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Newsletter 7 January 2025

Diary Dates

Please see below for the diary dates already planned for this term. Any new events, since the December newsletter, are highlighted in yellow!

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Thursday 10th January	UEA students Caitlin Barnes (RP2) and Harriet Brown (RL5) join us for placement Welcome!	
Thursday 16th January		Dodgeball competition at UEA for selected pupils
Thursday 16th January	Year 1 dance and story telling workshop	
Friday 17th January	Year 2 dance and story telling workshop	
Thursday 23rd January	3.30 – 4.30 Book Fair in the Junior Hall	
Friday 24th January	3.30 – 4.30 Book Fair in the Junior Hall	
Monday 27th January	3.30 – 4.30 Book Fair in the Junior Hall	
Tuesday 28th January	3.30 – 4.30 Book Fair in the Junior Hall	
Friday 31st January	Reception Well Being session with Ellise Owen	
3rd February		Y5 Sports' hall competition for selected pupils
Week beginning 3rd February	National Storytelling Week	
Week beginning 3rd February		Year 6 residential to Thorpe Woodlands
Wednesday 5th February	2-3 Computing Workshop for parents/carers at the Infant school for all year groups Details to follow	
Tuesday 11th February	9.15 – 11.30 Pre school activity morning for all children due to start school September 25	
Wednesday 12th February	Wellbeing sessions with Ellise Owen For Years 1 and 2	
Thursday 13th February		Year 3 and 4 PE event for selected children
Friday 14th February		Wellbeing sessions with Ellise Owen for Years 3-6
Friday 14th February	School closes at 3.15 (Infants) and 3.25 (Juniors) for half term	
Monday 24th February	Schools reopen to pupils at 8.40 am	

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Thursday 27th Feb		Year 5/6 swimming gala for selected pupils
Tuesday 4th March		KS1 Girls' football event at the nest for selected children
Thursday 6th March	World Book day – details to be confirmed nearer the time	
Thursday 6th March	Online booking opens at 5 pm for online parent/carer consultations	
Friday 7th March		Possible Years 3-6 girls' football event for selected children
Friday 7th March	Federation open afternoon from 2-3 for parents/carers to come and look at books ahead of parent consultations No younger children in the classrooms due to space, but please ring ahead to the office if you need to bring younger children and we can arrange a space for you to look with your child at their books.	
Monday 10th March	Year 1 and 2 Cricket festival for selected children at UEA	
Thursday 13th March	Parent consultations online 4-7	
Monday 17th March	Parent consultations online 4-7	
Wednesday 19th March	Active maths festival at Dereham Leisure Centre for selected pupils	
Friday 21st March	World Poetry Day	
Wednesday 26th March	9.15 – 11.30 Pre school activity morning for all children due to start school September 25	
Friday 28th March	Dance show – details to be confirmed by those who run dance clubs	
Wednesday 2nd April		Junior Rocksteady Concert at 10am
Thursday 3rd April	Infant Rocksteady Concert at 10am	
Thursday 3rd April		Year 3 and 4 non football club festival for selected children at Goals in Norwich
Friday 4th April	School closes at 3.15 (Infants) and 3.25 (Juniors) for half term	
Wednesday 23rd April	Schools reopen to pupils at 8.40 am	

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to our children, families, staff and Governors. It has been lovely to catch up with all of the children in school and to see how quickly they have settled back into the routines of school. It has also been lovely to catch up with our families on the gates and on the playground.

We hope you all enjoyed the break with families and friends.

We know this break was a little tricky for some of our families and if we are aware we will have given you a supportive phone call and a listening ear. If you want to talk through any difficulties or worries you may have about family, housing, finances or just tricky times, please do contact us.

Welcome also to our new children and families who have joined us this term. It is lovely to hear from you how the children are settling quickly and enjoying their time with us!

New Staff

We say a warm welcome also to Miss Ray, who has joined us as our new Assistant Head and will be working Monday to Thursday across the schools. She is the link SLT member specifically for Years 4 and 5 so is already getting to know those children and staff, as well as the others in the school. She has settled in quickly and is enjoying working with us and to also meeting all of the children and families in our schools.

Mrs Sprought has also joined us as a TA in HP4. She too has settled in quickly to her new role and is enjoying getting to know all of the staff and children in her class and further beyond.

SEND Survey

The local authority SEND survey for 2025 is open for Monday 13th January to Sunday 23rd February. If you would like to take part as a parent or carer of a child with SEND you can do so. For more information follow this link: https://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/article/65459

Congratulations

Well done to our KS2 football team who won the Norfolk County Schools Football Championship. Such a great example of our value of collaboration and respect. They are very excited about the next step being the nationals. We are very proud of them all for a well deserved win. Thankyou also to Mr Barnard for organising this and to the parents and carers who supported the event.

Keep Up To Date

Remember our website has lots of information and news to keep you up to date.
To find out more about last term, please take a look on the website:
https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/category/year-groups/

Menu Change on 16th January

There is a change to the menu for 16th January! Please see below.



Allergen Aware Parent Steering Group

As may be aware, at the end of 2023 NORSE created an Allergen Aware Parent Steering Group following the changes they made to how they manage special diets.

They meet via Microsoft Teams twice a year to find out how the current allergen aware menu is going and provide an opportunity to feedback on the new menu before it is finalised. This forum enables them to share ideas to help ensure children with special diets have a safe and enjoyable lunchtime experience.

They are keen to expand the group membership and participation so if your child has an allergen aware dietary need and you would like to be involved in the Allergen Aware Steering Group please use the following email address:

Clare.Jordan@norsegroup.co.uk

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 30th January 2025.

Just One Norfolk

The Just One Norfolk website https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/ has a range of information and paths for support for you and your child, including emotional health, childhood illnesses, healthy lifestyles (including sleep advice) and much more. You can also call them on 0300 300 0123

It is totally free to use and you can speak to a health professional.

If you click on the register button, you can register an account as a parent and access further information and services.

If you have any questions, just give them a ring.

Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

Common condition	**Patient eligibility**
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Please contact your local Boots Pharmacy if you have any questions or need any further support. The opening hours and location of your nearest Boots pharmacy can be found online at Boots.com (https://www.boots.com/store-locator)

Best wishes to you all for the new year

Joanna Pedlow