



Challenge 26!



I am taking part in Challenge 26 to raise money for Hose Church of England Primary School. Every pupil in school has been challenged to raise at least £26 before the end of summer term. With the funds raised our PTA will be able to support our school with extra resources, exciting activities and trips!

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Hose Herald



Your half termly newsletter about our School!
May 2026

Another busy half term comes to a close in a riot of sunshine and success! All of our children have worked their socks off, displaying such an amazing attitude to learning and challenge in all aspects of the curriculum. The second half of Summer term is packed with activities, celebrations and lots of learning experiences. I can't quite believe there are only six weeks left of this school year.

We will be waving off our Y6 children to their next stage in education and life, they have blown us all away with their maturity, work ethic and enthusiasm this year.

The coming half term sees our Y4 children taking their Multiplication Check and also our Y1 children sitting their Phonics Screening Check. They have all worked so hard towards these statutory assessments and we are looking forward to celebrating their successes too.

I'd like to thank you all for supporting your child's attendance at school, we have a current rate of attendance across the school of 98%, with the national figure sitting at 94.9%. This is a fantastic figure and shows the commitment you all have to your child's education. The Local Authority are currently consulting on changes to term dates and this will impact on school holiday length and timings. To have your say you can follow the link here:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-engagement/have-your-say-on-school-term-dates>

We would all like to wish you a very happy half term, full of fun and relaxation!

You can contact us in the following ways:

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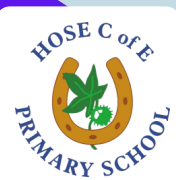
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Diary Dates

June

Monday 1st - School re-opens today with Little Oaks from 7:30am

Monday 1st - Friday 12th - Y4 Multiplication Test Window

Tuesday 2nd - Rearranged Class Group School Photographs
- New Starters Stay & Play

Thursday 4th - Whole School Trip to Knipton 'Cricket & Countryside Day'

Friday 5th - NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshops for Y2, Y5, Y6
- Little Springers Gymnastics Session for Fox Class
- Collective Worship Assembly for Parents @ 2:45pm

Monday 8th - Friday 12th - Y1 Phonics Screening Check Test Window

Wednesday 9th - New Starters Stay & Play

Tuesday 16th - New Starters Stay & Play

Monday 22nd - Sports Day (Thursday 25th if postponed due to weather)

Friday 26th - Little Springers Session for Fox Class

July

Wednesday 1st - Summer Production Performances 1:30pm & 6:00pm

Thursday 2nd - In school Transition day & New Starters Stay, Play & Lunch!
- Y6 Transition Day to Belvoir Priory Academy

Friday 3rd - Little Springers Session for Fox Class
- Music For Schools Assembly for Y1 - Y6

Monday 6th - Whole School Beach Trip (Letter to follow with details)

Wednesday 8th - Leavers Assembly in Church 2:30pm

Thursday 9th - Whole School Mini Olympics Event

Friday 10th - Little Springers Session for Fox Class

Friday 10th School Closes for Summer!

Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new parent Governors Mrs Bradley and Dr Schofield. They both bring valuable experience, fresh perspectives, and a strong commitment to supporting our school community. Their insight and support will be an important part of our ongoing work to maintain high educational standards and ensure the best outcomes for all our pupils. If you have anything you would like to bring forward to the board of Governors then please do get in touch. Both Mrs Bradley and Dr Schofield have children in Fox Class.

Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility

From September 2026, the government is expanding eligibility for free school meals to include all primary-age children whose families receive Universal Credit, regardless of household income. This marks a major change from the current system, where families on Universal Credit only qualify if their annual take-home income is below £7,400. The Department for Education estimates that this expansion will allow over 500,000 additional children to access a free, nutritious school meal each day, helping to ease financial pressure on families and support children's wellbeing and learning. If your child currently receives free school meals you will be contacted directly by the Local Authority to confirm if this will continue. If you feel you may be eligible under the expanded criteria then let Mrs Folwell know and she will be able to provide further details on how to apply for the additional support.

Little Oaks

Don't forget if you have any last minute bookings for before and after school Club to email the office. Parent Pay requires you to give at least 7 days notice for booking and cancellation. If you need to book or amend anything within this period then please do get in touch.

