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Toftwood Infant and Junior School Federation

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Newsletter 4 December 2025

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Tuesday 2nd December	Reception class vision and hearing checks with the school nursing team	
Wednesday 3rd December 2.30 pm	Maths parent workshop for all interested parents in the Infant Hall Come and see how we teach maths and how you can support at home	
Thursday 4th December 9.30 am	* Dress rehearsal for Year 1 children Junior Hall	
Thursday 4th December 1.45 pm	*Dress rehearsal for Year 2 children Junior Hall	
Thursday 4th December		Wellington House Dental Surgery to visit Year 4 about keeping your teeth healthy
Thursday 4th December		WW2 vehicles and artefacts experience for Y6 6
Friday 5th December 10 am	Last Day to donate to the sugar for shelters collection	
Monday 8th December	Year 1 performance. 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Junior Hall	
Monday 8th December 1.45		*Dress rehearsal for Year 3 children Junior Hall
Tuesday 9th December 9.15	Year 2 performance. 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Junior Hall	
Tuesday 9th December 1.45pm		*Dress rehearsal for Year 4 children Junior Hall
Wednesday 10th December 9.15		Year 3 performance. 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Junior Hall
Wednesday 10th December 1.45 pm		*Dress rehearsal for Year 5 children Junior Hall
Thursday 11th December 9.15		Year 4 performance. 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Junior Hall

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Thursday 11th December 1.45 pm		*Dress rehearsal for Year 6 Junior Hall
Friday 12th December 9.15		Year 5 performance. 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Junior Hall
Monday 15th December 9.15 am	* Dress rehearsal for Reception Children in the Infant Hall	
Monday 15th December 9.15		Year 6 performance. 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Junior Hall
Monday 15th December	Year 2 Christmas Party pm	Year 3 Christmas Party pm Year 6 Christmas Party pm
Tuesday 16th December	Year 1 Christmas Party pm	Year 4 Christmas Party pm Year 5 Christmas Party pm
Tuesday 16th December 9.15 pm	Reception Christmas Performance 2 adults maximum per child. No younger children. Infant Hall Reception Christmas Party	
Wednesday 17th December	Federation Christmas Lunch This must be booked in advance using the link sent	
Wednesday 17th December 9 am		Rocksteady Xmas Performance Junior Main Hall
Thursday 18th December 9.15 am	Rocksteady Xmas Performance Infant Hall	
Thursday 18th December	Little Troopers' Club at lunchtime	
Friday 19th December	Schools close at 3.15/3.25 for the Christmas Holiday	

This is the FINAL reminder that each performance for all year groups is a MAXIMUM of two adults per child and no younger children will be admitted.

If you have a younger child and would like to see the performance but have no child care, you are invited to the dress rehearsal. **You must message your child's teacher to book spaces**. Again this is limited to two adults maximum and younger brothers/sisters.

If you attend the dress rehearsal this counts as your two adults for the performance also and not two additional tickets

. We are limited on space and want to do our best to ensure everyone has the opportunity to see their child perform.

Please do make the arrangements as we would hate for you to be disappointed if you brought younger siblings to the performance and could not then attend.

School Activities and Achievements

Please check the following links to see things the children have been learning in school, with information and photos.

PE Events https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/curriculum/pe/

Anti Bullying week and Children in Need https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/category/special-events/

Maths Week 2025 https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/news/curriculum-news/maths-week-2025/

Year 5 Viking Day https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/year-groups/year-5/year-5-viking-day-2025/

Sugar for Shelters Appeal 2025

Ther is still time to donate, so if you wish to please send a bag of sugar into school with your child **by 10am on Friday 5th December 2025.**

Thank you to everyone who has been able to kindly donate to this appeal.

Staff Changes

As always, coming towards the end of term, we have another staff change.

Miss Green, one of our Junior TAs, is leaving us to work with adults with learning difficulties. She has been an asset to our Federation and many children have benefited from her calm and caring nature, her support and her commitment to them. She will be much missed, but we do wish her well for the future.

The Park

Yet again, we have many issues related to children in the park before and after school. If your child walks to school alone, it is vital they come in when the gates open at 8.40am and do not stay on the park. They have been reminded to set an alarm for 8.38 am so they can get in in time, but please do remind your child of the importance of getting promptly into school.

