



Ghost Hill Newsletter

5th September 2025

A message from Mrs Westall

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. A very warm welcome to all our new children and families. The children have been a credit to you all and enjoyed their first few days. It is an exciting time of the year with September bringing new things and anticipation of the academic year ahead. This does come with tiredness as the contrast between school holiday and school is big! So build in time for rest when you can (children, staff and parents and carers!).

We welcome Mrs Jennings to Ghost Hill. She is the teacher in Rabbit Class and with her wealth of EYFS experience is excited to be part of the Ghost Hill community. We welcome back Mrs Begum, who has been on maternity leave. Mrs Begum is a Teaching Assistant in Year 2.

Over the next few weeks, we will share aspects of Ghost Hill school life, curriculum and routine, but don't want to overwhelm you all with so much information all at once.

Please see the list of dates below for the Autumn Term. We will add to these, so please check the dates each week.

Have a good weekend

We aim to be nut free

Please can children not bring anything into school with nuts in, or traces of nuts. This includes Nutella chocolate spread, peanut butter and cereal bars with nuts in.

Year 1 and 2 information parent meetings

These optional meetings are for all parents and carers of children who will be Year 1 and 2 in September. Information will be shared on the curriculum and the events planned for the year ahead. Please drop your children off at school as normal and then meet in the hall.

Doors will be open to parents at 9am. These meetings will be 20 -30 minutes. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please don't worry – there will be a summary sheet sent to all on what is covered in the meeting.

Year 1: 9am -Wednesday 10th September

Year 2: 9am -Thursday 11th September

Meet the SENCO and hear about provision for children with SEND at Ghost Hill.

Tuesday 16th September 2.30pm. All welcome.



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 – Teamwork

Well done to Stanley in Deer Class for showing great teamwork, collaboration and support for others- and always with a smile!

Ready, Respectful, Safe





Sports News

Hello Ghost Hill Families,

We hope you have enjoyed a super active summer break! If you took part in the summer challenge, we would like to receive them back by Friday 12th September please.

Here are the units that each year group will be learning this term:

Nursery: Introduction to PE unit 1

Reception: Introduction to PE unit 2

Year 1: Team building

Year 2: Team building/ Swimming for beginners

As this is the first week back there is no star of the week, however, please keep a look out next week to see who wows us!

We have some upcoming exciting events that we will share with you soon! Please remember to share with us any outside school achievement your child has participated in! This could be a parkrun, riding a bike, gymnastic award etc. Every child that we hear about gets the opportunity to be celebrated in Friday's celebration assembly and will receive a sticker. Any photos emailed in will be shared on the newsletter too!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Wooltorton and Mrs Everett

PE Leads



Sports Star of the week

This will start next week



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

This could include: sporting achievements, musical achievements, learning to ride a bike, being really brave, doing something for the first time, overcoming a fear. We love to celebrate successes of every kind!



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.

Here is an extract (the links will work if accessed via the website)

Online Safety Act

What is the Online Safety Act?

The Online Safety Act 2023 is a set of laws introduced to protect children and adults online. Ofcom is the regulator for online safety in the UK, responsible for ensuring companies follow the new rules. As part of this role, Ofcom have designed the Children Codes of practice, which came into force in July 2025. The codes outline what all online services likely to be accessed by children must do to protect children online, for example:



- Enforce age limits.
- Protect children from accessing harmful or age-inappropriate content. This includes content relating to self-harm and eating disorders.
- Ensure users can easily report harmful content.

Ofcom has the power to enforce the rules as well as issue fines if companies fail to comply. You can find out more here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/new-rules-for-a-safer-generation-of-children-online>

How will it help to protect my child?

One of the main purposes of the Act is to protect children online. Ofcom has published information on how they are helping children to be safer online. The first link is a guide for parents, which also includes a section on what you can do as a parent. You can access this information here:

- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-ofcom-is-helping-children-to-be-safer-online-a-guide-for-parents>
- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-the-online-safety-act-will-help-to-protect-children>

Further information

Online Safety Act: explainer:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act-explainer>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version:
<https://www.knowsleylcs.org.uk/sept-2025/>

Check to see if you qualify for **FREE school meals!**

Check online www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals



[Link: Free school meals - Norfolk County Council](#)

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. This is called universal infant free school meals. This is different to benefit-related free school meals and you do not have to apply, but if you receive one of the qualifying benefits, you should still register. This is because it can help raise extra funds for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and after school activities. Please click the link above.



Information:

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

Please order your child's lunch on the my child at school app.

Wrap around care for September/ October is now available to book.

