



Norton Church of England VC Primary School

Learn Believe Achieve: Hand in hand with God and each other

Newsletter • Summer Term • June 2026

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a restful half-term break and were able to enjoy the beautiful sunshine.

Summer 1 was an exciting term with so many wonderful events taking place. We enjoyed a fantastic performance from Theatre in Education, as well as musical performances from Meteor Class, who proudly shared their clarinet skills. We also welcomed families to class assemblies from Galaxy and Comet Class.

There were several exciting educational visits too. Meteor Class travelled to Sutton Hoo, where they took part in a range of adventurous activities with East Coast Adventures. Rocket Class enjoyed their first residential visit to Burwell House, while Planet Class visited the Ipswich Transport Museum.

This half term, we have plenty to look forward to, including Sports Day, the Upper Key Stage 2 production, class assemblies from Rocket and Star Class, and our Leavers' Assembly. Star Class will be going on their first school trip, and we will be delighted to welcome our new September intake to our Come and Join In sessions.

Please check the school website calendar or this newsletter for key dates and further information.



PE Enrichment Flag Football

What a fantastic way to end Summer 1! We were delighted to welcome Will Hopkin-Jones back to school for our fifth PE Enrichment Day, where the children had the opportunity to try Flag Football. Flag Football is a fast-paced, non-contact version of American football. Instead of tackling, players stop their opponents by pulling a flag from their waist. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning the rules, developing their teamwork skills, and racing up and down the pitch while trying to protect their flags. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, determination and sporting spirit throughout the day.



ELSA – Supporting Children Through Transition

It's that time of year when the ELSA Team begins supporting children as they prepare to move to new classes and schools. For some children, this can be an exciting time, while for others it may feel a little daunting. Change often brings a mixture of emotions, and leaving behind familiar routines, people and environments to face the unknown can be challenging.

At Norton, we are always mindful of these mixed feelings and believe that careful planning, preparation and support are key to a successful transition.

Children may experience a range of emotions during this time, including excitement about new opportunities and experiences, nervousness about unfamiliar environments and expectations, and worries about making friends, fitting in, or coping with increased academic demands. Some children may also feel overwhelmed by the number of changes happening at once.

Transitioning to a new class or school is an important milestone. With understanding, reassurance and the right support, we can help children approach this change with confidence and resilience.

If you feel your child would benefit from additional support during this transition period, please speak to their class teacher or contact the ELSA Team.



To help parents support their children, we will be holding a **Transition Coffee Morning** on **Friday 19th June at 9.00am**. This will be an opportunity to talk with the ELSA Team and other parents, share any concerns, and access a range of helpful resources, tips and ideas to support your child both now and over the summer holidays.

Pupil-Led Groups

The Eco-Committee conducted a survey of the electrical devices in the classrooms and rated them with a traffic-light system to identify if they could be turned off when not in use. We have applied coloured sticky dots to these devices in the hope that we will be able to save energy. This half term, our focus will be on single-use plastics in school. We will be planning and leading an assembly on how to reduce, reuse and recycle these plastics.

The School Council has been working hard to improve our school. After noticing more litter last half term, we introduced litter monitors, with three children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 taking on these roles in Summer 2 to help keep our school tidy. We have also updated the Scrap Shed rota, gathered feedback on school lunches for the chef, and introduced playtime monitors for colouring resources. We are also planning our Summer 2 fundraiser and are excited to announce a Colour Run on Tuesday 14th July. More details coming soon!

Last half term, Worship Team continued to lead collective worship both in classes and to the whole school. This half term, we will be inviting Y5 pupils to apply to become next year's worship team. Once they have been selected we will begin to train them for their new roles.

The JRSO evidence has been submitted, and we are waiting to find out which award has been achieved. A big thank you to Nina, Sadie and Ottie for all their hard work. Next year's Year 5 pupils will soon have the opportunity to apply if they would like to take on the role.

Last term, our Junior Journalists delivered an excellent assembly about the Natural History Museum's new *Jurassic Oceans* exhibition, exploring prehistoric sea creatures and predators. The topic linked well to David Attenborough's 100th birthday, as he was involved in the exhibition. This half term, our Year 5 Junior Journalists will present their final assembly of the year, and we look forward to seeing the topic they choose.

Last half term, the Behaviour Ambassadors were delighted to see the success of pupil-led clubs. The Year 5 Maths Club was a huge hit with Year 2 pupils, particularly the bowling-themed activity that combined score calculations with practical fun. It was also wonderful to see children from Star Class eagerly waiting for the Reading Club to begin. Please encourage your children to listen out for Ambassadors promoting their clubs, as these will continue this half term.

