



Norton CEVC Primary School

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Welcome Back Welcome back and I do hope you had the opportunity to enjoy the break, the weather was certainly varied but there was opportunities to enjoy the sunshine. I cannot believe that we are in the final half term of this academic year. This half term is always very busy and I often find the key is to take one week at a time. There are so many events to look forward to from the Key Stage 2 Production, to whole school Sports Day, Norton's Got Talent and a PE enrichment session where the focus will be Volleyball with an Olympian! Many of the classes will also be going out on visits or having visitors in to enrich and embed learning. Summer 2 is also a time for reflection, looking at the journey and the progress the children have made both socially and academically during the year.



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Thank you A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Mighty Hike, whether through kind messages or generous donations. Fifteen members of staff took on the challenge, completing the hike on a warm and windy day along the stunning Norfolk Coast. The breath-taking views made the journey memorable—though the three miles of walking on shingle tested everyone's endurance! We are proud to share that, so far, we have raised over £8000 for Macmillan Cancer Support—a charity close to many of our hearts, providing vital care and assistance to friends and families in need. I would also like to share that for our 'Wear a Hat to School Day', the school was able to donate £184 to the Brain Tumour Charity and the Just Giving Page set up by the Fould Family raised funds of nearly £7000. Thank you for your support—it truly means the world and demonstrates our Christian values of community and compassion in their fullness.

Fun Hike We're looking forward to our Sponsored Fun Hike on Friday 13th June, organised by the School Council to raise funds for some very special causes. Each class will follow a timed countryside route:
Star Class – 30 mins, Key Stage 1 – 45 mins, Lower KS2 – 1 hour and Upper KS2 – 1 hour 30 mins
To make it even more fun:
Children will walk to a playlist with tunes selected by them
Wear bright, cheerful clothing
Blow bubbles
The children will enjoy an ice lolly treat from FAPONS at the end
Funds raised will support:
A memorial bench for Evie Carey
Cancer Research
Blood Cancer UK
Sponsor forms have already been sent home – please help your child gather sponsors to support these meaningful causes and we look forward to sharing the photos with you.



Attendance At Norton CEVC we take a firm stance on attendance and we are here to support you to ensure all children attend school on time, every day. Attendance has been a school priority for several years with our attendance improving slightly year on year. Our attendance is currently 95.3%, which is slightly above local and national. We look forward to celebrating at the end of term those who have a 100% attendance record for the summer term as well as children who achieve 100% for the whole year. If your child or the family is struggling with arriving at school at the right time or attendance then please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting to speak to myself or Mrs Colman in her role as ELSA Lead.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Staff News Sadly, Mrs Diggins will be leaving us at the end of this academic year having successfully secured a teaching position in Sudbury which is closer to her home. We wish Mrs Diggins well as she leaves Norton Following her resignation, the school advertised for a class teacher and were successful in appointing a new member of staff. Miss Potter will be joining the team from September. The Senior Leadership Team are in the final stages of confirming class teachers for next year and I hope to be able to share this information with you in the coming weeks.



Special points of interest:

- ☉ Staff News P1
- ☉ Elsa P2
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- ☉ All newsletters, important events and updated school policies are published on our website. See the regular gallery of children's work and photos of latest events too.

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FAPONS Welcome back to the final half term of the year!!! Last half term was a quiet one for FAPONS but we have lots planned this half term. Friday 6 June is our non uniform day in exchange for bottle (of any sorts). On 13 June, FAPONS will be providing all children with a well deserved ice lolly after the school Fun Hike. During sports day, we will be holding a bottle tom-bola, 50p a go with winning tickets ending in '0' and '5', this will be CASH ONLY please. On the last four Fridays of term (weather permitting) Freeze Fridays will return! And lastly 15 July is our whole school end of year disco. Please save these dates now! At the start of next term will be our AGM and details will be sent out nearer the time. If anyone is interested in volunteering at any of these events please do get in touch (fapons@norton.suffolk.sch.uk). Thank you for all your support this year!



ELSA - Helping Children Transition to a New School or Class

It's that time of year again when the ELSA Team are thinking about our children transitioning to new classes and schools, and the support that we can offer to those who are finding the thought a little daunting. This time can be filled with a mixture of excitement and anxiety. Understanding and addressing the range of emotions children may experience is crucial in helping them navigate this change smoothly.