School Meal Price Rise

The group of Vale Primary Schools, who all use Coombs Catering to provide school meals, have made the decision to increase the cost of a school meal to £3.15 after the summer break. We understand that this increase is significant, however we need to ensure that the service remains viable and does not require subsidising from the school budget.





PTA

PTA Uniform Shop

.If you are finding that your children have been outgrowing their school uniform, don't forget we run a pre-loved school uniform shop. We currently have a large selection of items with the school logo. Please get in touch via our email: PTA@hose.leics.sch.uk or chat to one of the team in the playground. All we ask is for a donation for the items you take and this can be done by bank transfer or cash, depending on how you prefer to pay.

We will be hosting a sale in the playground after school next half term so keep an eye out for more information on that!

Fete Update

We are currently planning to bring back a traditional Fete event to the village in early September. This is still in the planning stage and we will provide further updates as dates and timings are confirmed. We will be on the look out for volunteers to help with setting up and taking down, as well as doing a stint on a stall! If you have any ideas for the day, including stalls you may have seen that have been popular, then do let us know.

Challenge 26!

Wow!! We have been blown away by the efforts of the children so far with their sponsorship challenge. There is another copy of the form attached to this newsletter if you need one or just let the office know if you would like an electronic copy.

Keep up the amazing effort everyone and thank you for supporting your children to raise money for such a good cause!

Fox Class News



Our Science unit this half-term has been super exciting! To build on our learning from last half-term on Materials, we have been thinking more about the properties of different materials and how they affect the objects and structures that they have been used to build. We have made and tested houses for the Three Little Pigs made from materials that would be strong, sturdy, stable and rigid before a visit from the Big Bad hairdryer wolf who came to blow them down! After hearing about the success of these structures, we then found a letter in the classroom from Humpty Dumpty, who had left us some eggs and asked if we could use them to test out a shelter that would keep him safe when sitting on a wall! It has all been very exciting!



The Fox Cubs and the Red Foxes have loved their Forest School sessions this half-term. We have made our own muddy paint and paintbrushes, mixed up potions using forest ingredients and enjoyed many cups of hot chocolate. For our last lesson, we used peelers to create pointy marshmallow toasting sticks to roast over the fire.





Squirrel Class News

This term, Squirrel class has been bursting with hands-on learning and creativity across the curriculum.

In our DT lessons, the classroom has smelt amazing as the children have become young food designers. We began by making and tasting different types of bread and some very tasty sandwich fillings. Using their knowledge of healthy eating from our previous science topic has also helped them think about flavour combinations and healthy choices. I think we have many budding chefs in the making!

In Science, the children have been busy becoming sound detectives exploring how sound is made and understanding that vibrations are at the heart of every noise we hear. Using tuning forks, instruments, and everyday objects, they have investigated how sound travels to our ears and through different materials. They have also experimented with changing pitch and volume, learning how tightening, shortening, or stretching materials affects the sounds they produce. Our historical adventure took us back thousands of years to the world of the Ancient Greeks. The children explored what life was like in the city-states, learned about democracy, and discussed how the Greek idea of citizens having a voice still influences our world today. They have also discovered the many legacies the Greeks left behind—from the Olympic Games to architecture, myths, democracy, and important ideas in maths and philosophy.





Owl Class News

Owl Class has had a fantastic and productive term. Our lovely Year 6 pupils have shown great perseverance as they prepared for their SATs. They approached their exams with confidence and maturity. We are very proud of their dedication and effort.

Our learning journey this term has been an exciting one. In English, we explored the inspiring biography of Malala Yousafzai. This unit helped us celebrate diversity within our curriculum and sparked thoughtful discussions about courage, equality, and the importance of education. The children were truly inspired by Malala's story and her incredible achievements.

In Science, we ventured into the fascinating world of light. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed learning about Isaac Newton and his discovery of the colour spectrum. Through engaging activities, they developed a strong understanding of how light works and how we see different colours. In Computing, the children developed their digital skills by learning how to use Microsoft Excel. They practised organising data, creating tables, and exploring simple formulas.

Overall, the children have worked exceptionally hard this term and have shown a positive attitude towards their learning. They all deserve a well-earned break.

