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Dates for the Summer Term
New dates are highlighted in yellow

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed	
Tuesday 5th May		Group A Year 5 to Sculthorpe Moor
Wednesday 6th May		Group B Year 5 trip to Sculthorpe Moor
Thursday 7th May	Year 1/ 2 Athletics festival for selected children	
Thursday 7th May	Reception trip to Gressenhall	
Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May		Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 19th May		Junior Race Day – children to come in PE kit 9:15 Y6 10:30 Y5 1.15 Y4 2.15 Y3
Wednesday 20th May 9.15 – 11.	Pre School Activity Morning for children starting school in September 2026	
Wednesday 20th May		Year 6 Janet Marshall RE day
Wednesday 20th May		Year 5 visit to the Dereham Railway For a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths experience
Wednesday 20th May	Free dental screening for all children (see below)	
Thursday 21st May		Wellbeing sessions for transition with Ellise Owen
Thursday 21st May		This girl can festival for selected children from years 3-5
Thursday 21st May	Food testing for selected children	
Friday 22nd May	Infant Race Day – children to come in PE kit 9:15 Year1 10:30 YR 2:00 Y2	Junior Class Photos – children to come in uniform

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Friday 22nd May	Last day of half term for both schools	
Monday 1st June	Both schools reopen for children at 8.40 am	
Monday 1st June	Year R Vision and Hearing checks	
Wednesday 3rd June		Year 4 trip to Banham Zoo
Thursday 4th June	Year 1 Stranger's Hall Trip Group 1 Mini monsters visit to Year 2	Cricket competition for selected Year 5/6 children
Friday 5th June	Infant Class Photos – children to come in uniform	Music service visitor – clarinet performance
Wednesday 10th June	Year 1 Strangers' Hall Trip Group 2	Athletics Competition for selected Year 3-4 children
Friday 12th June	Year 2 Trip to Sheringham Park	
Friday 12th June	Day of welcome activities for all children	
Thursday 18th June		Selected Year 5-6 children to Northgate for Battle of the Bookworms Quiz
Monday 15th June 6.30pm	New Starters' evening for parents of children starting reception in September 2026 Infant Hall	
Monday 22nd June 9.15 - 11	New Year R children in with a parent/carer in their new classes	
Tuesday 23rd June	Family Picnic on the Field. More details will follow nearer the time	
Friday 26th June	EYFS multi skills festival for selected children	
Friday 26th June	SAW day for all children (Science and Writing)	
Week beginning 29th June	Sports' enrichment week for all children Chances to try out new sports and activities and work together collaboratively	
Monday 29th June	Great Witchingham Cricket Club to Years and 2	
Tuesday 30th June	ESKA Karate for infant children	Yoga with Ellise for Junior children
Tuesday 30th June	UEA PGCE Teaching Students last day	
Wednesday 1st July	Boogie Bounce for all Infant children Panathlon event for selected Year 1 /2 children	
Thursday 2nd July	Yoga for all Infant Children	Panathlon event for selected year 3-6 children Junior Team day – children only
Friday 3rd July	Infant Team day – children only	Year 6 Greek day
Monday 6th July	Annual reports available on the Compass App at 4 pm	
Wednesday 8th July		Rocksteady performance for parents at 10 am
Wednesday 8th July		Year 6 performance for those who have younger children or cannot attend on the 9th as at infant Rocksteady concert Please note each child has 2 adult seats and if you come to this performance you cannot send other adults to the following day due to space restrictions
Thursday 9th July	Rocksteady performance for parents at 9.15 am Infant Hall	Year 6 performance for parents Strictly 2 seats per person and no younger children If your 2 adult seats were for the dress rehearsal, you cannot come again or send others on the second day .

Date	Infant School	Junior School
Friday 10th July		Year 6 Leavers' Celebration day including disco, entertainment and a foam party
Friday 10th July	Last day in current classes for all children	
Monday 13th July	All children move to their new September classes for the week for enhanced transition	
Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th July		Year 6 to Dereham High Schools
Friday 17th July	Last Day of Term for all children	

The Year 2 trip was on the last newsletter twice, once for May and once for June. It is just in June!

Free Dental Screening for all children

Plummers dental surgery from Norwich are coming in on **20th May** and offering free dental screening for all children, with follow ups offered if need. We are extremely lucky to have this offered and we know the issues getting a dentist currently.

To allow you child to be seen, you will need to **fill in a consent form and return it to school by the deadline.** This has been sent to you via email and push notification today. It does have to be printed, but if you do not have access to a printer you can either call into either office to collect one or ask your child to collect one and bring it home. These will be ready for you.

Without a signed consent we cannot screen your child.

It is quite a busy day in school that day so we are making a timetable to try to ensure no one is left out!

Young carers on the sports' trip will be seen first.

