



Hob Moor Oaks

19TH DECEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of a busy and vibrant autumn term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful experiences we've shared. It has been a truly special season of learning, filled with growth, warmth, and the joy of seeing our school community thrive.

One of the highlights of this term has been welcoming you all back into the building for our Whole School Celebration Assemblies on Monday mornings. There is a unique energy in the hall when families are there to witness the children's successes. These gatherings are the heartbeat of our week, and your presence makes them incredibly special. The progress our pupils are making is nothing short of fantastic. To highlight this week alone, the evidence of individual progress in communication skills has been outstanding. Whether it is a child finding their voice in a story session, mastering a new way to express their needs through Makaton signs, or gaining confidence in using gestures or switches to communicate, these milestones are a testament to your children's hard work and the dedication of our staff.

Our learning has extended far beyond the classroom walls this term:

Autumn Learning: The children have embraced the changing seasons through hands-on exploration, creative projects, and outdoor discovery.

Educational Visits: Our recent trips have provided invaluable real-world contexts for our curriculum, developing independence and providing access to our local community that will last long after the school year ends.

Christmas Magic: The past few weeks have been filled with the sparkle of Christmas. From festive performances to collaborative crafts, the children have embraced the spirit of the season with kindness and enthusiasm. Thank you to those who attended our Festive Wheelchair Dance session, it really did fill all pupils and staff with cheer and to the 65 family member who attended our Sing and Sign event yesterday.

We would like to share a heartfelt THANK YOU to Steph and Kelly, the parents of Camden and Roman, owners of The King's Inn (on the Shambles), for their incredible generosity. For the second year running, they have raised funds and gifted toys and treats to the children and families of Hob Moor Oaks and Hob Moor Primary.

Generosity and community spirit like this remind us of the true meaning of Christmas: to show kindness, give to others, and make the season unforgettable for someone else. Between the donations from The King's Inn customers and the matched funds from the owners, over £4000 was raised to provide hampers for families at both schools. In addition to other charity donations.

On behalf of every family receiving a hamper this year, thank you to **The King's Inn, Salvation Army, The Beesom Charity!** We wish everyone at The King's Inn a very Merry Christmas.

As we approach the end of the week, we have some bittersweet news to share regarding our staffing team. We are saying "goodbye and good luck" to three valued colleagues who are moving on to exciting new chapters:

- Lilly: Is embarking on a travelling adventure in her role as a Nanny, moving to Miami!
- Leslie: Is leaving us to begin her preparations for her next degree in Clinical Psychology.
- Richard: Is moving to The Dales School to gain experience teaching within Post-16 provision.

We would like to sincerely thank them for their dedication and the wonderful contributions they have made to our pupils, our staff team, and the wider school community. They will be greatly missed.

Sarah and I want to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. It is a privilege to work with your children and to see them blossom into such confident, capable learners.

We wish you all a peaceful, restful, and very Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the New Year!

Take a note of our Spring term dates for parent and family engagement. See you all in 2026!

Olivia and Sarah

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Date	Event
Tuesday 6 th Jan	Students return for 2026!
Wednesday 21 st Jan	9am-11am HMO Parents Focus Group
W/C 26 th Jan	Woodland Educational visits week
Tuesday 3 rd Feb	9:30am-11am The Toilet Journey part 1/4
W/C 2 nd Feb	Forest Phase educational visit week
W/C 8 th Feb	Orchard Phase educational visit week
Wednesday 11 th Feb	1:30-2:30pm EYFS Stay and play
Thursday 5 th Mar	2pm Web Team 'Coffee and Catch up'
Thursday 12 th Mar	World Book Day
Friday 13 th Mar	2pm-3pm Celebrating the special ladies in our lives (Mothering Sunday)
Tuesday 17 th Mar	10am Woodland Phase Easter Performance
Wednesday 18 th Mar	10am Woodland Phase Easter Performance
Tuesday 24 th Mar	3.30pm - 5.45pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 th Mar	3.30pm - 5.45pm Parents Evening
	1:30 - 2:30pm EYFS Stay and Play
Friday 27 th Mar	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th Apr	Pupils return for Summer Term
Monday 20 th - Wednesday 22 nd Apr	Y6 Residential to Lea Green, Derbyshire (Group 1)
Monday 29 th Jun - Wednesday 1 st Jul	Y6 Residential to Lea Green, Derbyshire (Group 2)
Wednesday 1 st - Friday 3 rd Jul	Y6 Residential to Lea Green, Derbyshire (Group 3)