Common Feelings During Transition

Children may experience a wide array of emotions when faced with a new school or class. These can include:

- Excitement: Anticipating new experiences and opportunities.
- Nervousness: Feeling unsure about the new environment and expectations.
- Curiosity: Eager to learn about the new school, teachers, and friends.
- Overwhelmed: Adapting to many changes at once can be daunting.
- Anxiety: Worrying about fitting in, making friends, or academic performance.
- Confidence: Feeling ready and capable of handling the new challenges.
- Sadness: Missing old friends and familiar surroundings.
- Insecurity: Doubting their abilities to succeed in the new environment.

Transitioning to a new school or class is a significant event in a child's life, filled with both challenges and opportunities. By providing support, understanding, and practical strategies, together we can help children navigate this change with confidence and resilience. Remember, every child is unique, and their response to transition will vary. If you feel that your child needs extra support to help them navigate this transition, please get in touch with the ELSA Team and their class teacher. I will also be providing leaflets that will be displayed in entrance by the school office. Please have a look and take one home, they are full of advice and ideas on how to support your child.

Warmer Weather Please can I remind children to come to school with a water bottle. There are many opportunities during the day for the children to have a drink and we are always telling them how important it is to be hydrated particularly in warmer weather. As and when it get warmer, can I also ask you to apply sun cream to your child in the morning so that they are protected when they go outside. Unfortunately we are not able to apply sun cream on children so putting it on at the start of the school day would be a good idea.



Parking: Thank you to all those who continue to park respectfully within our community. I am please 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.

Extra-Curricular Activities



Mondays

- 12.15—1.00pm Ukulele Club
- 3.15—4.00pm Choir Year 2-6 with Mr Cole
- 3.15-4.00 Fielding and Striking Games (Key Stage 2)

Tuesdays

- 12.00 –12.30 Year 4 Book Club (Mrs Kirk)
- 3.15-4.15pm Running Club Years 3-6

Wednesday

- 12.00 –12.30 JRSOs and Junior Journalist
- 12.00-12.30 Year 4 Book Club
- 3.15 –4.15 Premier Sports Football

Thursdays

- 12.00 –12.30 Year 5 Book Club
- 3.00 –4.30pm Lighthouse Club Years 1-6

Fridays

- 8.00-8.45am Gymnastics Year EYFS - 4
- 12.00 –12.30 Year 6 Book Club
- 3.15-4.15 Fun and Fitness (Mrs Gale Year 2-4)
- 3.15-4..15 Warhammer Year 6

When signing up for a before or after school club, please check the start and finish dates and times. Many thanks.

Sports Ambassadors have planned a timetable of events for all the children to enjoy. These will be shared with children during assembly. Each class also has the opportunity to use the Scrap Shed once a week.

We are also very fortunate that we have many Year 5 pupils leading clubs for our Star pupils during lunchtime





Committees and Teams

At Norton we believe it is important that our pupils are involved in making our school the best school it can possibly be. Their voice and actions do count and matter and we are so pleased that the children are keen and willing to be actively involved in school life. Here is what the committees and teams have been working on and the plans for this term.

ECO Committee We were excited to plant our courgette plants in our no-dig raised bed and hope the amazing compost we created will help them to thrive. We planted some sunflower seeds and tidied the nature area at our last meeting. It was great to spot a newt, woodlice and beetles enjoying the soil. We are glad that lots of children are embracing the outdoors and hope to continue to keep our playground litter free. Our Green Flag application has now been accepted so we hope to gain an award for our hard work by the end of term. We love taking care of our environment and nurturing the nature at Norton!

The School Council Our meetings last term focused on organising the Fun Hike and thinking of ideas to support the staff on their Macmillan Hike. Green Day was such fun. This half term we are going to think about what information we could share with the children joining different year groups by asking the question 'What is Year _ like?' At each meeting we also have a quick chat about what school is like and areas for improvement.

Sports Ambassadors Last half-term, Sports Ambassadors did multiple activities for different classes, such as: marble run for Y4; tag-rugby with Y3, and parachute for Y6. In Scrap Shed, the children have been building many creations like: houses, cars and more besides. This half-term, we are going to be running rounders matches for KS2 in their colour teams. After playing the heats, there will be an overall winner out of Red, Blue, Green and Yellow: the winning team will get to play the teachers - we can't wait!

JRSOs The JRSOs have done an amazing job this year and have been putting together a PowerPoint of evidence for everything they have worked on. This has been emailed away to the Suffolk County Council Road Safe Officer and we eagerly wait to find out which award they have achieved this year.

