



Ghost Hill Newsletter

26th September 2025

A message from Mrs Westall

We have had a great week at Ghost Hill and we are so blown away by how well the Nursery and Reception children have settled. We are excited to share that we are planning big improvements to our outdoor Reception area. We will reuse and repurpose as much as we can and have had some very kind requests of support to enable us to enhance the area with new, bespoke resourcing to give children even more opportunity to use their imaginations and be creative. We are also planning enhancements to our main playground area for all children to benefit from. Friends of School will be supporting us with the funding for the project and we will share more when we have the finer details.

Please see the new dates added to the list of dates below (in yellow.)

Have a good weekend

Safety on the roads near school – Argyll Crescent



Please can parked cars not block the junction or the pathways at school drop off and collection times. Children are having to walk on roads to get by. It is turning into an unsafe situation.

A summary of the discussion at the Parent Focus Group – on a theme of 'transition.'

We run these focus groups a few times a year and is open to all. It is always on a different theme and is always advertised on the list of dates below. If you can't attend and want to contribute your suggestions and ideas on the theme please e mail the school office.

The main points raised where transition worked well:

- The Reception and Nursery open events, and the stay and play sessions. This was a good opportunity for children to spend time in their classroom areas, as well as a good opportunity for parents and carers to meet the teachers.
- The posters all about the children's new teacher (for all year groups.) This helped children remember the teacher over the summer holiday.
- The transition visits to the new classrooms with their new teacher for the children going into Year 1 and 2. Children went home talking positively about these sessions.
- The class whatsapp groups have helped parents remember small things to aid transition.
- Tapestry in Year 1 is good, as it follows on from reception (appreciating the different way it is used as the curriculum is different.)

In addition to the above; Mrs Westall talked about the arrangements we have in place for transition to Junior School from Year 2.

The main points raised where transition can be improved:

- The Year group parents meetings that we hold in September could be in July, instead—that would be a good way for parents to see the door their child will come into on the first day, as well seeing the classroom and meeting the teacher. We like this idea and will be actioning this in July.
- School dinner menus to be shared in Year 1, like they were in Reception (this should be available via the parent app now)

The general feeling was that children have settled into their new classes well, the staff have made them feel welcome and are available to chat if needed.

The Teaching of Reading Presentation for Parents and Carers



Wednesday 1st October 9am in the school hall. Don't worry if you can't attend – everything is on our website too – under the curriculum section.

[**Reading | Ghost Hill Infant & Nursery School**](#)

Individual School Photos - Thursday 16th October



**Spaces available for
3 years+ Nursery
September 2025/ 2026**

Speak to the school office for more information
01603 860334 or email
office@ghosthill.set.education



A Special Mention from Mrs Westall

Try Hard, be Brave, Be You.



Character virtue – Curiosity

Well done to Evie in Nursery; one of our youngest children in the school. Evie has loved exploring Nursery, asks lots of questions and is so interested in everything! Well done Evie!

Ready, Respectful, Safe





Sports News

The children have been having a super active week. It has been exciting starting the new teacher led clubs which include Netball, Running club and Football! Netball club worked on their passing skills as a team, using a one bounce pass with a partner and finally shooting into the hoop. Running club were superb with Mrs Everett and had lots of fun. Please feel free to bring your child in their pe kit if they have a club during lunchtime. Year 2 have continued their swimming- it was lovely when we saw them return with lots of energy and big smiles, well done year 2. Please let us know if your child has achieved in a sports event or tried a new sporting skill either at home or part of a club.

Have a super weekend,

Mrs Wooltorton and Mrs Everett



Sports Star of the week

Our sports star of the week is Hudson in Deer Class for being a good leader in his teambuilding PE lesson!
Well done Hudson!



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

If any children are in uniformed organisations such as Rainbows or Beavers, we'd love to hear about any activities they do, badges they gain or new things they've tried. This would be a really good example of **Community Awareness**.

Well done to Gregory in Butterfly Class. Gregory was concerned about the litter that he could see in Ghost Hill woods so on Saturday afternoon Gregory and his Dad went to Ghost Hill woods and had a litter picking session for one hour and tidied up a whole litter bag of rubbish from the woods. This is so lovely to hear Gregory – respecting our environment and showing **Community Awareness** too!



Well done to Tommy in Butterfly Class , for winning award at his football training on Saturday, for his goalie skills. Well done Tommy! Great work!



Well done to Theodore in Deer Class. He won the Man of the Match on Saturday for great goalkeeping and scoring a goal for his football team Taverham Tigers 🦁. Great work Theodore!



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 September’s [Online Safety Newsletter](#) on our website.

Games are a great way for young children to explore the internet and learn about the world around them. CBeebies home page is safe for young children to explore with independence. Have a chat with your child about keeping safe online.

[Internet safety for children | Keep your child safe online - CBeebies](#)

At Ghost Hill we teach children the importance of saying 'No' if something feels uncomfortable. We use the NSPCC Pants toolkit. Please click on the link below for more information; as well as a link to the Pantosaurus video with an important message of, 'Privates are Private.'

[Talk PANTS: Conversation to help keep children safe | NSPCC](#)

What are the PANTS rules?
Talking to children about their body



- Privates are private +
- Always remember your body belongs to you +
- No means no +
- Talk about secrets that upset you +
- Speak up, someone can help +

Talk PANTS and help keep children safe

Since 2013, Pantosaurus has helped **over six million parents** to Talk PANTS and help keep children safe from sexual abuse.

Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

Tips and advice to start a Talk PANTS conversation

Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that they have a right to say no and if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen.

We know that a simple conversation can make a BIG difference, and that's what Talk PANTS is all about. To help you get the conversation started, we'll send you helpful tips, advice and materials by email.



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.

