as setting up appropriate parental controls through the game's settings, ensure you have set them up on the console/device your child is playing on.
- **Check age ratings** - before buying the game, check that your child is old enough to play it. All games will either have a PEGI rating or be rated by the App Store/Google Play.
- **Chat to your child regularly** about the risks above so that they are aware of what can happen online and remind them to always talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns

Further information

CEOP provides further guidance and support regarding this topic:
<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>



Information:

Please ensure push notifications for the my child at school app are switched on.

All booking and amendments for lunches and wraparound care need to be made 24hrs in advance.

Please order your child's lunch on the MYCAS app. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss the lunch options with your child and encourages them to try new foods.

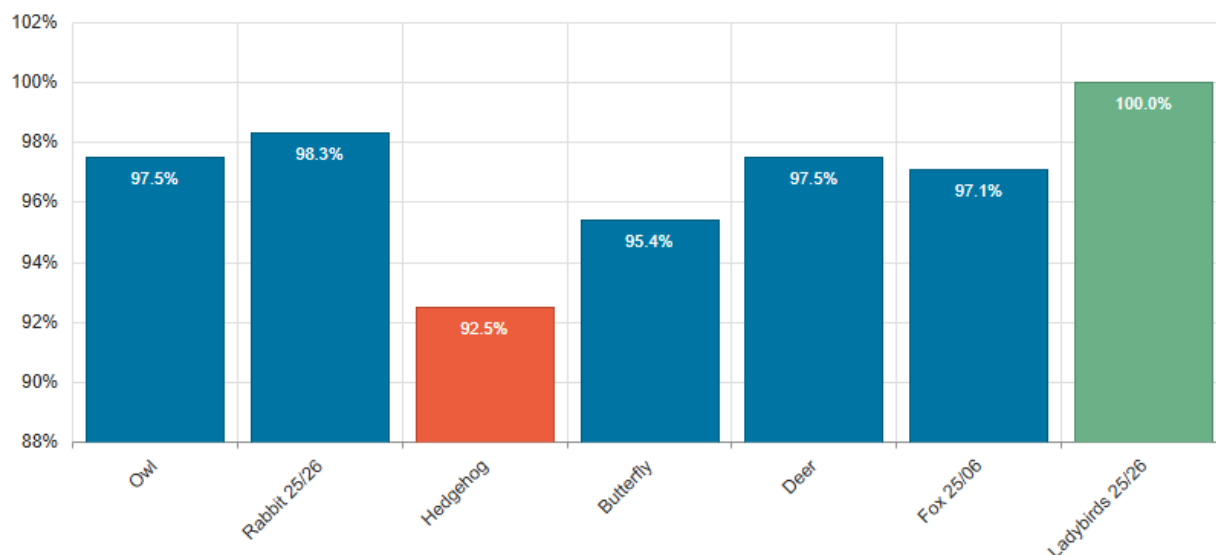
If you do not have MYCAS and would like access, please speak to Mrs Ferguson in the school office.

Please use the school office email address for any future emails. Office@ghosthill.set.education

Please check the data collection tab for your child/ children to ensure the information we hold for you is up to date and correct. (All parts with a * need to be completed to save.



Well done to **Ladybird class** for **100%** attendance this week, closely followed by Rabbit class at 98.3%



The trust attendance target is **97%**

Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School current attendance this week is **96.8%**

Breakfast and After school club contact number

Please be aware breakfast and after school club has its own contact number. Should you need to reach them, please call 01603 558807

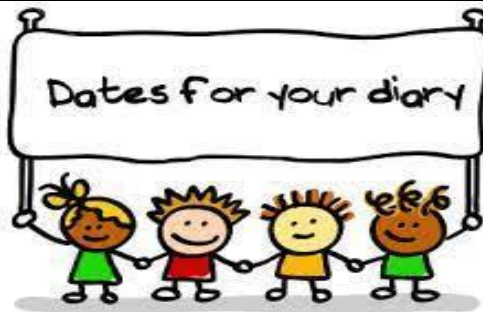
Breakfast and Afterschool club sessions for next half term is now available to book on my child at school.

Teacher led afterschool clubs for spring term

Teacher led afterschool clubs for the spring term start on Monday 15th December. Collection for art club will be at the nursery gate. Collection for all other clubs is from the main office.

The clubs are as follows.

Club	Day
Art	Monday
Lego club	Wednesday
Numbots-	Wednesday
Dance	Mondays
Construction club-	Wednesday
Jigsaw puzzle club-	Wednesday
Music-	Friday



Any dates that are added each week will be highlighted for easy reference.

Spring Term 2026 Dates

Tuesday 13 th January	Parent/Teacher meetings for children on our SEND register.
Wednesday 14 th January	SESMA taster sessions during the school day for all classes.
Tuesday 20 th January 9am	Parent Focus Group – Character Education
Wednesday 21 st January 6pm	Friends of School meeting in school hall
Thursday 22 nd January	Multiskills with Schools Sports Partnership for some Year 1 and 2 children.
Thursday 22 nd January after school	ASPENS food tasting
Friday 6 th February	Owls visiting Reception

Tuesday 10 th February	SAFER INTERNET DAY
Thursday 12 th February	Late Parents Evening
HALF TERM – 16th – 20th February	
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th March	STEM week in school
Thursday 5 th March 3.20-3.45pm	STEM exhibition for parents and children in the school hall
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	FAB Science workshops
Tuesday 10 th March	Year 1 and 2 cricket festival with school sports partnership
Friday 27 th March evening	Dance Show

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