Behaviour Ambassadors Despite last half term being relatively short, the Behaviour Ambassadors and friends, organised and started some new clubs. These included Nature Club for Star Class; playground games for Year 2 and Computer Club for Year 4. These were in addition to the regular book clubs. These will all continue this term too. We encourage anybody who's feeling lonely or bored at lunchtime to come and chat to one of us and find out about the clubs they could attend.

Worship Committee We shall be continuing to lead school assemblies with Reverend Katherine planning to come in and watch them serving. The committee will also be looking at positive ways to impact the community.

Junior Journalists did a great assembly on Guide Dogs last half term linking to our Christian values of courage and wisdom and we now have a new group who will be delivering an assembly at the end of this term.



Christian Value Our Christian Value this term is Respect. There will be a focus on the importance of treating others with respect even if we do not sometimes agree with the way they behave or the things they say. Please find attached the home school Value sheet for you to share with the family. There are some good points which could be discussed further.

Stars

Welcome back and we hope you all enjoyed the half term, we are hoping for it to be sunny and dry for the rest of the summer term! Can you believe we are in the last half term of reception? Time flies when you're having fun!

Our topic this half term is **Minibeasts**. As part of our minibeast topic we will be going on a school trip to Bradfield Woods. As you know we had to cancel the visit at the start of this half term but it has been rebooked for later on in the term

This half term, we will have 4 Come and Join In Sessions for the children joining in September, these are a valuable opportunity to help the children prepare for starting school. A few of the current children from Star Class will join in too, to help show the new children around our classroom and mix with them. The remaining children will have **PE** and **games** on the field.

Through our topic work we will be going

on nature walks and learning about parts of minibeasts, their habitats and how to sort them into groups. We will learn about life cycles and look at changes.

In **English** we will be learning about different types of writing like poetry and non-fiction writing as well as improving our sentence writing skills. The children will continue with 'Read Write Inc' most weeks where we will focus on phonics and key words linked to the book they are reading.

In **Maths** we will be learning about doubling, halving and sharing and learning quick recall of facts about numbers, such as number bonds to 10. We will also be working on our problem-solving skills.

In **RE** we are talking about how to care for our world and each other with respect. We will also be talking about how to be a good friend and also preparing ourselves for moving to year 1.

In **Expressive Arts** and Design we will be painting, drawing,

weaving and collaging minibeasts.

Mr Cole will be with us on Mondays and will teach us new songs and how to play simple instruments.

Hopefully we will have lots of time outside to practise our ball skills, play simple games and use the balance bikes. Please make sure your child has suitable shoes for PE and a named water bottle.

The children do have access to their bottles all day, as well as at snack time. PE days will be on a Tuesday and a Wednesday but we will try and make the most of the weather and get out when we can. Please could your child bring a named hat to school and wear sun cream if appropriate.

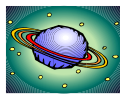
We enjoy looking at Tapestry and sharing the children's achievements so please do keep posting photos and achievements from home.

Please come and see us, or email, if you have any questions. We are always happy to resolve any queries quickly. Thank you,

Mrs Bouttall and Mrs Cole



Galaxies



setting writing. We will be focusing on using adventurous language and using joining words to extend our simple sentences. We will also be having a Pirate themed week and will use adjectives to create 'Wanted' posters as well as planning and writing our own pirate stories. We will continue with our daily phonics lessons, ready for the National Phonics Screening Test. To help your child, please keep practising the phonic games <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2/buried-treasure> (Phase 3, 4 & 5) and alien words. Twice weekly handwriting sessions also continue, where we are carrying on with practising neat and correct formation. We will start to look at different grammatical patterns in words and in guided reading we will continue to build our comprehension skills.

In **Maths** this half term we will start by learning about time. We will learn about the different units in time before telling the time to the hour and half an hour. We will also revise place value to 100. We will count to 100 and be able to partition the

statistics unit and focus on tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams. Alongside this, we will continue to work on our 2-, 5- and 10-times tables.

Our **Geography Topic** for this half term is Australia. We will start the topic by finding out where Australia is in the world and learn about the points of a compass using North, South, East and West. We will find out about the weather in Australia, features of the landscape, learn about the animals there and make comparisons to the UK. A copy of the topic knowledge organiser and homework is available on our class page on the school website.

In **Science** this half term we will be finishing our learning on plants by consolidating our learning on healthy and unhealthy plants. We will look at how plants adapt to

tory by Roald Dahl.