We have also spoken in Junior assembly today about safety at the park. They are often not using the equipment properly, especially the seesaw. Last week one child ended up with two broken arms before school as a result of being on the see saw with two people on the opposite side who crashed down hard propelling the child over the bars.

If you are concerned about the safety of your child in the park before or after school, then please act accordingly and do not let them go.

School Payments

We are moving our money system from school money to compass.

As of the 1st January 2026 we will be using the Compass system for all payments and further information regarding this will follow shortly.

This will be for all Junior paid lunches and also for all trips, including the Infant trips.

There are some trips coming up and we need to share that if we do not get enough payments to cover the cost the trip may not be able to go ahead as we can no longer cover the cost of these ourselves.

Please do ensure that before the end of term, you pay your Junior lunch arrears to the end of term. This money has to be paid to the catering company for meals that have been taken by the children. A polite reminder that these should all be paid in advance. Mrs Tomlin has had to chase some arrears recently, and can we please ask she is treated politely when she does this. Thankyou.

Keeping Your Child Safe While Enjoying Time in the Community – sent on behalf of the Norfolk Community Safety Partnership

Having fun and hanging out with friends is an important part of growing up. We want all children and young people in Norfolk to feel safe and confident about spending time in the community without parental/adult supervision when the time is right for them.

As parents and carers, it can feel challenging to give them independence while ensuring their wellbeing. Here are some helpful tips to consider:

- **Know the basics**: Do you know where your child is spending time and with who? Encourage them to stick together and look out for each other in a place they feel safe.

- **Spot the signs**: Talk about recognising red flags in other people's behaviour and what to do if something feels wrong. You can find out more on our dedicated website: Home | Know the Signs (https://knowthesigns.info/)

• **Plan for support**: Make sure they know how to seek help for themselves or a friend if needed. It is also important for you as a parent or carer to ensure that your child has safe transport to and from places, and if this is by public transport to make sure, they have enough money for their return trip.

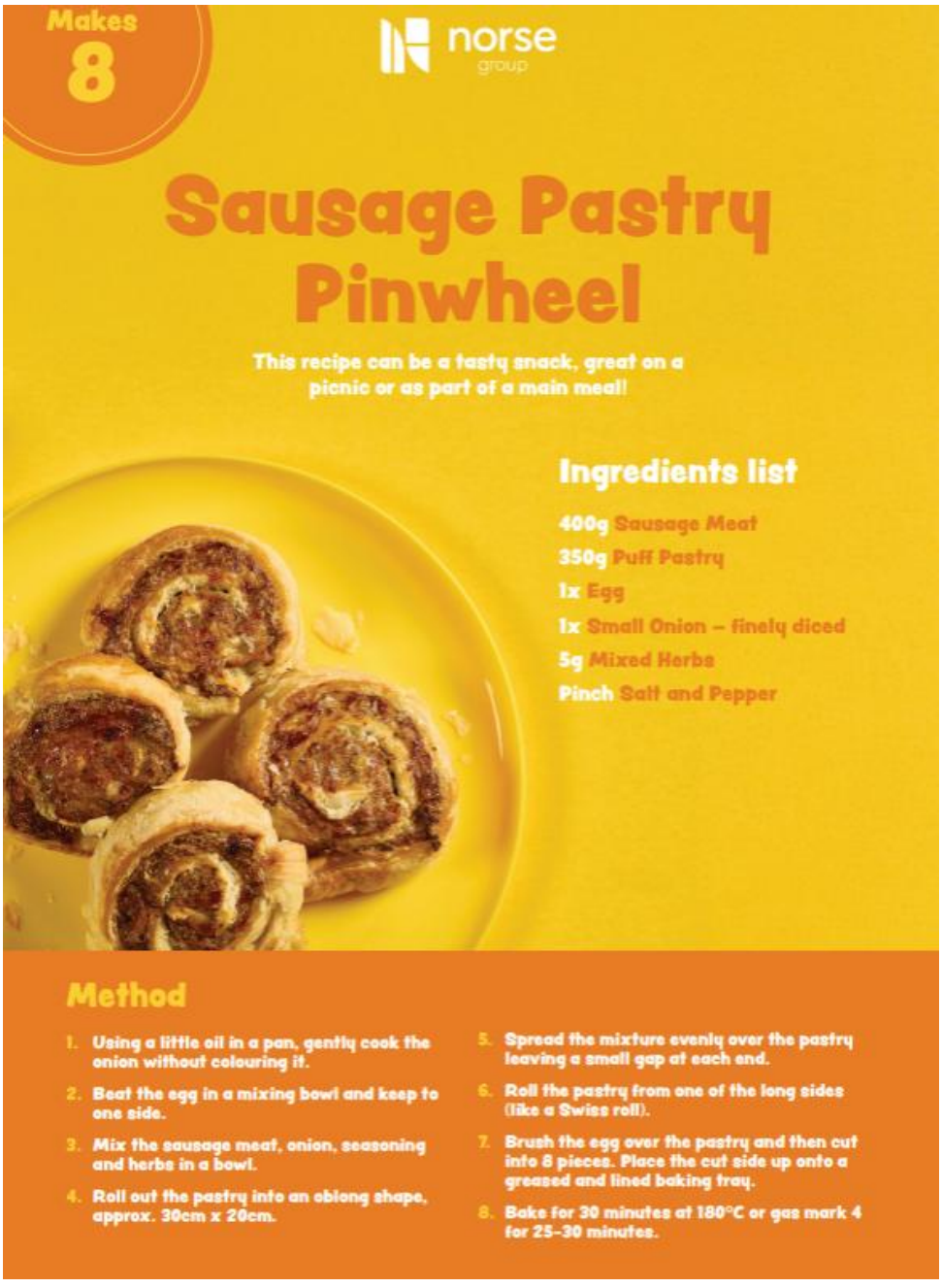
• **Stay connected**: Is their mobile phone charged to ensure they could contact you if they needed any help? Consider using a location-sharing app like Life360 or check your phone provider's safety features.

