

# Newsletter

January 2025



## Welcome Back to a New Year at Queen's Hill

A very Happy New Year to all! I hope you've had a wonderful winter break. A special warm welcome to any new families who have joined us this term, we hope you quickly feel at home within our vibrant school community.



We're excited to kick off the spring term with many engaging new topics across the year groups. Here's a glimpse of what's to come:

- **Reception** will start by exploring stories from around the world.
- **Year 1** are going on safari, as they explore various types of animals and their habitats.
- **Year 2** will embark on a fascinating journey through the history of flight, from the Greek myth of Daedalus and Icarus to Amy Johnson's pioneering solo world flight.
- **Year 3** will travel back in time to explore life along the banks of the Nile in Ancient Egypt.
- **Year 4** will explore the world of electricity, designing and building their own circuits.
- **Year 5** will blast off into space exploration, with an extra-special evening of star gazing planned.
- **Year 6** will delve into the mysteries of the Ancient Mayan civilization.

Wishing all of our school community happiness and good health in 2025. We look forward to another fantastic term ahead!

Warm regards,

Mr. Matthew Cross  
**Headteacher**

## Class Assemblies: KS1

This half-term sees the start of our Class Assemblies for Years 1 and 2. These class assemblies will take place at 9:30am in the school hall, and will include our celebration certificates for the week. Dates for your child's class assembly are in [the diary below](#).



## What is my child learning this term?

You will soon receive your [child's curriculum newsletter](#) for this half-term. It outlines the key knowledge and skills being covered in each subject, along with helpful vocabulary and tips for supporting learning at home.



## School Catering - Allergies Parent Group

Our school caterers, Norse, have an Allergen Aware Parent Steering Group who meet virtually twice a year.

They discuss the allergen aware menus and are an opportunity for you to share ideas to help ensure children with special diets have a safe and enjoyable lunchtime.

If this is something that you would like to be a part of, or have more information on please contact [clare.jordan@norsegroup.co.uk](mailto:clare.jordan@norsegroup.co.uk)



## Trip Success

Last half-term, our children had the opportunity to go on some fantastic trips including exploring life during World War II at the Time and Tide Museum and a visit to Norwich Cathedral where pupils found out about the trinity. We were thrilled to receive wonderful feedback from venues, praising our pupils for their kind and polite behaviour!



## Coats

It's that time of year where the weather can change really quickly. Please make sure your child is coming into school each day with a suitable coat for rainy and cold weather. We try to keep playtime outdoors as much as possible.



## Thank you: Sparkle Bean Charity



As part of our Christmas productions this year, we raised funds for [Sparkle Bean](#), a wonderful charity that supported our school community last year as we coped with the loss of Natasha, one of our wonderful pupils. Thanks to your generous donations, we have raised over £250 to help schools across the country who are facing the loss of a pupil or staff member.

## Attendance Matters

How much learning is your child missing?

100%	No days off school
97%	5 days off school a year
95%	10 days off school each year
90%	20 days off school each year

Being in school gives children the best chance to learn, make friends and get the most from their education. Last academic year, our school achieved a **brilliant 95% attendance record**. To help maintain good attendance, please book any appointments outside of school hours and inform us if your child is not well enough to be in school. Together, we can make sure every child attends school regularly.

## Community Event



**PARENT/CARER COMMUNITY EVENT**

**MENTAL WELLBEING FOCUS**

**WHEN: 22ND JANUARY 16:30-18:00**  
**WHERE: Taverham High School**

**What is the event?**

- An opportunity to speak with key members of staff including those from the Student Support Team
- A chance to speak to professionals from a range of external support providers
- A chance to engage with school, ask questions and find support

**You can speak to those attending at your own leisure, there are no specific scheduled talks and refreshments will be provided.**



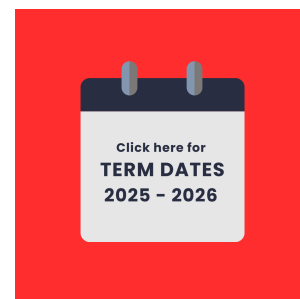
**Attending:**

An opportunity to speak with key members of staff including those from the Student Support Team, Early Help, School and Communities, MAP, YAB and the local policing team.

## Term Dates: 2025-2026

These term dates are now [available on our school website](#).

You can also keep up to date with all that is going on at school with our new [online calendar](#)



## Upcoming Dates

6th January	Inset Day - School closed to pupils	Whole school
7th January	First day back to school	All pupils
16th January	Africa Alive Trip	Year 1
16th January	Year 5 Star Gazing	Year 5 adults
17th January 2.30pm	Year 3 Assembly	Year 3 adults
23rd January	Library Bus	
24th January 9.30am	Miss Hunter's Class Assembly	Mice adults
31st January 9.30am	Mr James' Class Assembly	Swallow adults
6th February 3 - 3.30pm	Work Celebration Event	All adults
10th February	Reception Height and Weight	Reception
14th February	Year 3 Norwich Castle Trip	Year 3
14th February 9.30am	Miss Wakeman's Class Assembly	Frog adults
<b>February Half Term</b> 15th February to 23rd February		
28th March	Year 2 Snettisham Park	Year 2
<b>Easter Break</b> 7th April to 21st April		
22nd April	Inset Day - School closed to pupils	Whole school