We will then do the Year 5 who are going on their railway trip!

We do hope you will take up this opportunity to assess your child's dental health.

If you are lucky enough to have a regular dentist, you can still consent but we understand if you do not wish your child to be seen.

Infant Barrier

When we returned from the Easter holiday we saw the barrier had been removed from outside the Infant school and no one had told us! We have been communicating with Highways and they have said they were not aware it was not there. Our investigations continue but in the meantime, please do take great care when entering and leaving the school and ensure everyone has the time and space to do so safely.

Staff News

We say **welcome to Miss Totty** who has joined us teaching in Year 3 and she has reported a positive start for everyone in the class, which is lovely to hear.

We say **congratulations to Miss Ray** on the safe arrival of baby **Rex David** in the holidays. We look forward to meeting him!

Mrs Walpole has joined us as our new cook at the Infants, and we hope she enjoys working with us again!

We welcome back our **student teachers** in CSR (Miss Mills), CM1 (Miss Davey), RL3 (Miss Pashkin) and FB5 (Miss Cooper).

School Trips

This is just another reminder that unless we have contributions from everyone, the trips cannot go ahead and we would have to cancel them. We simply do not have the funds to pay for these ourselves.

Fred Nicholson Site

I have been told that there will be a new fence erected in the coming weeks to mark the end of our schools and the beginning of the old Fred Nicholson site. We will keep you updated.

Cycles

Please remember if your child wants to cycle to school you need to fill in the form and get a permit. The rules are they must wear a helmet and they are left at your own risk. Email fedadmin@toftoodfederation.co.uk

Helping our children to stay safe online

The internet, tablets and mobile phones are part of everyday life for many primary-aged children. While technology offers great opportunities, young children still need adult guidance to help them use it safely and kindly.

Monitoring your child's internet and phone use is an important part of safeguarding. It is not about a lack of trust, but about protecting children who may not yet recognise online risks or know how to respond if something worries them.

WhatsApp and Group Chats

We are aware that some children are using WhatsApp and are being added to group chats where unkind or upsetting messages are shared. Children can be added to groups without their permission, and messages can quickly become overwhelming or hurtful.

We encourage parents/carers to regularly check messages and group chats with their child, talk about kindness online, and remind children to tell a trusted adult if something makes them feel sad or uncomfortable. Children should also know it is okay to mute, leave or block a group.

Top Tips for Parents

- Talk regularly with your child about what they do online
- Check apps, messages and group chats together
- Set clear rules around screen time and device use
- Keep devices out of bedrooms at night where possible
- Reassure your child they will not be in trouble for asking for help

Helpful Websites for Parents

- NSPCC Online Safety – advice on apps, games and social media: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety
- Internet Matters – parent guides, controls and age-appropriate advice: https://www.internetmatters.org
- UK Safer Internet Centre – safety advice and reporting concerns: https://www.saferinternet.org.uk

By working together, parents/carers and school can help children enjoy the benefits of technology while learning how to stay safe, respectful and confident online.

If you have any concerns or would like further support, please contact the school.

SENDIASS Support for Families

The latest newsletter from SENDIASS has been released. It has many ideas and avenues of support for families of children with SEND.

You can access it here:

https://www.norfolksendiass.org.uk/news/newsletters/sendiass-spotlight-jan26

On the page there is a link where you can subscribe to the monthly newsletter and have it sent directly to your email address.

Making Sense of SEND Information Fair

Making Sense of SEND is for parents, carers and families of children and young people with SEND, and professionals working with them.

Children can attend with a parent or carer.

What is Making Sense of SEND?

- A free event.
- Includes over 20 SEND services in one place:
  - Information stands offering advice, guidance and information.
  - An opportunity to speak to service representatives in person.
  - Discover new services who may be able to help.
- Listen to an informative talk.
- Opportunities to give feedback on experiences with an EHCP or SEND advisor representative.
- **New for this event:** Children's participation activities - giving children and young people the chance to share experiences through a fun activity.

- Connect with other parents and carers in a similar position.

Making Sense of SEND brings services together in one place to support families. There are over 20 services attending the event.

Where is the next event?

- Dereham Memorial Hall 62A Norwich St, Dereham NR19 1AD

When is it?

- **Date:** Thursday 21 May 2026
- **Morning session:** 10am-12pm
- **Afternoon session:** 12.30pm-3pm

What's happening at the next event?

- **Morning session:** A talk about transition.
- **Afternoon event:** A talk about types of support available for young people with additional needs aged 18-25.
- **Tell us and we will listen:** Some representatives from the EHCP and SEND advisor teams will be available to hear feedback. **Spaces bookable on the day.**
- **Children's participation activities:** Giving children and young people the chance to share experiences through a fun activity.
- **SEND advisors available** to offer advice and support.

Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/msos to find out more information and to book a place.



Community Events

