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Dates for the Spring Term

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Tuesday 6th January	School reopens for all children at 8.40 am	
Thursday 8th January	Little Troopers Club Lunchtime Infants Only	
Week beginning 12th January	UEA students in to observe practice in school	
Tuesday 13th January	Bikeability for selected Y1/2	
Thursday 15th January 2.15	English Workshop for parents in Years 1 and 2 in the Infant hall	
Tuesday 20th January	Bikeability for selected Y1/2	
Tuesday 20th January		Year 3 visit to Norwich Cathedral
Thursday 22nd January	Selected children in Years 1-3 to Easton Tennis Centre for the Sports' Festival	
Thursday 22nd January		Little Troopers Club Lunchtime Juniors Only
22nd /23rd/26th/27th January	Book Fair after school in the Junior Hall for all children 3.15 - 4	
Tuesday 27th January	Bikeability for selected Y1/2	
Wednesday 28th January		Road safety Show for Years 3 and 4
Week beginning 2nd February		Year 6 Residential
Thursday 5th February	Little Troopers Club Lunchtime Infants Only	
Wednesday 11th February	Wellbeing Day	
Thursday 12th February	Y1 Shabbat Visitor	
Thursday 12th February		Swimming gala for selected KS2 children
Friday 13th February	Schools close at 3.15/3.25 for Half Term	
Monday 23rd February	Schools reopen at 8.40 am for children	
Thursday 26th February	Tell a Fairytale Day	
Thursday 26th February	Email sent with booking details for parent consultations	
Monday 2nd March		Pedal Power Level 1 Course for selected Year 4
Tuesday 3rd March		Pedal Power Level 2 Course for selected Year 5
Wednesday 4th March		Pedal Power Level 2 Course for selected Year 5
Wednesday 4th March	Booking opens at 4 pm for online parent consultations – email sent 26th February with details	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day	

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Thursday 5th March		Little Troopers Club Lunchtime Juniors Only
Thursday 5th March		Tag Rugby Festival selected Year 5-6 children
Friday 6th March 2.15 onwards	Open afternoon for parents and carers to look at their child's books ahead of parent consultations We will ask you to leave 10 minutes before the ed of each school day so we can get the children ready for home time No younger children or pushchairs – if you cannot come without a younger child, please let your child's teacher know and we will set your child's books up in the library for you to look at with them	
Monday 9th March		Pedal Power Level 1 Course for selected Year 4
Tuesday 10th March	Cricket festival for selected Year 1 and children at UEA sports' park	Pedal Power Level 2 Course for selected Year 5
Wednesday 11th March		Pedal Power Level 2 Course for selected Year 5
Thursday 12th March	Parent Consultations online 4-7 online	
Monday 16th March	Parent Consultations online 4-7 online	
Week Beginning 16th March	National Sign Language Week	
Thursday 19th March		Orienteering Festival for selected Year 4/5 Children at Langley School
Thursday 19th March	Little Troopers Club Lunchtime Infants only	
Thursday 19th March	Active Canaries 2026	
24th March	Janet Marshall to Year 1 for Lent and Easter visit	
Thursday 26th March	Year 2 visitors for Passover	
Friday 27th March	Dance Show at The Space	
Friday 27th March	School closes at 3.15/3.25 for the Easter Break	

Christmas Festivities

Our Christmas performances are well underway, and it is fabulous to see so many children taking part and with such enthusiasm. We hope you enjoy them all.
Here are a couple of reminders about other things happening.

On the day of the **Christmas Lunch, Wednesday 17th December**, children can bring in some festive headwear to wear, hats, headbands etc.
You have to have **ordered a Christmas Lunch** for your child to have one and if you haven't ordered, despite the reminders, your child will need to bring a packed lunch on that day.
On the **last day of term**, we will have a festive non uniform day. No need to buy anything special, they can wear whatever makes them feel festive. Just no short skirts, cropped tops or heels please and make sure it is suitable for a day in school, including outdoor play! This is a free event, no donations required!

Christmas Parties

Reception – come in wearing party clothes on the day (Tuesday 16th)
Year One – come in wearing party clothes on the day (Thursday 18th)
Year Two – come in wearing party clothes on the day (Monday 15th)
Year Three – bring party clothes in to change in to (Monday 15th)
Year Four – come in wearing party clothes on the day (Tuesday 16th)
Year Five – bring party clothes in to change in to (Tuesday 16th)
Year Six - come in wearing party clothes on the day (Monday 15th)

Sugar for Shelters Appeal 2025

Thankyou to everyone who has donated to the sugar appeal to help the homeless. You have made a difference

Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to Miss Ray, one of our Assistant Heads, who is expecting her second baby next year.

Teaching Students

Our PGCE teaching students from the UEA finish with us on March 12th, but they will return in the Summer term!

We wish them well on their next placement and look forward to seeing the progress they have made when they return to us.

In the Spring term, Mr Alex Jenkin joins us in KD2 with Miss Degning. We look forward to welcoming him and supporting him on his journey to become a teacher.

Parking Banners

Unfortunately, despite newsletter reminders and in person reminders, a small number of parents still choose to stop and drop off on the double yellow lines and the zig zags. There really is no excuse for this dangerous and inconsiderate behaviour – just park further away and walk a little bit, or walk to school or if you are in a hurry to get to work afterwards then please leave home earlier.

If anyone works for a company that would be prepared to fund some large banners to put outside school about parking safely for the safety of our children, please can you contact us. Unfortunately, school budgets won't run to buying them.

Active Canaries 2026

We have signed up for this event run by NORSE, our caterers, for both schools. Further information will follow.

As part of Norse Group's ongoing partnership with Norwich City Community Sports Foundation, we're excited to announce the return of ACTIVE CANARIES, a fun, inspiring programme that empowers young people to eat well, move more, and feel their best. With the help of Norwich City footballers, we aim to spark healthy habits that last a lifetime.

Local research shows that 23% OF CHILDREN AGED 4–5 are obese, rising to 32% BY AGES 10–11.

Both Norse Group and the Foundation are committed to supporting the communities we serve. We believe we have a shared responsibility and a unique opportunity to help shape healthier futures by improving nutritional education and boosting the physical and mental wellbeing of children and families.



Celebrations and School Activities

We have to say congratulations to two of our children in Juniors:

Charles Buchan has just signed a contract with Norwich City! All of his hard wok and training have really paid off for him. Well done Charles.

Poppy Ikins has just been to compete with her cheer team at Disneyland Paris and they were the Under 10s Prep Level 1 division winners.! Well done Poppy and the team.

In other news, we have been busy in school too:

Years 1 and 2 were lucky to have front row seats to the Electric Umbrella's Christmas assembly. You can see more information here:

https://www.toftwoodfederation.co.uk/special-events/autumn-2-2025-electric-umbrella-live-assembly/

Tommy Trooper's Big Adventure

Tommy Trooper has been on his adventures. He is a special bear for the Little Troopers Club and he has been on an exciting mission to Singapore, Tokyo, Naples, Gibraltar and then back to Portsmouth. He even flew in a fighter jet. Little Troopers will share more of his story soon!









Flu Vaccinations

The School Immunisation Team have completed their visits to the schools to offer the flu vaccination. If your child did not receive their vaccination and you would like to book a community clinic appointment, please do so via this link: https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/book

There are clinics in Thetford library, the Millenium library and Ayton House Wymondham on the 13th December.