Growing Excellence Nurture, Nourish, Flourish

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Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. We are very much looking forward to the new school year. The gates will be open as usual from **8.35-8.45am**.

'My spelling is Wobbly. It's good spelling but it Wobbles, and the letters get in the wrong places.'
- Winnie the Pooh

This term we are going to be especially focussing on our spelling and phonics work. Look out for tips to help your children at home, our spelling cafes and special certificates in our Celebration Collective Worships on a Thursday.

Dinner

The dinner menu has returned on week 1, please see menu attached. The new cost of school lunches is **£2.80.**

Meet the Teacher

We would like to warmly invite all parents and carers to our **Meet the Teacher** sessions taking place for each class. These informal meetings are a great opportunity to:



- Get to know your child's new teacher(s)
- Learn about classroom routines and expectations
- Hear about the curriculum and key learning for the year
- Ask any questions and find out how you can support your child at home

We believe that strong partnerships between home and school make a big difference to children's learning and wellbeing, so we hope to see as many of you as possible.

Discoverer meet the teacher meeting will be on **Wednesday 10th September at 9am**.

Pioneer meet the teacher **Thursday 11th September at 2:45pm**.

PE

Discoverers PE days are **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.

Pioneers PE days are **Mondays** and **Fridays**.

Please ensure children bring in full PE kit on these days.

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Pioneer Class will be swimming from Friday 4th September until Friday 12th December. Please make sure the children bring the correct swimming kit starting this Friday. Due to funding cuts no swimming will take place in the spring and summer terms.

Zones of Regulation



We're pleased to share that we will be continuing to use *The Zones of Regulation* curriculum this school year. This internationally recognised program supports children in developing self-regulation skills—helping them understand and manage difficult emotions such as worry, anger, restlessness, or tiredness.

Self-regulation refers to the ability to maintain a level of emotional alertness that allows us to cope with everyday stress and be ready for learning and interacting. Like adults, children can struggle with strong emotions that make it hard to concentrate or engage in school activities. *The Zones of Regulation* teaches students how to recognize their feelings and use practical strategies to return to a calm, focused state. These tools empower them to be more available for learning and better equipped to handle daily challenges.

Norfolk Steps Parenting Programme

We're excited to offer parents and carers the opportunity to take part in the **Norfolk Steps Parenting Programme**. The programme will be held over two sessions on **Wednesday 8th October** and **Wednesday 15th October** at 9-11am in the school hall.

This supportive programme is designed to help you understand and manage your child's behaviour in a calm and positive way. You'll learn simple, effective strategies to build strong relationships, handle challenging situations and support your child's emotional wellbeing. The goal is to create a safe, consistent, and nurturing home environment for your family.

Spaces are limited – please call or visit the school office to book your place!

Reminders

- Penalty notice fines for school attendance have changed. Guidance for parents regarding this is included in the school attendance and parents legal responsibilities letter which is also attached.
- Please ensure children bring a change of shoes or wellies in to leave at school. If the children do not have outdoor shoes, they will be unable to go on the field at break or lunch time.
- Please be mindful of the residents of Hockering when parking at drop off and pick up times.

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- If your child is absent from school parents/carers must - contact the school on the first day of absence before 9.00am when our register closes. You can contact us either by email or phone. Please contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 9.00am. Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible
- All parents are invited to our Celebration Collective Worship held every Thursday morning at 9am – if your child is receiving a superstar award you will receive a text the day before

Term Dates

Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 19th December	Autumn Term
Monday 27th October – Friday 31st November	Half Term
Tuesday 6th January to Friday 27th March	Spring Term
Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February	Half Term
Wednesday 14th April – Friday 17th July	Summer Term
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	Half Term
Break up for Summer Holidays – Friday 17th July 2026	

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 10th September	Year 6 Team Leader Training
Wednesday 10th September	Discoverer Meet the Teacher Meeting 9am
Thursday 11th September	Pioneer meet the Teacher Meeting 2.45pm
Thursday 2nd October	Discoverers Class Football Festival
Monday 6th October	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 8th October Wednesday 15th October	Norfolk Steps Parenting Programme
Tuesday 14th October	Discoverers Class Cross Country Trip
Wednesday 22nd October	Pioneers Class Cross Country Trip
Thursday 23rd October	Flu Immunisations
Friday 14th November	World Diabetes Day
WC Monday 11th May 2026	Year 6 SATs
WC Monday 1st June 2026	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
WC Monday 9th June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Check

Yours sincerely,

The Hockering Team