In **Maths** we will be continuing our work on time, reading clocks and finding durations. In our work on shape we will be describing both 2D and 3D shapes using mathematical vocabulary to describe the lines and angles. During the statistics unit we will be learning to interpret and draw pictograms and bar charts.

In **Geography** we will be learning about biomes, particularly focusing on the ocean biome. We will be learning about the Oceans of the world, mapping them in relation to the continents. We will be thinking about the issues facing oceans and their importance to humans. We will learn about the 5 zones of the ocean. We will have 2 different PE focuses. In Cricket, we will practise bowling, fielding

numbers into tens and ones. We will then move on to learn about money, where we will recognise the different coins and notes.

In **Science**, we will be finishing our learning on plants. Hopefully finding out what our mystery seeds have grown into. We will finish our science with exploring seasonal changes in summer and comparing the four seasons.

During **RE** we will be exploring prayer and worship within Christianity. We will learn about what the Bible says about Jesus' teaching on prayer and how Christians use prayer and worship both at church and at home.

In **Art** we will be looking at printing, using various materials in different ways to create prints and marks.

So, a very busy final half term is planned! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to message us on Dojo or ask at pick up. Thank you Mrs Harris and Mrs Rossiter

hot and cold habitats and explore plants in our local area.

Our **PE** days will be Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Please make sure your child has a full PE kit with shorts, t-shirt and trainers, we will be focusing on striking and fielding, and fitness.

You can help your child at home by regularly listening to them read, help them to learn their spellings, using TT-Rockstars to help them learn their 2-, 5- and 10-times tables. Thank you for your continued support for the last year, I cannot believe it is our last half term together, but we have had a fantastic year! Please do not hesitate to message me if you have questions or concerns. Mrs Diggins

and using a cricket bat effectively. In our fitness sessions, we will be developing our speed, strength and stamina as well as our coordination, agility and balance.

In **Art** we will be looking at different print making techniques – exploring how visual elements make a picture. We will use visual elements to create our own stencils and prints.

During **DT** week we will be exploring pneumatic systems before designing and creating our own moving marine creatures. As always keep your eye on dojo for updates and photos about what we have been up to in class!

Mrs Winter-Valentine and Mrs Flintoft



Planets



Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely half term break. We have another busy half term ahead before the summer holidays! In **English** we will look at some stories related to Australia to link in with our topic. Pupils will continue to develop their writing skills by using conjunctions to extend their sentences, using apostrophes and considering how to edit and improve their work. We will end the year working on our letter writing skills. In **Maths** we will be heading into our learning about time, in which we will cover o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and more. If you have a moment at home to talk about time, that would be really beneficial this term. After that we will begin our

Comets



Welcome back to the last half term of Year 3 – how time has flown! We have a busy half term with a trip planned to Lackford Lakes, learning songs for the KS2 production and sports day (to name a few!) Our overarching topic for this half term is 'Under the sea'; lots of our learning is linked to marine life and ocean biomes.

In **English** we will be exploring non-fiction texts, recording information from a range of non-fiction texts on marine life. Our final outcome will be writing non-chronological reports on marine conservation/a marine animal. Later into this half term we will be reading Flotsman, looking at a picture book narrative to inspire poetry writing. Our class read will be Charlie and the Chocolate Fac-

Rockets



Welcome back! We cannot believe we are already in the final half term of this year. It's going to be a busy one!

Our topic this term is **Rivers & Deserts**.

This half term we will be learning about rivers and the journey they make. We will consider why people settle near a river. We will take a walk to the Black Bourn river to identify the features we can see. We will then move on to learn about what deserts are and where they are located in the world. We will consider the climate of deserts and how deserts are used by humans.

In **English** we will be using a poem called *The River* by Valerie Bloom to write our own poems about storms. Then we will be

creating a persuasive advert focusing on saving bees.

In **Maths**, we will learn how to identify and compare acute and obtuse angles and how to classify different shapes, including triangles and quadrilaterals based on their properties. Following this, we will explore coordinates on a 2D grid and learn to describe movements between positions as translations. We will finish the year practising how to interpret and present data on different types of graphs and charts. For the first time, the children will be learning all about electricity in **Science**. They will explore the different components in a simple series circuit and learn how to spot when a circuit is incomplete.

In **RE**, to support our learning about Sikhism and equality in their place of worship, we have planned a trip to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Ipswich. We hope it will be an exciting and informative visit.

For our final half term, children will complete Gold Mighty Maths tests every other Friday, which include all the times tables up to 12x12. Please do continue to make use of TT Rockstars, especially in the run-up to our Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check which will take place in the week beginning 9th June.