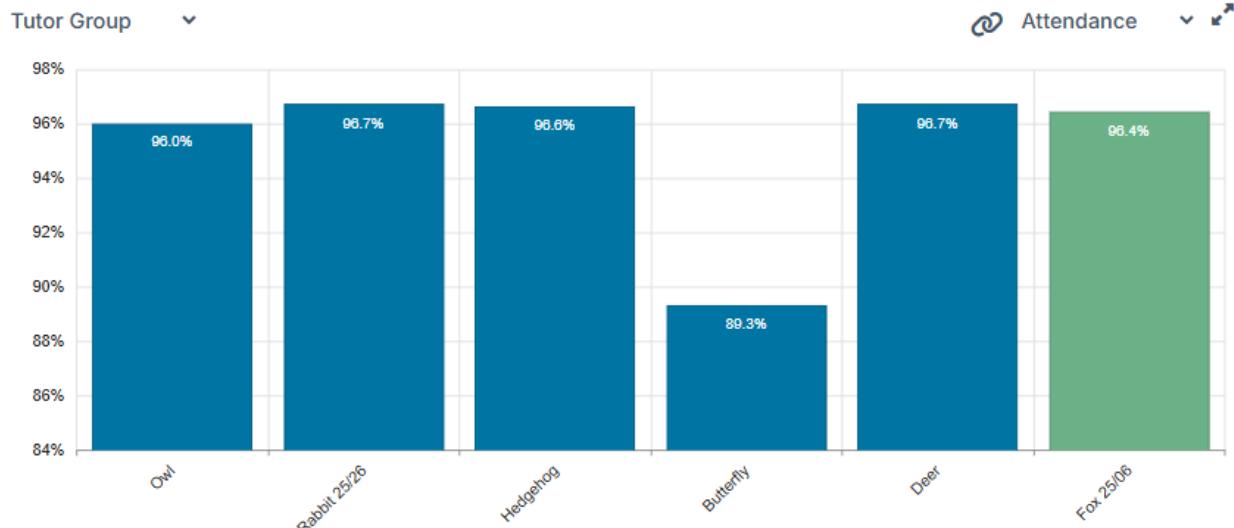
If you have not received an invitation to my child at school for your child, please speak to Mrs Ferguson in the school office.

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.



Welcome to the Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery attendance dashboard. Each week we will celebrate the class with the highest attendance. These are the attendance figures for the first 3 days.



The trust attendance target is **97%**

Ghost Hill Infant and Nursery School current attendance this week is **97%**

Good attendance matters!

Children in reception, year 1 & 2 should arrive at school at 8.40am and go straight to their classrooms where they will be welcomed by their class teacher.

Children in nursery should arrive at the nursery gate 8.45am where they will be welcomed by their class teacher.

The school gates will close at 8.50am. Any arrivals after this time should come through the main office and will be marked as late.

At the end of the day children should be collected from their classrooms. For nursery children collection is 3.15pm. For children in reception, year 1 & 2 collection is 3.20pm.

For children attending afterschool club (wrap around care) collection is 5.00pm.

If your child is not well enough to attend school, you must let us know before 8.50am by calling **01603 860334** or emailing office@ghosthill.set.education

There is some excellent support and information on Just One Norfolk relating to attendance.

Please click on the link below.

Link: [School Attendance](#)

Why Is School Attendance Important?

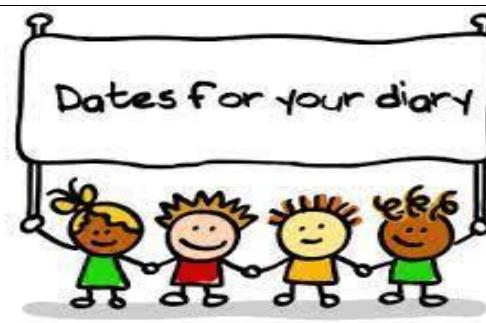
Research has shown that children with good attendance are more than twice as likely to pass their English and Maths GCSEs compared to those whose attendance is below 90%. However if your child's attendance starts to slip the negative affect might increase because;

- 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.

Our school attendance policy can be found here: [attendance-policy-2024-25-2.docx](#)

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 10 th September 9am	Year 1 information meeting for parents.
Thursday 11 th September 9am	Year 2 information meeting for parents.

Monday 15 th September (during the school day)	Year 1 Science Horizons experience
Tuesday 16 th September 2.30pm	Meet the SENCO – open to all.
Tuesday 23 rd September 9am	Parent Focus Group – Theme – Transition. All welcome.
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.
Half term - Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October	
Wednesday 5 th November	Sept 2026 Intake OPEN EVENING
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
Wednesday 3 rd December 2pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas show to parents.
Thursday 4 th December 10am	Year 1 and 2 Christmas show to parents
Wednesday 10 th December and 2pm	Reception Christmas show to parents
Monday 15 th December 2.15pm	Nursery Christmas show to parents.
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term – non uniform just for fun.

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