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Toftwood Infant and Junior School Federation

Newsletter 12 April 2025

As we head towards our End of Term break, we thank you all for your support this term and hope you all have a lovely break.

Term dates for Summer Term

These are our current dates as they stand at the moment for the next term. New dates or amended dates will be in yellow.

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Friday 4th April	School closes at 3.15/3.25pm for the Easter break	
Wednesday 2rd April	School opens at 8.40 am for all pupils	
Thursday 24th April	We welcome UEA post graduate teaching students to our Federation for their placement Matilda West in Miss Goddard's class, Toney Leighton in Mrs Morris's class and Damien Warner in Miss Jacob's class.	
Monday 28th April	Cricket engagement day with NCB for Years 1 and 2	
Thursday 1st May 9.15 - 10	New Reception children parents and carer welcome session in the Infant hall	Year 4-6 netball competition at UEA for selected children
Monday 5th May	Both schools closed for the May day Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 6th May	Reception trip to Gressenhall	
Thursday May 8th	Year 2 tri golf festival at Dereham Hockey Club for selected children	
Week beginning 12th May		Year 6 SATS week in school
Friday 16th May		Group 1 of Year 5 to Sculthorpe Moor
Monday 19th May		Group 2 of Year 5 to Sculthorpe Moor
Tuesday 20th May		Junior Race Day Parents/carers invited 9.15 Year 6 10.30 Year 5 1.15 Year 4 2.15 Year 3
Tuesday 20th May 6-7 pm	Welcome session for new Reception parents/carers Infant hall	

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Wednesday 21st May	Infant race Day Parents/carers invited 9.15 Year 1 10.30 Reception 2pm Year 2	
Thursday 22nd May	Year 1 /2 adapted sports4all event For selected children	
Friday 23rd May	School closes at 3.15/3.25pm for half term	
Monday 2nd June	Schools reopen at 8.40 am for all children	
Tuesday 3rd June		Year 4 sealife trip group 1
Wednesday 4th June		Year 4 sealife trip group 2
Wednesday 4th June	Mini monsters visit for Year 2 children	
Thursday June 5th		Northgate High School to visit Year 6
Thursday June 5th		Year 5/6 girls and mixed cricket event at Langley Prep School for selected children
Tuesday June 10th		Year 5 athletics competition for selected Children at UEA
Wednesday 11th June	Year 1 Strangers' Hall visit group 1	
Wednesday June 18th	Year 1 Strangers' hall visit, group 2	
Wednesday June 18th		Year 5/6 girls' cricket finals if through
Thursday June 19th	Year 2 Pensthorpe Trip	
Friday June 20th	Year 1 /2 athletics festival for selected children	
Tuesday June 24th		Year 3-6 Panathlon event at Taverham High School for selected children
Wednesday 25th June	Family Picnic on the field 12-1. Up to 4 family members per child	
Wednesday 2nd July	Hoopstars basketball for all Infant Children Year 2 STEAM workshop on conductive music	ESKA karate sessions for children
Thursday July 3rd	Team day for Infant children Year 2 STEAM workshop on conductive music	
Friday July 3rd		Team day for Junior children
Friday July 4th	Boogie Bounce in the Infant Hall	
Monday July 7th 9.15 am		BR6 dress rehearsal main hall (for parents in this class who have no one to look after younger siblings)
Tuesday July 8th at 9.15 am		GH6 dress rehearsal main hall (for parents in this class who have no one to look after younger siblings)
Tuesday July 8th		Y5 This girl can festival at Taverham High School for selected children
Tuesday July 8th 1.30 pm		GB6 dress rehearsal main hall (for parents in this class who have no one to look after younger siblings)
Thursday July 10th 9.15 GH6 10.30 BR6 2.00 GB6		Y6 performances for parents 3 adults only per child and no younger children. If you have a younger child you can come to the dress rehearsals (see above) Please let the class teacher know if you are coming
Thursday July 10th 10 am	Rocksteady Concert in Infant hall	
Friday July 11th	Tennis multi skills festival for selected children in reception	

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Tuesday 15th July	Leavers' celebration day for Year 6 children	
Wednesday 16th July	Transition starts for all children in current Reception to Year 5 All children will move to their new classes for the last five days of term Current Year 6will be in school until Friday 18th	
Thursday 17th July	Parents/carers can come in after school to visit their children's new classes	
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of term	
Wednesday 3rd September	School reopens at 8.40 am for all children	

PE Reminder

Thankyou to all of our families who always ensure their child is in the correct uniform at all times.
Just a couple of reminders:
Children in Years 1-6 should come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Please note the following for PE kit requirements:

- Children should come to school in their normal school shoes on PE days.
- They should wear they usual school sweatshirt or cardigan.
- They should bring **their plain black trainers** in a small drawstring bag and leave them on their peg for PE days.

Football Finals

Our Junior team travelled south for the football regional finals. They enjoyed the visit, and although they did not win, they did their best as a team. Well done to all of the squad who each got a medal for their participation. Thank you to parents for coming and supporting them, and to Mr Barnard and Mrs Morton for taking them all.