• **Open conversations**: Regularly talk about online and offline risks, including grooming and exploitation, and reassure them they can come to you without fear of getting into trouble.

A little preparation goes a long way in helping your child enjoy their independence while staying safe. As a parent or carer, it is important for you to talk to your children about all potential risks that could be posed to them when out in the community, to ensure they are able to make informed choices around their own and their peers' safety.

You can find lots of further information and websites under the support section of our website: Support | Know the Signs (https://knowthesigns.info/help-and-support/support/).

NORSE Recipes



Norfolk Healthy Child Service

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Are you the parent or carer of a child or a young person aged 5 to 19 (19-24 with an Education, Health and Care Plan)?

Our school nurses work across education and health. They provide a link between school, home and community. This includes children and young people educated at home and in alternative settings.

Our aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people in these six areas:

- Relationships and sexual health
- Drugs and alcohol
- Smoking and vaping
- Oral health
- Living a healthy lifestyle
- Emotional wellbeing, resilience and self-care

Our school nursing team also provide:

- Hearing and vision screening - reception
- Measurement for height and weight - reception and Year 6

Speak to the school nursing team:



Call Just One Number on 0300 300 0123
Text Parentline on 07520 631590

To find out more visit www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk or for young people aged 11-19 visit www.fyinorfolk.nhs.uk

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Community Events

Tennis Coaching



Norfolk Snowsports Club

Please see below for their upcoming snowsports events and activities suitable for children and young people.
❄️ Snow Explorer Day
Time: 9:00am–3:00pm
Ages: 8–14
Activities: Skiing, snowboarding, tubing sessions, plus lunch and refreshments
Dates: 22nd December & 5th January
Price: £65

🏂 Spring into Boarding
A fun introduction to snowboarding, including a tubing session.
Ages: 8–14
Time: 3:00–6:00pm
Date: Tuesday 23rd December
Price: £40

🎄 Festive Fun Day – Second Hand Sale
Date: 20th December
Non-members: £10 per table
Members: £7.50 per table
Browse lots of snowsports goodies and crafts!
Call us to book a table, or pop in on the day to pick up some festive treats.

🎿 £5 Ski & Snowboard Tasters
Date: 20th December
Ages: 8+
Times to be confirmed – sessions not yet configured.

🛟 Evening Tubing
Weds–Fri: 5:15–6:15pm, 6:30–7:30pm, 7:45–8:45pm
Sat–Sun: Sessions running all day from 9:45am–7:30pm

🎿 2-Day Intensive Adult Skiing Beginner Course

Ages: 12+
Schedule: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 6:30 - 9:30pm
Duration: 6-hour course
Price: £110

Most activities can be booked online (Festive Fun Day is drop-in or book-by-phone).