



## Worstead CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We've reached the final week of the half term and with it the halfway point in the year. My highlight this week has been leading a few sessions in the portable planetarium that we have borrowed from the Teacher Science Network. From the outside, it looks rather like a giant blue igloo. Once inside, we have been able to share with the children a view of the night sky in the northern hemisphere, thinking about:

- the impact of light pollution on our view of the night sky
- the reason for the stillness of the North Star
- the stars moving across the sky due to the Earth's rotation
- the differing views of the night sky from the North Pole, the UK and the Equator
- the position of the meridian line and how this becomes the date line in the Pacific Ocean
- different constellations – where they are, how they are made and the stories that come with them.

Sessions this week have been at the Belfry, but on the first day back after half term (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb), it will be Worstead's turn and all children will have an opportunity to have a session. We will be using the village hall for this.

I hope to have photos to share with you in the next newsletter – they're not easy to get in the dark!

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support for our children and our school. I wish you all a happy and healthy half term break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

With kind regards

### **Steven Boast**

Executive Deputy Headteacher  
North Star Federation

### **PE, Forest School and Clubs**

Details of these for next half term will be published later this week.

### **Parents Evening**

These are now rescheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March. We intend to send invites out this week.

### **Out of school success**

Congratulations to the following on their fantastic success outside of school:

- Guinevere who was named opposition player of the match in her Bure Valley team's victory over Horsford. Great work, Guinevere!
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## Gold Book Winners (06.02.26)

### Resilience

**Robins** – Louis, for trying hard to blend the sounds to read the words in his book.

**Swifts** – Michael for showing great perseverance in archery this week. He did not give up and by the end of the session was hitting the target.

**Hérons** – Oscar, for persevering with learning short division, and now feeling more confident with the method.

**Kestrels** – Ivy B, for persevering with maths and building on her knowledge and understanding of stem sentences and mathematical structures.

### Generosity

**Robins** – Rosalie, for always thinking about her friend's feelings and making sure they have a turn with the toys.

**Swifts** - Myles for sharing and teaching the class the new signs he has learnt.

**Hérons** – Bella, for never setting a limit on the amount of kindness she is willing to share with others; her generosity shines every day.

**Kestrels** – Harry for using his amazing 3D printing skills to print a war gaming tool for Mr S – it made his day!

### Perfect Presentation

**Robins** – Alfie, for trying hard to represent his creative ideas in his drawing.

**Swifts** – Robin for taking great care and adding lots of detail when making his William Morris print block.

**Hérons** – Evie, for working hard to maintain consistently neat handwriting in her adventure story.

**Kestrels** – Noah, for carefully etching his printing block and then printing it on a page. He took his time and carefully peeled it from the paper to reduce smudging.

### Sports Star

**Robins** – Kason, for trying hard to control his body when rolling in different ways and then holding a pose.

**Swifts** – Hugo for showing skill and accuracy in archery.

**Hérons** – Hartley, for developing a range of movements to mimic solid particles in his 'States of Matter' dance routine.

**Kestrels** – Ivy, Ellie, Mollie who looked graceful when working together on the gym apparatus.

### Tackling Tables

**100%** - Jessica, Molly Wr, Rose W, Ivy N, Henry, Lily, Elijah, Ginny, and Bruce, who is our first year 2 of the year – well done!

**Blue star** – Lily

**Green star** – Elijah

### Reading Prizes

**Hérons:** Pollyanna, Isla

### Forest School

**Bowtruckle** was very difficult to decide as there were so many lovely things going on in the forest this week with year 5: shelter and fort building, caring for the birds, creating a new bug hotel, perseverance in fire lighting, wind chime creations and hot chocolate mixing. For always looking after and helping his friends to create things at forest school; be it mud kitchen delights, tyre and stick forts or a worm playground, Bowtruckle goes to Harry.

**Groot** is shared again this week: Chloe for her beautiful gonk that she has created over two weeks whittling the wood and making the bobble hat for it, and Lyra for her perseverance whittling her wind chime. I am so pleased that she did not give up and thank you to her friends who also encouraged and helped her. A special mention also goes to Coco for making sure that the rake was put away safely, good spotting and helpfulness.

## Diary Dates

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Safer internet day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February		Swifts trip to the Aviation Museum
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February		Choir after school club
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February		No choir
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February		Last day of term
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	5-7pm	School Disco
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February		Pupils return to school
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	9-10am	Parent workshop: Children's sleep
<b>MARCH</b>		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	2pm	Herons' family café
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		Robins trip to How Hill
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March		World book day
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Kestrels' family café
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March		Yr6 Pupils to Gresham's -Steam outreach event
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Robins Family Cafe
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		School choir performing at Norfolk County music festival (details to follow)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	2pm	Swifts Family café
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	Easter service at the Church
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March		Last day of term
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April		Return to school