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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend parents' evenings last week. I hope these meetings were a great opportunity to hear about your children's progress and achievements, as well as how they're supported and challenged in school. Thank you also to our wonderful teachers for their time and commitment to the children.

Thursday was, of course, World Book Day. It was lovely to see all the children's costumes and to hear about their favourite books. I hope they enjoyed seeing the staff all dressed up as crayons and doing different activities with different children across the school.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation



The Friends of Worstead School (FOWS)

Committee - There is an old African proverb that it takes a village to raise a child. Our Worstead community (or village) includes families, friends, school and many more, including the FOWS. This group work together to organise events that raise funds to enrich children's experience in school (subsidising trips and visitors, buying gold book and book prizes and supporting other one-off purchases like the pantomime visit or buying additional play equipment) as well as running things that are just good fun for the children (e.g. discos and buying Christmas crackers for the Christmas lunch).

The FOWS committee is four strong at the moment and I know that they are supported by many more volunteers to assist with specific tasks or events. Two of their committee, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Alexander will be stepping down at the end of this school year after several years of hard work. Running the FOWS with a committee of the remaining two (Mrs Eldridge and Mrs Bird) is really feasible. If you are willing and able to join or support the committee's work, please contact them on fowscharity@gmail.com. There would be various roles available with varying degrees of participation required, so whatever you can offer would be greatly valued and would benefit all our children.

Communication - Each year group has a WhatsApp group which the FOWS use to communicate directly with parents and carers about upcoming events. I've been asked to copy a joining link to the year 4 group and encourage you all to join. The link is below and please consider joining if you are not in it already. As noted above, the FOWS do fantastic work to support the children's experience in school, so the more you know about what's coming up, the better!

https://chat.whatsapp.com/KpGKROPSMpJJALE37smiCe?mode=gi_t

Nut-Free School

Due to allergies of children and staff in school, we are a nut-free school. Please ensure that children's snacks and packed lunches do not contain any nuts. Thank you for your support with this.

Sporting Opportunities

Please see the attached flyers for opportunities to get involved in sport locally – basketball and football.

Fantastic Footballers – Again!

Last Friday our Year 5/6 girls' football team travelled to Goals in Norwich to take part in the Norfolk School Games County Finals – and what an amazing day they had!

The teams were split into four groups, with each team playing three eight-minute matches. The girls topped their group: drawing 1–1 with West Earlham Junior School, with Autumn scoring; beating Eastgate Academy 3–0 with Ellie scoring a hat-trick (two penalties and one from open play); and drawing 0–0 with Browick Road in their final group game.

This meant the girls progressed to a quarter-final against Hillside. It was a tough match, and unfortunately, they found themselves 2–0 down. However, with just two minutes remaining, Ellie pulled a goal back, and with only 10 seconds left, Annabelle scored a dramatic equaliser to take the game to penalties. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be our day: our first penalty hit the post, Autumn then calmly scored into the bottom corner, but the next went just over and the final penalty was saved, meaning Hillside progressed to the semi-finals.

The girls still had two play-off matches to determine their final placing, and they continued to play incredible football with some beautiful passing on show. First, they beat Eastgate Academy 3–0 again, with Ellie scoring two more goals and one of the highlights of the day coming from Sofia, who scored her first ever goal! Finally, they beat Caistor 1–0, with Autumn scoring to give us the lead. Rose made three stunning saves in this match, and Autumn produced a tremendous last-ditch tackle in the final minute to secure the win.

These final 2 results meant this amazing group of girls finished 5th in the county – an incredible achievement for such a small school. Out of the 80+ teams who took part in their local School Games tournaments to qualify for the finals, Worstead was the smallest school to make it through. The eventual winners have over 400 children on roll – four times as many as our school!

Goal scorers on the day were Ellie (6), Autumn (3), Annabelle, and Sofia. A special mention must also go to Guivere and Paige for their fantastic defending and to Rose for her brilliant goalkeeping.

To top off an incredible day of football, Worstead was also awarded the 'Spirit of the Games' Award, given to the school that demonstrated the best sporting behaviour throughout the day. After each match, referees graded teams on their sportsmanship, making this award a real testament to the girls' impeccable behaviour, teamwork, and respect for others on and off the pitch.

We are immensely proud of all the girls – they are a real credit to the school.



Out of school success

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

- Noah and Arya who recently graduated from 1st North Walsham cubs, where they received their Silver awards. Noah has also just passed his level 6 swim certificate and Arya passed her level 5 as well.
- Ebbie and Merlin who each earned their yellow belt at their karate grading over the weekend.



Gold Book Winners (06.03.26)

Respect

Robins – Harriet, for trying hard to be ready for learning by sitting quietly and listening.

Swifts – Theo for always listening carefully and demonstrating a good attitude to learning.

Herons – Henry, for listening carefully during our writing lesson and producing some wonderful poetry.

Kestrels – Monty and Rowan for always listening and absorbing information, which is making their maths more automatic.

Courage

Robins – Oliver, for joining in with the different activities for World Book Day in the different classrooms.

Swifts – All the year 2's for showing courage when trying their best in the assessments this week.

Herons – Rose, for always having the courage to speak to adults about her learning so that she can strengthen her understanding and confidence.

Kestrels – Arya, for persevering through an example text even though it triggered an emotional response.

Perfect Presentation

Robins – All of the children in Robins, for looking carefully for natural objects to use for their group pictures and for carefully placing them down to create the finished artwork during our trip at How Hill.

Swifts – Lyra for carefully making wax rubbings of surfaces around the school, applying the correct amount of pressure and using the side of the wax crayon.

Herons – Theo, for maintaining his neat handwriting when reasoning about fractions in maths.

Kestrels – All Kestrels for working together for making our World Book Day book all about fantastic beasts and where to find them.

Sports Star

Robins – Louis, for trying hard to roll his ball with control around his cone and then to his partner.

Swifts – Ebbie for listening carefully to the instructions to the game and working sensibly in his group.

Herons – Cosmo, for trying his best and approaching his swimming lessons with enthusiasm.

Kestrels – The group of seven, who were able to work together as a team to create a burger tower with tennis rackets and balls, moving along the obstacle course without dropping.

Tackling Tables

100% - Ariane, Bruce, Michael, Eva E, Pollyanna, Ginny, Ivy N, Zara, Monty, Arya, Ellie, Esme, Isla M, Ivy W, Jack W, Marcie, Molly Wa, Noah, Paige, Rose S, Sofia, Guinevere, Harry T, Rowan, Cody

Blue star – Michael, Harry T

Green star – Pollyanna, Noah, Rose S

Red star – Eva E

Reading Prizes

Herons: Henry, Theo, Alex S, Eva

Forest School

There is no **Groot** award this week as Robins were on a school trip.

Bowtruckle goes to Willow B for her help digging over the raised beds and mixing compost into the soil ready for planting out vegetable seed. Most helpful, thank you.

A big thank you to Mrs. Quantrill for her help at forest school. If any other parents are free to help at Forest School on any Tuesday mornings or afternoons you would be warmly welcomed. Please contact the office to get a DBS check.

Diary Dates

MARCH		
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
April		
Monday 13 th April		Pupils return to school