



13 February 2026

WE ARE A PEANUT and NUT AWARE SCHOOL.

Nuts and peanuts or any products containing nuts or peanuts are NOT allowed in our school.

Heads Up

Half term holiday starts today, Friday 13 February. School reopens on Monday 23 February.

WISE UP

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Young Voices

On Monday 9 February, children from 'Vibrant Voices' Choir travelled to the Utilita Arena in Sheffield to take part in the 2026 Young Voices concert, along with 1000s of other school children, to form one huge choir. A massive well done to all the children that took part. The children were a credit to Hambleton Primary School and absolutely sang their hearts out. A special well done to the Year 3's who went for the first time after feeling a bit nervous about going, but they loved it and sang beautifully and danced all night! All of the practising certainly paid off. I would like to thank the staff who facilitated the visit – Mrs Fogg, Mrs Savage & Miss Lawrence - it was a very late night and I appreciate you giving up your time.

Linked School Christian Value: Creativity

'Do not neglect the gift you have',

1 Timothy 4:14

Thought of the Week

'T.E.A.M – together everyone achieves more'



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



Judo

Last week all of our KS2 classes had a taster session with Balazs from Hajime Judo Club. As you can see from the pictures, the children loved being able to be 'hands-on' in a safe, closely supervised environment! Our thanks to Hajime Judo Club and to Mrs Fogg for organising this.



Baking in Little Owls

Linking to their English learning – Little Owls have been enjoying some gingerbread baking this week! Our thanks to Miss Tucker's mum for helping out with this!

Mother's Day Lunch

We have had to review our arrangements for Mother's Day Lunch this year and our growing numbers mean that making this a whole school event is sadly not currently possible. Additionally, we now cook an extra 50+ meals per day for another school, which eases pressure on lunch costs for Hambleton, but increases demand in the school kitchen. For this year, Mother's Day Lunch will be on 18th March and will be open just to mums or grandmas of Eagle Owls children (as it's their final opportunity). This will be a trial arrangement. We are sorry to have scale back participation in such a popular event.

Road Closure on Gateforth Lane

Please be aware that, in order to connect drainage to the new housing development, the road immediately outside school will be closed during half term. We are assured that this work will be completed in time for school to reopen on 23rd February. Once the road reopens, traffic lights will remain in place for an unspecified time. **This will mean that parking will be limited after half term, so please walk/ cycle if possible or set off early, making sure that you park safely and with consideration for our neighbours.** Our friends at The Owl pub have kindly agreed that parents may park in their carpark for drop-off and pick-up during this time. It's around 8 minutes walk from The Owl to school.

Safeguarding: Online Safety

Given the current inclement weather, we appreciate that children may be using devices over the half term. The link below offers parent advice on talking to your child about their device use, tips for using consoles, social media and phones, and where it's best for your child to safely use their devices.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Cake Sales

Thank you to all those who bought from our Eagle Owls Cake Sale last week. The next Cake Sale will be hosted by Snowy Owls on Friday 27 February, after the half term break.

Mid Term Reports

Our mid term reports will be sent home with the children after the half term break on Friday 27 February.

World Book Day

World Book Day will be on Thursday 5 March. More details will follow and our cook will be doing a special World Book Day lunch on this date too.

Headlice

Once again there have been incidences of headlice in school recently. We would appreciate it if you could check your child's hair, as you should do on a regular basis and ensure that long hair is tied up. If you need any guidance in the detection and treatment of headlice you can contact the School Nurse on 01423

542283. We also have a few free headlice detection combs in school. Please call at the Office if you would like one. Thank you.

Fundraiser

Oliver and Lewis are doing a special fundraiser as part of their Young Leaders Award, a sponsored Bike Ride with the money raised going to York Special Care Baby Unit. Please see the attached poster for the link and scan code if you would like to donate to this very worthy cause. We wish Oliver and Lewis lots of luck with their bike ride on March 1 2026.

Lost Property

Please can all parents/carers check their children's bags as several items (all named) have gone missing from school.

Also, please remember to name all items as this makes it much easier to return to the owners.

There are many items in the Lost Property Box so please have a rummage if you are missing something, as this will be cleared out at half term.

Water Bottles

All water bottles should be brought into school every day and should contain

WATER ONLY please. Juice should not be sent to drink.

Wise Owls Awards

Congratulations to all the Wise Owl Winners for the last two weeks:

Friday 6 February	Friday 13 February
Little Owls: Juliette & Nancy M	Little Owls: Finlay & Barnaby
Elf Owls: Maddison & Freddie	Elf Owls: Arthur & Ben
Barn Owls: Jude & Denny	Barn Owls: Henry & Esmeralda
Tawny Owls: Ava & Thomas	Tawny Owls: Poppy & Jack
Hawk Owls: Evalyn	Hawk Owls: Jemima
Snowy Owls: Erin & Marty	Snowy Owls: Toby & Edie
Eagle Owls: Lily-Rose, Paige & Louie	Eagle Owls: Ella & Matilda

And Finally...

School closes for half term today at 3.15 pm, Friday 13 February, and will reopen on Monday 23 February. We hope you all enjoy the break and look forward to seeing the children back in a week.



Our Christian Vision

We are:

Creative Resilient

Truthful Compassionate

Respectful Teamwork