In Summer 1, the Sports Ambassadors did a fantastic job preparing children for the Mini Marathon by organising lunchtime running activities and events. This half term, they will be organising Rounders competitions for the school's colour sports teams, with the winning team earning the chance to take on the staff in a Rounders match. They will also be leading a range of fun activities linked to Sports Day.



Choir Event

Families are warmly invited to a special Winnie-the-Pooh themed celebration at Tostock Church on Sunday 19th July from 2.00–4.00pm. We are delighted that our school choir has been invited to perform at this community event, helping to celebrate Winnie-the-Pooh's 100th birthday. The afternoon will include themed activities, a bear hunt, traditional games, refreshments, and live music. Please bring a picnic and, if you wish, a favourite teddy bear.

School Project

You may have noticed the new arbour and seating area in the playground, complete with its newly laid concrete base. Last year the school took part in a fun hike to raise money for Blood Cancer UK, Cancer Research UK and to purchase a memorial bench in memory of former pupil, Evie Carey.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to purchase the arbour, and the next stage of the project is to create a beautiful mosaic floor. We are delighted that Ms Rawlinson, a former Norton parent and art teacher, is creating a mosaic design inspired by the things Evie loved most.

In July, each class will spend time working with Ms Rawlinson to help create the mosaic. We also hope to invite children from Evie's former class to take part in this special project.

Once completed, this area will provide a welcoming space for children to sit, chat, reflect and enjoy a unique piece of artwork created by the children of Norton—a lasting tribute to Evie and a wonderful addition to our school grounds.

Website

Stay up to date with all our school events! Our website calendar is updated regularly, and you can subscribe to sync events directly to your Apple, Android, or Outlook calendar. <https://www.norton.suffolk.sch.uk/calendar/?>

Diary Dates

Monday 1 June Start of Summer 2

Tuesday 2 June Comet Class trip to Cambridge Mosque

Tuesday 9 June 1.45–2.45pm Come and Join In Session for Stars Class Intake

Wednesday 10 June Rocket Class Assembly @ 9am

Monday 15 June Cathedral Service for Church Schools in the afternoon - Meteor and Supernova Class to attend

Wednesday 17 June KS1 Multi Skills Festival 10–11.30am Planet Class at Thurston Primary School

Thursday 18 June U11 Rounders Festival at Stowmarket High School 4.00-5.45pm

Monday 22 June Supernova Class Crucial Crew 9.30 –11.45

Wednesday 24 June Meteor Class WCET Festival

Thursday 25 June Sports Day at 10am followed by picnic

Friday 26 June Star Class Lackford Lakes

Monday 29 June Key Stage 2 Eucharist Service 9.30am Parents Welcome!

Tuesday 30 June Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday 30 June U9 Rounders Festival at Stowmarket 4.00-5.30pm

Wednesday 1 July Star Class Assembly @ 9am

Wednesday 1 July Upper Key Stage 2 Production afternoon performance

Thursday 2 July Upper Key Stage 2 Production evening performance

Friday 3 July Rocket Class Multi Sports Festival at Thurston Community College

Friday 3 July Homework Exhibition

Week beginning 6 July Bikeability for Meteor Class

Tuesday 7 July Supernova and Galaxy class trip to Felixstowe

Wednesday 8 July and Thursday 9 July Year 6 Thurston Community College Transition Day

Wednesday 8 July Transition Morning at Norton

Thursday 9 July Rocket Class Trip to Ipswich Gurdwara

Thursday 16 July Norton's Got Talent

Friday 17 July Leavers' Assembly @ 9am and Last day of Term

FAPONS

Welcome back to the final half term! Before the holidays, FAPONS held the Great Norton Bake Off and an after-school bake sale. We were delighted by the fantastic entries and loved seeing so many children take part. Thanks to your support, the sale raised £220 for FAPONS funds. This term, we'll be running Freeze Friday sales after school (weather permitting) and holding a non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle donation to support the Sports Day bottle tombola. FAPONS recently funded the World Book Day author visit and will also contribute to the Year 6 leavers' party, as well as provide free ice lollies for all children at the end of term. Thank you for your continued support.

And finally...

Congratulations to the winners of our Bake Off competition! Imogen for the best cookies, Livvy for the best cake and Trey for the best cupcakes! There were so many marvellous creations. Thank you so much for all the entries and to those who bought goodies yesterday afternoon.

Parking: Thank you to all those who continue to park respectfully within our community. I am pleased to share that I have not received any messages related to parking this term. Where possible, please continue to use the Village Hall car park, Salvation Army car park and The Street, avoiding School Close.

As the weather warms up, please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day and arrives wearing sun cream, as staff are unable to apply it during the day.

Please also make sure all jumpers and cardigans are clearly named, as our lost property box quickly fills with unnamed items at this time of year.

