

Welcome to Hedgehog Class!

It was wonderful to meet you all during our recent transition sessions and getting to know you all a little better. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

This letter includes a few more details of what you can expect from September. As you move from Year 3 in to Year 4, the expectations on you will increase. You will be encouraged to become more independent and the learning will be more challenging but lots of fun too.



Who will the adults be in your new class?

This year, Mr Stead will be with you on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with Mrs Davidson with you on Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Collins will be supporting the class too.

What do you need to have in school?

You will need to bring in:

- A named waterproof coat
- A named sunhat and sun cream in the warmer months
- A named bottle containing water

You will also need:

- A pair of named wellies in a bag to use for wet lunchtimes. This will be left on pegs. You may wish to bring a pair of waterproof trousers also.
- A named art apron if you wish to (an oversized shirt is fine), which you can hang on your peg

As yet, we do not know when our PE days will be. On these days, please come in to school in your PE kit. As a reminder, this should consist of:

- A t-shirt in your team colour which may have the school logo on or be plain (no other logos on please)
- Plain black or navy jogging bottoms / leggings / shorts
- A plain jumper/ fleece or your school jumper
- Trainers

You will not need your school uniform on these PE days.

What are the classroom routines?

- When you arrive each day, please line up on the front playground and wait for the teacher to open the door (we are in the same classroom as you were last year). At home time, we will hand you back to your grownups from the same door, once you have told us that you have seen the person collecting you.
- When we come into school in the mornings, we settle down at our desks and complete a High 5 maths challenge and SPAG challenge silently while the teacher takes the register. This helps us to focus our minds and gets us ready to learn for the rest of the day. We read and can quiz on AR silently after lunch every day to help us be ready for a fun packed afternoon of even more learning.
- We keep our water bottles with us at our tables (on the floor next to our seats in case of accidents!)
- We encourage children in Year 4 to avoid using the toilet during lesson times as much as possible, and to remember to go at playtime and lunchtime. We will make allowances for emergencies during class time. We will have toilet passes available to use throughout the day to let the adult know where you have gone. Please don't leave the room while an adult is talking to the whole class, this is normally when the new learning happens.

- You will collect a new AR reading book from us in September which will be with you at your table so that you can snatch bonus reading time throughout the day. The expectation is that everyone reads their AR book for at least 15 minutes daily. It would be great to keep up the reading habit during the summer holidays: why not enter the [Norfolk Libraries Summer Reading Challenge](#)
- We expect you to spend at least 15 minutes on TTRS at home each week. If you answer questions on TTRS for 25 minutes or more each week, you will earn a Shooting Star. We will check this on a Friday and reward those of you who go over and above. We also have paper sheets if access to the TTRS app is difficult at home. Anyone who has not completed 15 minutes in a given week, will complete a paper version for 15 minutes during Friday lunchtimes.
- At the beginning of each Friday's maths lesson, we will have 'Multiplication Masters' where we race to try to complete a 12 x 12 multiplication grid in under 10 minutes. How quickly will your name go up on our celebration wall?
- Finally, we will keep your adults updated with all the lovely learning and fun that we are having via our [class webpage](#). You will also find copies of important letters and useful links there. Information for you will be uploaded in September, but feel free to have a look at what we have been doing with our current class.

What else do I need to know?

- Please make sure no fidget toys or belongings from home are brought into school. As always, we will provide you with all the equipment that you need for learning so there is no need for your own pencil cases and stationery etc to come in to school with you.
- Remember to fill water bottles with **water** to drink in the classroom.
- Please eat a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables during morning playtime.
- We will be completing the national multiplication tables check in June 2027. Daily TTRS practise will ensure that you are well prepared for this, as well as for Maths in Year 5 and 6 too.
- We will be going on a 1-night residential trip in May 2027 and there may be opportunities to go on other day trips throughout the year too.
- You will continue to follow the Golden Rules for Behaviour and the teachers have high expectations of you in all that you do. We also have a table point trophy and 'Star of the Day' too.
- You will be honest, open, hard-working, supportive and kind in all that you do. You will continue to be 'On Board' and are expected to nurture each other to grow as learners and achieve your best.
- We will complete an 'assessment week' each term, involving Spelling Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG), Reading test, Star Reading quiz and Maths tests. These are nothing to worry about, they just help us to find out what, as a class, we need to work more on.

What would be useful for me to do in order to be ready for Year 4?

- Continue practising your times tables using TTRS throughout the summer. You never know, we might even give out special certificates for those children who do!
- Read, read, read and then read a bit more!

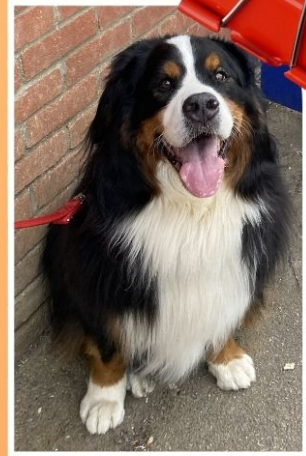
Information telling you about the things that we will be learning in the Autumn Term, as well as any further updates or changes, will be sent to you at the beginning of September. We will publish weekly updates to your families too.

If your adults need to contact us about anything between now and September, please feel free to do so via the school office or hedgehogs@hinghamprimary.org.uk.



Meet the Teacher

Mr Stead



I live in Norwich with my family and our dog, Maggie. I enjoy all sorts of things, especially reading, being outside, music, football and running—and I'm a huge Norwich City fan! I also love trying new things and making learning as exciting and enjoyable for you all as possible. Next year will be full of brilliant learning, exciting challenges, fantastic teamwork and lots of smiles! We've got so much to look forward to—including our amazing residential trip! I can't wait to help each of you reach your goals, grow in confidence and help you all to have your best year yet.





MEET THE TEACHER

MRS DAVIDSON



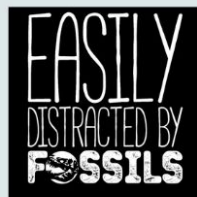
FUN FACTS



- I have a completely mad dog called Hattie.
- I am a season ticket holder at Carrow Road and can be found there most Saturdays watching the game.
- I love being outdoors with my son, either walking the dog or on the beach hunting for fossils.
- I love learning, particularly anything to do with History.
- I take lots of caravanning holidays and trips around the UK. A particular favourite was a holiday last year around Hadrian's wall.



Me in full Bollywood costume meeting the Mandalorian at Beccles Carnival



The whole Davidson family meeting 3 times World's Strongest Man, Tom Stoltman (he's very tall!)

ABOUT ME

I've been a teacher at Hingham Primary School now for over 20 years!!! My favourite subjects to teach are Art, English and History.

Outside of school, you will often find me dressed in all sorts of strange costumes: Bollywood dancing with Mrs Spencer or as a character from the past in my other job in the museum.

I love books and can't wait to read you all some of my current favourites in class.

FAVOURITE THINGS

Colour: Anything glittery or metallic

Food: Cheese (the stinkier the better!)

Film: Star Wars or anything Marvel

Animal: Red panda although I've always rather fancied cuddling a tiger!

I also love anything to do with vintage transport: aeroplanes, steam trains, trams, classic cars.... all of it!



Me in role at the museum as a Viking warrior.