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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope you all had a restful and joyful Christmas break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school and seeing the classrooms full of smiles once again.

Celebrating a Magical December



Before we look ahead, we would love to reflect on the many special moments we shared in December. The children had a fantastic time at the **pantomime**, which was full of laughter, excitement and festive fun. Our **Christmas in a Box** experience was a truly memorable and meaningful way for the children to explore the Christmas story and we were delighted by their curiosity and thoughtful reflections. The **children's Christmas production** was also a great success — showcasing their confidence, creativity and hard work and enjoyed by all who came to watch. A very special highlight was, of course, our **visit from Santa**, which brought so much joy and wonder to everyone. Thank you to all families, the Friends of Hockering and staff who helped make these events so magical.

Spring Term

- Pioneers' Class will be heading out on an exciting trip to Norwich Castle, on **Wednesday 21st January,** where they will explore their history topic on **The Romans** and bring their learning to life. More details are to follow.
- We are proud to be taking part in NSPCC Number Day, on **Friday 6th February,** a fun-filled day where children are invited to **dress up as digits,** celebrating maths while supporting a very important cause.
- Discoverers' Class will be representing the school at a multi-skills sporting event, on **Thursday 22nd January**, giving the children the chance to build confidence and teamwork.

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Safeguarding Reminder

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping all children safe, we would like to remind parents and carers that children should be **dropped off at the school gate** each morning. There will always be a **member of staff on the gate** to welcome the children.
If you need to pass on further information or would like a longer conversation, please arrange a meeting via the **school office**, rather than speaking at the gate. This helps us ensure the safety and supervision of all children at the start of the day.

Celebration Collective Worship

To help make our Celebration Collective Worship even more special, we will now be holding it **once a month**, rather than weekly. With our smaller school numbers, this will allow us to celebrate achievements together in a more meaningful way.
Celebration Collective Worship will take place on the **last Thursday of each month**, with the **first celebration on Thursday 29th January at 9am**. Parents and carers will be very welcome to join us and celebrate the children's successes.

Ukulele Lessons



We are pleased to let parents and carers know that **whole-class ukulele lessons** begin in **Pioneer Class** from **Wednesday 7th January**. These lessons will be led by a music instructor from the Norfolk Music Hub and will run for **10 weeks**.

PE

With swimming finished for the school year, full PE kits will be required on:

- **Tuesday** and **Friday** – Discoverers Class
- **Monday** and **Friday** – Pioneers Class

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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 7th January	Pioneer Class - Ukulele lessons start
Wednesday 21st January	Pioneer Class - Norwich Castle Trip
Thursday 22nd January	Discoverers Class – Multi Skills Trip
Thursday 29th January	Celebration Collective Worship
Friday 6th February	NSPCC Number Day
Wednesday 11th February	Norwich Science Festival – Whole School Science Time Tour
Thursday 12th February	Happy, Healthy, Active Day (As part of Children's Mental Health Week)
Thursday 26th February	Celebration Collective Worship
Friday 27th March	KS2 – Dance Show
WC Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs
WC Monday 1st June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
WC Monday 9th June	Year 1 Phonics Check

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We are looking forward to a term full of learning, curiosity and memorable experiences.

Yours sincerely,

The Hockering Team