Census day menu for Thursday 2nd October is available to book.

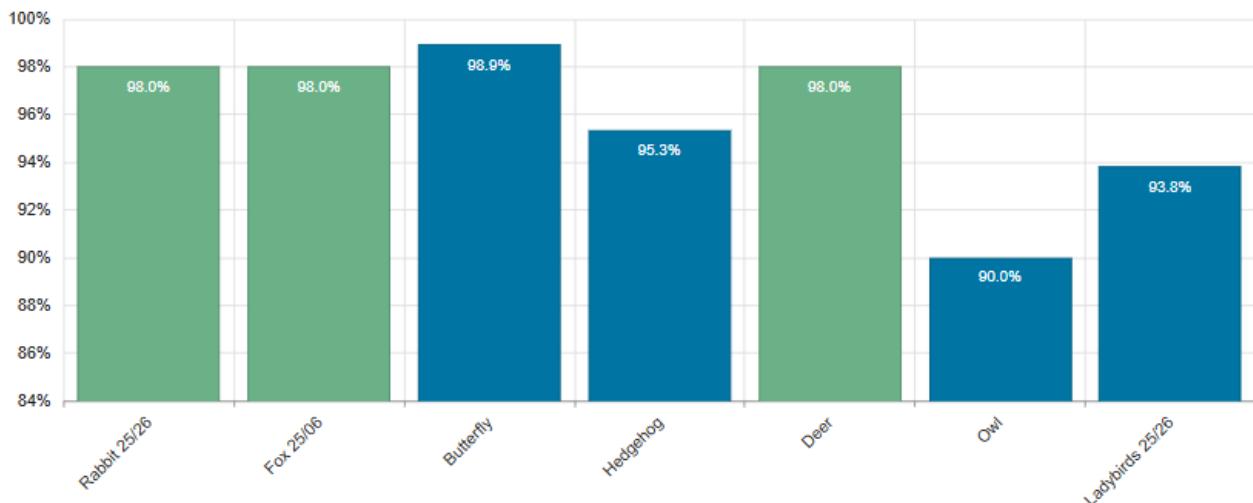
If you do not have MYCAS and would like access, please speak to Mrs Ferguson in the school office.

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 **Butterfly** class for **98.9%** attendance this week.



The trust attendance target is **97%**

Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School current attendance this week is **96.3%**

Good attendance matters!

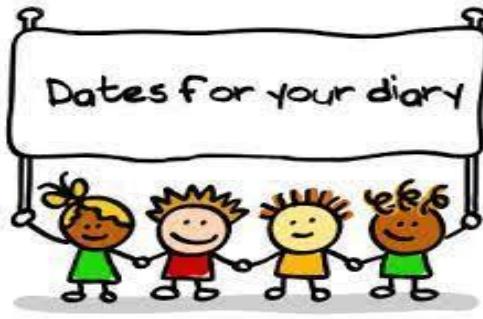
Why Is School Attendance Important?

Research has shown that children with good attendance are more than twice as likely to pass their English and Maths GCSEs compared to those whose attendance is below 90%. However if your child's attendance starts to slip the negative affect might increase because;

- It is hard for children to catch up on work missed. This quickly affects their learning and leaves gaps in their understanding.
- It gets in the way of building strong, positive friendships and makes them more at risk of spending time with bad influences.
- It affects exam results and this means they have less choice about further education and careers.
- They miss out on the structure and routines of school which are important practice for adult life.
- They're likely to be less active and not get into healthy habits important for physical and mental wellbeing.

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



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

Autumn Term Dates

Wednesday 1 st October 9am	The Teaching of Reading presentation for parents. This is the same as previous years – open to all.
Thursday 16 th October	Individual School Photos.
Thursday 23 rd October	Friends of school event: Autumn Parade after school. Children can come to school dressed in Autumn Colours – with an Autumn craft to display. More info to follow.
Half term - Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October	
Monday 3 rd November	Extra INSET day. Children not in
Wednesday 5 th November	Sept 2026 Intake OPEN EVENING
Monday 10 th November	Book Fair after school
Thursday 13 th November	Parents evening 3.30-5pm
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need Fundraising dress up day.
Tuesday 18 th November	Parents evening 3.30-7pm
Thursday 20 th Nov, Tues 25 th Nov, Wed 26 th Nov	Open mornings for Sept 2026 new intake
Tuesday 25 th November PM	Friends of School event: Elfridges. Christmas gift shop for children. More info to follow.
Wednesday 3 rd December 2pm	Year 2 Christmas show to parents.
Thursday 4 th December 10am	Year 2 Christmas show to parents
Friday 5 th December	Friends of School event: Colour raffle dress up day in a Christmas jumper or non uniform. More info to follow.
Wednesday 10 th December 10am and 2pm	Reception Christmas show to parents
Friday 12 th December	Friends of School in assembly to draw the raffle with the children.
Monday 15 th December 2.15pm	Nursery Christmas show to parents.
Tuesday 16 th December 2pm	Year 1 Christmas show to parents
Wednesday 17 th December lunchtime	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18 th December 10am	Year 1 Christmas show to parents
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term – non uniform just for fun.

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Parents and Carers

Do you feel you need support or advice regarding your children?

Come and chat to Emma your Community Worker from the Broadland Family Hub , she's here to help with:

- Behaviour Advice
- Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing
- Household Finances & Cost of Living
 - Parenting Support
 - Any Other Concerns

**DROP-IN SESSIONS AT THE DRAYTON ECFS BASE
9.00am-16.00pm NEXT SESSIONS**

18th September

2nd October

16th October

30th October

**To book your appointment, contact Emma on
emma.lakerjones2@norfolk.gov.uk**

or call 01603 222893

We Look Forward To Meeting You

