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Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the spring term, it has been wonderful to look back on the many exciting activities and achievements that have taken place across the school.

NSPCC Number Day

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our **NSPCC Number Day**. Thanks to your kind donations and enthusiasm, we raised a fantastic **£37** for the NSPCC. The children had a wonderful time taking part in number-themed activities while helping to support an important charity.

World Book Day

It has also been a very exciting time across the school with the celebration of **World Book Day**. The children looked amazing as they came dressed as their favourite book characters. It was lovely to see so many creative costumes and to share our love of reading together. Throughout the day, classes enjoyed reading activities, sharing stories and talking about their favourite books.





Outdoor Learning

Another highlight this term has been our **weekly outdoor learning afternoons**. The whole school have been making the most of our garden area while exploring nature and developing new skills. Activities have included pond observations, pond dipping, den building and microhabitat hunting. The children have loved discovering what lives in our local environment and learning more about the natural world – we even caught a frog!

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Cricket



Discoverers Class recently enjoyed an exciting **Cricket PE trip to UEA**. The children took part in a variety of cricket activities and skill-building games, developing their throwing, catching and batting skills. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to learn new techniques, work as a team and experience playing in a different sporting environment. The children represented the school brilliantly and had a wonderful time.

Ukulele



Finally, Pioneers class have now finished their **ukulele** lessons. Over the course of the sessions they worked hard to learn several songs and really developed their musical skills. Some of the songs they learned included *Iko Iko*, *The Clapping Song* and *Songbird*. We are very proud of their progress and enthusiasm.

Dental Screening

We are aware how difficult finding a dentist can be in current times and are happy to announce we have John G Plummer & Associates visiting Hockering School. They will be visiting on **Monday 20th April at 9am**. They will be offering free dental screening for all children. If you would like your children to be seen by the Dentist you need to return the consent form that was sent home. This is a great opportunity, especially if you are struggling to find an NHS Dentist. Though they are unable to take on any new patients, they will arrange a follow up visit to carry out any treatment needed that is identified during their visit. If you have lost your form and would like another please ask at the office.

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
Tuesday 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	

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd March	Whole School Banham Zoo Trip
Thursday 26th March	Celebration Collective Worship
Friday 27th March	KS2 – Dance Show
Monday 20th April	Plummer's Dental Screening Visit
Tuesday 21st April	Year 6 Gresham's STEAM trip
Monday 27th April	Maths Challenge – Norwich School
Thursday 4th June	Whole School and Leavers Photos
WC Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs
WC Monday 1st June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
WC Monday 9th June	Year 1 Phonics Check
Friday 26th June	EYFS Multi-skills trip – Taverham
Tuesday 30th June	Year 6 Cathedral Leaver's Trip

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more exciting learning experiences with you next term!

Yours sincerely,

The Hockering Team