



# News Sheet

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Horning Hedgehogs

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Inspiring Creative Learners

## Stay and play- see you in September!

Stay and Play sessions in preschool will start up again in September (date to be confirmed) and run on a weekly basis - Friday Mornings 9AM-11AM. The stay and play sessions are open to babies, toddlers and young children aged 2-4 years old including those who don't currently attend the setting. The first session is free, with further sessions costing £2.50.

A chance for parents and carers to meet new families in a caring and supportive environment.



Come and join us for some family fun and learning. Please book in advance via school

01692 630470 or [hedgehogs@coastaltogether.co.uk](mailto:hedgehogs@coastaltogether.co.uk)

## Hedgehogs Forest Preschool



Hedgehogs have been happily gearing up for the holidays this week. We've enjoyed the sun and sand, played ice-cream shop and talked about the fun things we are looking forward to doing this summer. One child drew this fantastic chalk picture of the fireworks they are excited to go and watch on Great Yarmouth beach.

We worked together to leave our indoor and outdoor spaces clean and tidy for our return.



We wished Abi and our children who are moving up to 'Big School' all the best and gave them a squidgy little 'hedgehug' to remember the happy times we've shared together in Hedgehogs.



Thank you for your support this year. Enjoy the summer and see you soon.

## Otter Class and Fox Class

We decided that the year 6s shouldn't be the only ones having fun this week, so we have had a week packed with activities ourselves! We began the week working collaboratively to design, make and paint papier mache volcanoes.



Later in the week, during science morning, we caused the most amazing eruptions! (Even though they smelt a little vinegary!)



That same morning we made magnetic board mazes, and used marshmallows and spaghetti to try and build the tallest towers. It was wonderful to follow the children's thought processes and watch their problem solving skills, but we had a very clear winner in Josie's amazingly balanced tower... I think we have an engineer in the making!



On Tuesday morning Premier sports came in to deliver a performing arts session based on the film of Matilda. The children were all fully engaged in learning the song and singing it, acting and dancing, and happily performed in groups.



We also had a music afternoon where we explored different genres of music and children became experts at identifying them. They also learned about musical notation and the different note lengths. They composed their own beats and musical patterns which they then performed on percussion instruments.



The children learned how to program and use the BeeBots and learned about staying safe online. We have finished the week with forest schools (and rain dodging!) watching Matilda and PE. We all wish you and your families a fantastic summer break, don't forget to keep reading, but also have fun and relax ready to return in the Autumn term.

## Forest School

Hedgehogs, Otters and Foxes joined together for our last Forest School Session of the school year. We sang songs from Canada and Australia and then changed the lyrics to include plants and animals that are native to the UK. It really got us thinking about the fruits that grow on trees here and how climate change may see us growing oranges and bananas in our gardens in the future.

The children made good use of the cuttings from the nursery hedge. They were used to make dream catchers as the stems could be bent into circles. The cuttings also made excellent roof coverings for shelters, some of which Bear Grylls would be in awe of!



We painted our clay models and used mud to make a banner of our

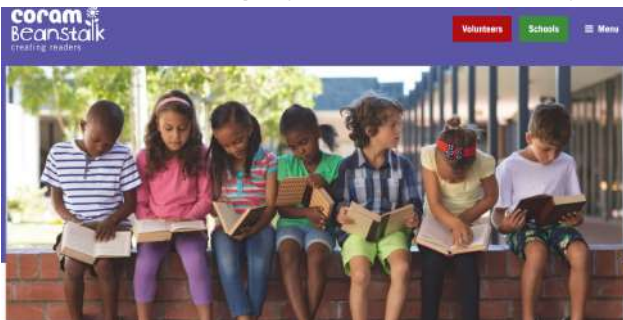
handprints and nature names. Some of us chose to make wishing wands using snippets of plants from the garden that smelt fresh and fruity.





We ended our session by sharing our wishes for the summer holidays. Our wishes ranged from hoping to see a butterfly to not wanting anyone to 'break anything'- yes, no more crutches or casts please! We wish everyone a fun, safe summer!

## Summer Reading Activities

Coram Beanstalk is a charity which was set up to help develop children's reading and love of reading. Beanstalk have just launched their summer reading challenge which is available on line for all children to access. Why not take a look and listen to a story with your child shared by one of the online volunteers? Visit the website via the [link](#) and scroll down the page to select a story to hear.



 <p><b>Perform a poem</b> Poet Joshua Seigel introduces the 'Perform a poem' challenge and talks about his collection of poems, 'Welcome to my crazy life'. Joshua has lots of tips for writing and performing poems so why not take a look here...</p>	 <p><b>Build a tower</b> Author Naomi Jones introduces our 'Build a tower' challenge and reads from her, and James Jones' book, 'One more try'. Find how to have the best chance of building a great tower here...</p>	 <p><b>Go on a rainbow scavenger hunt</b> Author Andy Seed introduces our 'Go on a rainbow scavenger hunt' challenge and talks about his 'Nifty nature facts and jokes'. He even shares a few jokes and gives some helpful hints for your scavenger hunt.</p>
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## Staying Sun Safe

We hope everyone will enjoy some good weather over the holidays. If you would like information about sun safety for your family, the [soltansunready.com](#) website has some useful posters, activities and even songs to enjoy!

## Parking

Can we please remind you to take extra care at drop off and collection times as we know the roads can get very congested with children having to walk between and around cars. Please avoid parking directly near the playground gate to drop off as this then forces pedestrians to walk into the road to gain access to school. Thank you for your support keeping all our children safe.

# Attendance/Safeguarding

**Attendance target set by the government = 96.5%**

**Current updated Horning Primary School attendance this year to date 94.30%**

**Otter class attendance: 88.89% Fox class attendance 93.75%**

**The class with the highest attendance this week was Foxes achieving 93.75%**

**Amazing - Well Done Foxes!**

## Return to school - September 2023

You may remember that back in the autumn term we consulted on changes to the start and end time of the school day inline with the government white paper. From September 2023 our start and end of day time will be changing - see below

<b>Start</b>	8.35-8.45 drop-off (8.45 the doors close)
<b>Finish</b>	3.15 pickup

## News and Reminders

## PE Days

On the day your child has PE please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit. If they are taking part in sports club and it is not their PE day they should come to school in their uniform and bring kit to change into.

**Otter Class - Years R, 1 and 2**

**Friday**

**Fox Class - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

**Friday**

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
17/07/2023-21/07/2023	All Day	Year 6 Residential visit to the Isle of Wight - Drop off at Broadland High School
21/07/2023	3:15	Break up for Summer Holidays - No after school club
06/09/2023	8:35	School Reopens for the new academic year - New start of day time 8.45

See below for term dates:

## Term Dates

**Norfolk County Council 2023-2024 Coastal Together**

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

**Key:** White dates - schools open to pupils  
Yellow dates - pupil holiday  
Red dates - bank holiday  
Staff Training Days (The remaining 2 Inset Days will be incorporated into 6 Twilights, 1 per Half Term)

**All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.**

**In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240**

The link below has more information about fixed penalty notices.  
[Fixed Penalty Notices](#)

