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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school – the second half of the Spring term and the second half of the school year. I always feel that this time marks a change, with the very early signs of Spring showing themselves. On those all too rare sunny days, the sun is a little higher in the sky and has a bit more warmth to it. The days themselves are a little longer so the dog gets a bit more exercise at either end of the day and, best of all, the Spring bulbs and flowers start to show themselves.



The hardy snowdrops are always the first out and they're out in force on the footpaths near my home. I've seen some daffodils out (my favourite flower – they shout so loud!) but those dotted around my garden aren't ready quite yet. A new flower for me this year is this purple one my son spotted in our garden. A bit of a search on Google tells me that it's a kind of iris – perhaps Dutch or Siberian. Whatever it is, it is absolutely beautiful. All these things together fill me with hope for the coming seasons and also with awe and wonder at world's natural beauty.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

World Book Day

World Book Day is taking place next Thursday 5th March. Children can attend school in uniform, in pyjamas with their favourite bedtime story, or dressed as a character from a book. As ever, this is about celebrating reading, so book characters rather than film characters or sports stars (unless they're in a book of course). We'd also much rather time and money are spent reading than on ordering new costumes. Children will do book-related activities through the day.

Norfolk School Games – Girls' Football Competition

On Tuesday before half term, we took two teams to compete in the Norfolk School Games Girls' Football Competition. Congratulations to both teams on their fantastic success – we are incredibly proud of you all!

Year 3/4 Team



The Year 3/4 girls had an outstanding tournament, winning 4 of their 6 matches with impressive scorelines of 10–0, 7–0, 10–0 and 4–0. They narrowly lost one match 3–2 and were defeated 5–1 by the eventual winners, Cromer.

An amazing highlight of the day was that all six girls scored during the tournament! Goal scorers were Harper (12), Kacie (11), Eva (4), Darcie (4), Lily (2), and even Pollyanna, our goalkeeper, who scored 1 goal.

The team finished an incredible 3rd overall – a remarkable achievement, especially as all but one of the squad are Year 3 pupils, and they all only began playing football in the summer!

Year 5/6 Team

The Year 5/6 team dominated their group stage, winning 6–0, 13–0 and 2–0 to secure a place in the semi-finals against Milfield. This was a tense and closely fought match, featuring outstanding goalkeeping from Rose and a fantastic team goal finished brilliantly by Ellie. The girls secured a well-deserved 1–0 victory to reach the final.

In the final, they faced a strong Bure Valley side and, despite a determined performance, finished as runners-up. However, both Bure Valley and Worstead qualify for the County Finals in March – a tremendous achievement!



Goal scorers were Ellie (12), Autumn (4), Annabelle (3), Guinivere (2) and Rose, our keeper, who even added 1 goal. A special mention to Paige and Sofia for their excellent tackling, passing, and unwavering support for their teammates throughout the competition.

We are immensely proud of all the girls, not only for the fantastic football they played but also for their exemplary attitudes. Their behaviour on and off the pitch was outstanding, and it was wonderful to see how supportive they were of one another. Although they competed as two separate teams, they truly felt like one squad off the pitch – a real credit to our school.

Finally, congratulations to Rose and Kacie, who were awarded the Teamwork Certificates by the event organisers. A thoroughly deserved recognition!

Well done to everyone involved and thank you to Mrs Nicholson for this lovely write-up.

Out of school success

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

- Oscar for earning his Octopus Level 2 swimming certificate and badge. Well done, Oscar!
- A MASSIVE congratulations to Guinevere and her Bure Valley Wildcats. They all played with their hearts out on the pitch against Cromer over the half term and won 2-0, so are top of the table. Guinevere was again name opposition player of the week.



Gold Book Winners (13.02.26)

Curiosity

Robins – Esme, for showing curiosity about the celebration of Chinese New Year and Dragon dancing.

Swifts – Jenson for asking lots of questions and being interested in everything on our trip to the Aviation Museum this week.

Hérons – Rocco, engaging our science lesson about condensation, and using different resources to explain and understand the process.

Kestrels – Monty (nominated by Cody) for being curious in chess club and helping others learn. He beat Cody for the first time and now has set his sights on beating Mr G and one day Mr S.

Generosity

Robins – Eleanor, for encouraging her friends to join in with her games and telling them what to do.

Swifts – Ava for always thinking about other's feelings and how she can help them.

Hérons – Kacie, for being generous with her time; the adults are always grateful for everything you do.

Kestrels – Noah, for coming in early and always asking if there are any little jobs needed doing in the morning.

Perfect Presentation

Robins – Grace, for trying hard to spell the words in her sentence and make her handwriting neat.

Swifts – Ivy B for carefully applying the correct amount of paint to her printing block to create shapes and patterns inspired by William Morris

Hérons – Isla, for making huge improvements to the consistency of her handwriting and for being proud of the outcome. Keep it up!

Kestrels – Edith, for a beautifully presented final piece about her ship.

Pen licence – Elijah, Eva, Harrison, Zara, Jessica, Theo, Kacie, Rose, Alex B, Alex S, Ivy, Arya

Sports Star

Robins – Alfie, for trying hard to put a sequence of movements together.

Swifts – Willow Q for showing such resilience in archery

Hérons – Alex B, for working wonderfully with his partner, in unison and canon, to create a 'States of Matter' dance routine that consisted of using a variety of levels, speeds, and gestures.

Kestrels – Evie, for helping her group to choreography a dance routine. Also, a well gone to Jack's group of boys, who always perform with lots of gusto.

Tackling Tables

100% - Alex S, Pollyanna, Bella, Harrison, Molly Wr, Michael

Reading Prizes

Hérons: Rose, Alex B, Henry

Forest School

Groot goes to Robin for his adventurous tree climbing and trying to be invincible but also remembering to follow the first rule of forest school; to look after himself.

Bowtruckle goes to Cody for his ingenious tyre sled and his determination to pull his friends around on it.

Diary Dates

MARCH		
Monday 2 nd March	2pm	Hérons' family café

Tuesday 3 rd March		Robins trip to How Hill
Wednesday 4 th March	3:30-5:30	Parents evening – all classes
Thursday 5 th March		World book day
Thursday 5 th March	3:30-7pm	Parents evening – all classes
Friday 6 th March	10-2	Y5/6 girls football county finals
Monday 9 th March	2pm	Kestrels’ family café
Thursday 12 th March		Yr6 Pupils to Gresham’s -Steam outreach event
Monday 16 th March	2pm	Robins Family Cafe
Thursday 19 th March		School choir performing at Norfolk County music festival (details to follow)
Monday 23 rd March	2pm	Swifts Family café
Monday 23 rd March	Am	FOW 2 nd hand uniform Sale
Thursday 26 th March	2pm	Easter service at the Church
Friday 27 th March	2pm	Easter Fun run – School playground
Friday 27 th March		Last day of term