Accelerated Reader Word Millionaire

A huge congratulations to Quinn in Year 5 for becoming our first Accelerated reader word millionaire this school year. A fantastic achievement and Quinn is being a real role model for reading in our schools.

Domestic Violence Support

If you are suffering from domestic violence, there is support. Mrs Bates is our Domestic Violence Champion in school and you can email her on familysupport@toftwoodfederation.co.uk She works Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and you can make an appointment to see her. NIDAS also offer support.



Junior Lunch Money

Can you please ensure all arrears are cleared before the end of the Easter Holidays as the catering company need to be paid. Thank you to everyone who pays in advance, this is much appreciated.
Unfortunately, due to rising costs, after Easter a child's school meal for those who pay will increase to £2.80.
Please note they have also removed tuna as an option for sandwiches and jacket potatoes from after Easter.

Police Visit for Infant Children

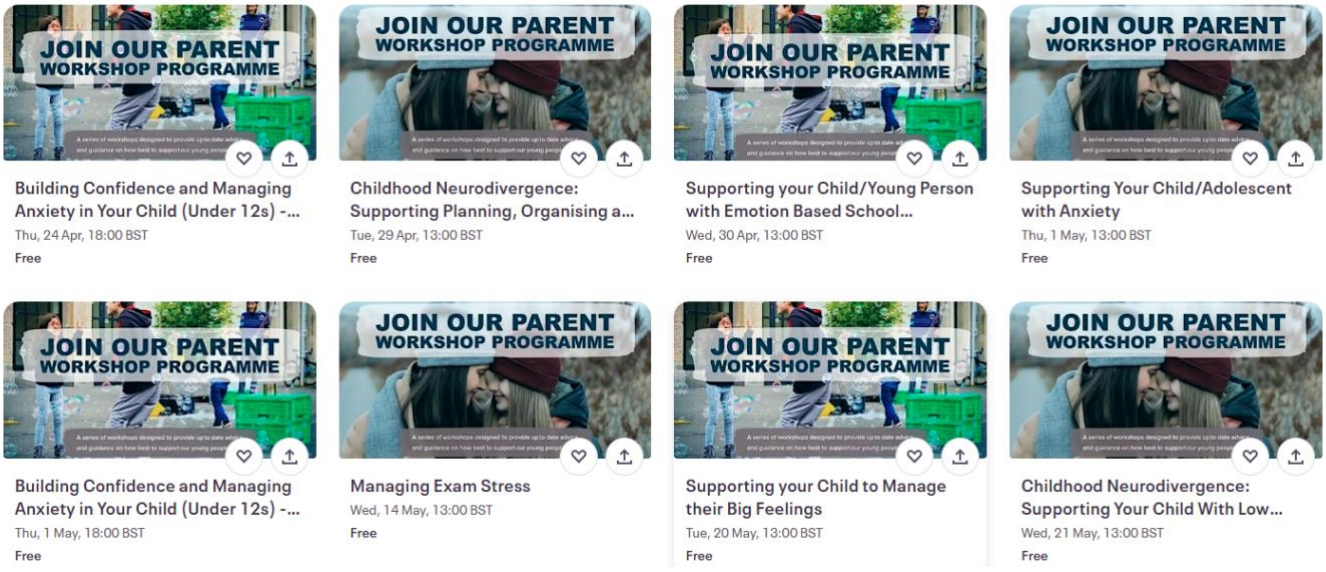
The children in Reception and KS1 were excited to welcome an important visitor to their assembly this week – PC Hazel Tampin.
Hazel spoke to the children about her role as a police officers within the local community. She showed them lots of amazing pictures of the equipment, vehicles and animals that the police use to assist them with their job. Hazel taught the children some of the Phonetic Alphabet used by the police when they are working and also explained why police officers hunt for fingerprints!
Hazel finished by speaking to the children about they can stay safe when they are out and about.
At the end of the assembly Hazel answered questions about her job. The teachers were very proud of the way the children listened throughout and the thoughtful questions that they asked
You can see more about this on our website:
https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/news/curriculum-news/science-events/assembly-police-visit-for-reception-and-ks1/

Lego Club at Infants

This term the children loved being part of lego club with Mrs Bruce.
The children could choose to complete different challenges each week and also had free-choice to make their own creations.
Many of the children created their dream transportation! We had flying cars and super rockets! They also enjoyed using their creations for imaginative play.
Lloyd – I liked making a fire car! It goes really fast.
Carter- I made a super rocket, it has jets! I liked playing with my friends.
See some photos on our website here:
https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/clubs/lego-club-spring-2/

NSFT Psychology in Schools Team

The psychology in Schools team have released a range of new workshops for parents, running throughout the summer, on how to support our child. The workshops cover a range of topics to help you support the young people in your life.
You can book via https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/psychology-in-schools-team-nsft-32627846273





Understanding the Adolescent Brain: Supporting our Teenagers with...
Thu, 22 May, 12:00 BST
Free



Supporting Your Child with Bereavement
Mon, 23 Jun, 12:00 BST
Free



Tools for Managing Worry and Uncertainty in Young People
Tue, 24 Jun, 12:00 BST
Free



Childhood Neurodivergence: Understanding and Supporting...
Wed, 25 Jun, 13:00 BST
Free

Year 2 and 3 Active Maths

On Wednesday 19th March, 21 children from Years 2 and 3 went to Dereham Leisure Centre and participated in an Active Maths Festival.