Please send us a message on Class Dojo or catch us after school if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to help. Mrs Gibbs and Miss Miles



Meteors



The last half term of Year 5 has arrived, and we are looking forward, amongst many other highlights, to Sports Day, the WCET music festival, Bikeability and the school production! In the classroom, there is still much to do:

As **Geographers**, we are continuing our study of Mexico. We will explore this historic and colourful nation further, homing in particularly on its landscape and some of its most iconic and exciting plant and animal species.

In **English**, we will start by writing narratives based on the Disney Pixar film 'Coco', focusing our description on capturing the spirit of the Mexican Day of the Dead festival. Then we will move on to study the wordless story 'Window' by Jeannie Baker, to produce some more

creative writing. We are working hard to implement all the skills we have learnt this year. We are reading 'While the storm rages' by Phil Earle together in class, a wartime adventure about a boy who runs away to save his beloved dog. Guided Reading sessions will involve a range of texts related to champions of diversity, and we aim to break all records with the highest ever class Accelerated Reader word haul, as we chase down 40 million words!

As **mathematicians**, we practise arithmetic and multiplication facts daily, as well as revisiting key skills as part of our 'flashbacks' to keep our learning fresh in our minds. Topics this term in lessons include 'Position and Direction', 'Decimals', 'Negative numbers', 'Converting units' and 'Volume'.

As **scientists**, we will learn about the growth of humans from babies through

to old age. We will be thinking about the changes that happen to us as we grow, with a particular emphasis on puberty. This unit supports our learning in **PSHE**, 'Changing me'.

As **artists**, we will be looking at the exciting and dynamic figurative sculptures of Giacometti and Anthony Gormley.

In **RE**, we focus on Buddhism, in particular how Buddha taught his followers to find enlightenment.

In PE we will be improving skills in tennis, cricket and rounders. We have a little work left on last half term's **DT** project, making slingshot cars, and in **computing** we will be coding microbits to create simulations.

This year has passed by so quickly; it's hard to believe we are nearly at the end. Mr Mabbitt



Supernovas

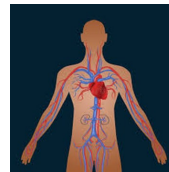


We reach the final half-term of primary school, and what a lot is in store: productions, trips, transition days, sports day and more! The children have worked incredibly hard all year, and now get to enjoy a final flourish before the finishing line.

We begin this half term's work in **English** with a creative writing unit focusing on short stories, & pulling together all our work this year on sentence structure, punctuation, direct speech and composition. We will then start our fiction topic: Yaztromo's Tower, describing a fantasy world. We then turn to non-fiction, writing about the importance of healthy lifestyles, to support our Science learning on the human circulatory systems.



As **mathematicians**, we will be looking at puzzles, problems and open-ended investigations that bring together knowledge and skills from different areas of maths. Some of these will be interactive and require physical resources, and some may involve working outside to solve problems. All of them will require collaboration and mathematical thinking. As **Scientists** we will be looking at the effects of healthy lifestyles on our physical and mental health, particularly in relation to heart health and the respiratory system: we will investigate the effects of lifestyle choices such as exercise, smoking, alcohol, drugs and diet on our fitness and wellbeing. Then, we will finish the year by examining the scientific aspects of our PSHE study on Relationships and Sex Education.



In **DT** we will be doing some food tech: planning, preparing and making. The skills needed, will build on previous years' and will also help prepare the children for Yr7 Food Tech next year.

In **computing** we will be studying a unit on Quizzing. In this, we will look at the different types of quiz forms that can be created and learn the types of questions (yes/no, multiple choice, sequencing and more) that can be used. We will then create our own quizzes for friends.

Our **PE** days are Mondays (Cricket) and Fridays (POP Lacrosse).

Our RE will focus on the humanist idea that happiness is the goal of life. Music with Mr Cole will integrate the learning of our exciting show songs, where we may sing with other year groups in a larger choir.

