



Newsletter • Autumn Term • November 2025

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a restful half-term break and enjoyed some quality time together. It has been lovely to see the children return to school full of energy and enthusiasm for the weeks ahead.

We had a fantastic first half of the term, with so many highlights across the school. The children have worked incredibly hard and shown great determination and curiosity in their learning. From class topics and sporting events to special visitors and trips, it has been wonderful to see pupils embracing every opportunity.



We have also received some lovely feedback from the places the children have visited, praising how well-behaved, polite and respectful they have been — a real credit to our school community.

As we move into this busy and exciting half term, we're already looking forward to our upcoming events, including the Key Stage 1 Christmas performances, carol concerts, and a special day of musical theatre. Further details will be shared soon, so please keep an eye on newsletters and Class Dojo updates.



PE Enrichment Quidditch

On 22 October, all classes took part in a fun-filled Quidditch session - though not quite as you might imagine, as there were no broomsticks or flying involved! Instead, the children showed fantastic teamwork, running, catching, throwing, and working hard to score points for their teams. The session was led by Will Hopkin-Jones, who demonstrated and shared a range of techniques to help everyone develop their skills. The children rose to the challenge brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. On 18th November, our next enrichment session will be based on Musical Theatre.

Polite reminder: please be courteous at drop-off and collection times, remembering to leave bus access, residents parking and the ambulance space free at all times. Thank you!

Pupil-Led Groups

Pupil-led groups play an important role in giving children a voice within our school. They help pupils develop confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of responsibility as they work together to make positive changes. Through these groups, children learn that their ideas and opinions matter — whether they're helping to improve the school environment, supporting others, or planning events. It's a wonderful way for pupils to take pride in their school and contribute to our shared community.

Our Junior Journalists have already led an amazing assembly, while our Worship Team decided to replace the 'Birthday Hat' with a much-loved 'Birthday Bear'. Our Behaviour Ambassadors have been receiving training to support them in their new roles, and our Sports Ambassadors are leading daily lunchtime clubs for younger children, with a different sporting theme each week.



Anti-Bullying Week

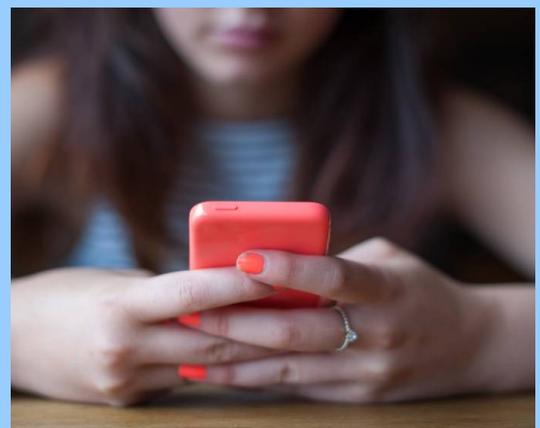


Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from Monday 10th to Friday 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. This year's Anti-Bullying Week theme is "Power for Good." It's all about using our actions and words to make a positive difference. The idea came from teachers and children who wanted a theme that reminds everyone that we all have the

power to help others, stand up for what's right, and make our school a kind and caring place. During the week, the Behaviour Ambassadors will be looking for examples of kindness and respect in the playground and will be sharing advice with the children on what to do if they have an issue during playtimes. Each class will also cover Antibullying week in class and a whole school display will be created.

Online Safety Newsletters

Attached to this newsletter is the monthly online safety newsletter for November. We hope you have found the information that we have shared to be useful, and that it has brought to your attention some of the current issues linked to online safety. In a world that is rapidly changing, being aware of trends and sites which influence our young children is so important. These newsletters also provide guidance of how to access support for you and your children.



Diary Dates

<i>Monday 10th November</i>	<i>Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week</i>
<i>Wednesday 12th November</i>	<i>Year 3 Cave Man Visit</i>
<i>Friday 14th November</i>	<i>Children in Need Non-Uniform Day (£1 donation, includes a Pudsey treat!)</i>
<i>Friday 14th November</i>	<i>ELSA Parent Consultation</i>
<i>Tuesday 18th November</i>	<i>Musical Theatre Enrichment Day</i>
<i>Friday 21st November</i>	<i>ELSA Coffee Morning, with a focus on how to support children</i>
<i>Friday 28th November</i>	<i>FAPONS Disco and Non-Uniform Day (Please bring a raffle prize - details to follow)</i>
<i>Wednesday 3rd December</i>	<i>Homework Exhibition</i>
<i>Wednesday 3rd December</i>	<i>U11 Dodgeball Festival 3.45 –5.30 pm</i>
<i>Monday 8th December</i>	<i>Carol Singing by the choir at Stowlangtoft Hall</i>
<i>Tuesday 9th December</i>	<i>Whole School Pantomime Dick Whittington</i>
<i>Tuesday 9th December</i>	<i>U9 Dodgeball Festival 3.45 –5.30pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 10th December</i>	<i>EYFS/ Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 2pm</i>
<i>Thursday 11th December</i>	<i>EYFS/ Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance 6pm</i>
<i>Monday 15th December</i>	<i>Carol Concerts</i>
<i>Friday 19th December</i>	<i>Last day of term</i>
<i>Monday 5th January</i>	<i>PD Day</i>
<i>Tuesday 6th January</i>	<i>First day of term</i>

Reading Volunteers Wanted

At Norton we recognise that reading is so important as it is the key to knowledge. It has been so great to see the children using the library and completing so many Accelerated Reader quizzes, in fact last year, as a school, we read over 80 million words! Hearing children read individually is a priority and so, if you are a parent/carer who would be willing to volunteer to come for an afternoon or morning once a week to hear children read, then please speak to the office.

And finally...

- Congratulations to Ms Baully, one of our brilliant Teaching Assistants, who got married over the half term and will now be known as Mrs Jolly.
- Well done to Isla in Year 4 who recently donated 12 inches of her own hair for the Princess Trust, raising £600.
- Super proud of our Year 6 pupils for a fantastic residential trip to Bawdsey Manor, where their behaviour and attitude were highly commended by PGL staff

We will be celebrating children's individual achievements in the first newsletter of each term. Please email the office if your child has something to celebrate!