The children participated in six different PE activities that all included some maths. They had a go at games which involved number bonds, fractions, ordering numbers, addition, odds and evens and telling the time. The children really enjoyed being active and combining maths with PE!

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and worked fantastically together, demonstrating some excellent team work. We were very proud of how the children represented the school, by giving everything a go and supporting one another. One child from year 2 and one child from year 3 received the honesty sticker for following the rules and trying their very best

See the pictures here:
https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/news/pe-events/year-2-3-active-maths-2025/

Year 1 and 2 Cricket Festival

On Monday 10th March, children from across KS1 enjoyed the cricket festival at UEA. They took part in 4 different activities which built on bowling, batting and fielding skills. The children enjoyed working as a team in the final activity where they played a mini game and took turns to be wicket keeper, batter and fielders. It was fantastic to see the children's skills develop over the course of the morning and to see how they built on the skills we had started learning at cricket club during school lunchtimes. One of the children's favourite activities was the "coconut shy" where they took turns to bowl and knock different size balls over for points. They were great at adding up their scores against the other team!

Emily- "I liked smashing the ball with the bat!"
Rafe- "I enjoyed fielding trying to get the ball"
Jace- "That was so much fun!"
See here for more: https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/news/pe-events/ks1-cricket-festival-2025/

Community Events at Easter and Beyond

Easter Activities at Sandringham

APRIL

EASTER ARCHERY

APRIL 12TH 13TH 19TH 20TH 21ST

£30 per 30 minute session
for up to 6 people age 5 and upwards.
Various sessions throughout the day.
Please arrive promptly.



At The Sandringham Estate Forest School.
Booking Essential/ Parking Extra.
https://sandringhamestate.co.uk/events/



Dens, trees, mud, crafts, fire, bugs,tools, hammocks, archery (Tues only). Suitable for all ages.

Easter

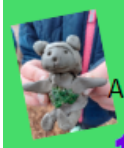
at the

Sandringham Estate

Traditional Family Forest School.

15th, 16th, 17th April.

£10 per child.



All children must be accompanied

10. 30am-12 noon.

Bookings: www.sandringhamestate.co.uk/events

The Sandringham Estate

Heads Up for SPRING

Family Seed Planting Workshops

April 15th 16th 17th



Join the Sandringham Education Team this Easter for a celebration of Spring and Growing.
Choose from a range of resources and ideas to make your own growing head.
All resources provided.

1.00pm-2.30pm

Located at the School Room in the Stables Courtyard.

£20 per child booking essential.

Suitable from 3 years upwards.
One adult receives admission to the garden with every ticket sold.
Parking extra.

East Anglia Children's Hospices (EACH)





Gressenhall



Norfolk Hoopstars

EASTER CAMP IS HERE!

We are excited to announce we are partnering up with ACTIVE NORFOLK - BIG NORFOLK HOLIDAY FUN – OFFERING FREE SPACES for our upcoming Easter Half Term Camp,

All camp days are hosted at City Academy Norwich

To book free spaces with lunch. Please follow the links below to sign up!

School Years 1 – 6 HAF Spaces

https://everymovenorfolk.played.co/venues/36188f7a-5cea-4564-bea0-7532f8dc618f/sessions/e6e8807a-31b7-492b-b4aa-ce3b2645ecfd

School Years 7 – 13 HAF Spaces

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SEND School Years 1 – 13 HAF Space

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Junior Tennis Camp



Cricket at Great Witchingham





Sprint Speed Camp


MONDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY
FROM 6:30-8PM & 10:30-12PM
www.breakingrecordsfitness.co.uk
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More dates and times will be added in due course, subject to further interests
SPRINT SPEED CAMP 2025
NORWICH & KING'S LYNN
#BreakingRecords Fitness can now confirm they are hosting Sprint Speed Camps in Norwich & King's Lynn areas during the Summer Term period for 6 and/or 11 Weeks* to help you sprint faster whatever sport or position you participate in, this is available from 10 years old upwards including over 18 years of age (Youths and Adults)
The Sprint Speed Camp is for 6 and/or 11 Weeks consecutive over Mondays (King's Lynn), Thursdays (Norwich) and Saturdays (Norwich) from End of April to Mid July, full dates and further details are on our bookings website for more information.
*Terms and Conditions Apply subject to minimum numbers needed to guarantee running this for 6 and/or 11 Weeks.
Book online today on www.bookwhen.com/breakingrecords-fitness