Thank you Mr Kerry

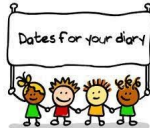
Diary Dates: Please see website for more information

June 2025

Tuesday 3 June EYFS Trip to Bradfield Woods
Thursday 5 June New EYFS Parents Information Morning at 9am
Friday 6 June PE Enrichment Volleyball
Friday 6 June Non School Uniform Day for FAPONS Tombola
Sunday 8 June Pentecost Service on the Village Green Norton choir performing
Monday 9 June Year 1 Phonics Screening
Monday 9 June Year 4 Multiplication Test opens
Tuesday 10 June Come and Join in sessions for new intake
Wednesday 11 June Year 2 Discovering Judaism Visitor
Friday 13 June Norton Fun Hike Fundrasier
Tuesday 17 June Year 6 Crucial Crew
Wednesday 18 June Year 5 WCET Festival
Thursday 19 June Come and join in session for new intake
Friday 20 June Norton's Sports Day @ 10am followed by a picnic
Monday 23 June Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 24 June Ixworth Transition Day
Tuesday 24 June Year 2 Trip to Suffolk Wildlife Trust Holywells Park
Tuesday 24 June Come and Join in sessions for new intake
Wednesday 25 June Ixworth Transition Day
Wednesday 25 June Year 2 Sports Festival Thurston
Week beginning Monday 30 June Bikeability Year 5 and 6

July 2025

Tuesday 1 July Year 3 Trip to Lackford Lakes
Tuesday 1 July MHST Year 6 Transition Workshop
Wednesday 2 July Year 1 Assembly
Thursday 3 July Come and join in session for new intake
Thursday 3 July Year 4 Trip to Ipswich Gurdwara
Friday 4 July Year 4 Sports Festival Thurston
Friday 4 July Dress Rehearsal pm
Monday 7 July July Key Stage 2 Production afternoon and evening performance
Tuesday 8 July Key Stage 2 Production Evening Performance
Wednesday 9 July Thurston Community College Transition Day
Wednesday 9 July EYFS Class Assembly
Thursday 10 July Thurston Community College Transition Day



Thursday 10 July Norton's Transition Day
Friday 11 July Children's Reports Out
Monday 14 July Year 6 Trip to Felixstowe
Monday 14 July Year 1 Trip to Felixstowe
Tuesday 15 July FAPONS End of Year Disco
Thursday 17 July Celebration Assembly 10.15am
Thursday 17 July Norton's Got Talent Afternoon
Friday 18 July Leavers Assembly @ 9am
Friday 18 July Last Day of Term

Term Dates for 2025 –26

Autumn term 2025

Begins Monday 1 September 2025

PD Days Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September 2025, Friday 24 October 2025

Half term Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025

Ends Friday 19 December 2025

Christmas holiday Saturday 20 December 2025 to Sunday 4 January 2026

Spring term 2026

Begins Monday 5 January 2026

PD Day Monday 5 January 2026

Half term Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February 2026

Ends Friday 27 March 2026

Spring holiday Saturday 28 March to Sunday 12 April 2026

Summer term 2026

Begins Monday 13 April 2026

Half term Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026

Ends Monday 20 July 2026

PD Day Monday 20 July 2026

Staying Safe

Collecting Arrangements Staff will not let children go with another adult at the end of the day unless you have given your permission. Please email, phone or write with any changes early in the day.

Scooter and Bikes As the weather is getting warmer, more children tend to bike or scooter to school. We are more than happy for you to store your bike or scooter in the bike shed but please can you dismount before entering the school front gate or green back gate. Thank you for your support.



Children's Achievements



Every half term we like to celebrate the children's achievements for the activities they do outside of school. During the term, if your child passes an exam or is part of an event then please let the school office know and we will aim to include it in the next newsletter .



Congratulations!

Thomas Attridge for conquering Go Ape and for encouraging his younger sister to join him. Well done for also moving up to Grade 5 swimming.



Congratulations!

Isla McNamara for achieving her 25 Metres consistent swimming without any Swimming aids



Congratulations!

Niamh Widdicks for passing her Grade 1 Classical Guitar with Merit. Well done for also passing Grade 4 and 5 in Irish Dancing with Honours.



Congratulations!

Betty Stocking for winning first in the sheep young handler at the Suffolk show, and 2nd at the South Suffolk show.

Bold Adventurers

One of our Curriculum Drivers for our school is Bold Adventures. As we go through this half term, if you feel your child has been a bold adventurer then please let us know by contacting the office or class Dojo your child's teacher. There is a place in our Friday Assembly where we celebrate such achievements and the children get to share and inspire others.



Congratulations

Ted Stocking for winning first in the sheep young handler at the South Suffolk Show, 2nd at the Hadleigh Show and coming 5th in the adult sheep classes at the Suffolk Show.



Congratulations!

Ciara Widdicks passed her Grade 6 in Irish Dancing with Honours.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.