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Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school and to the last half term of the year. Where has the time gone?

On that theme, the Boasts take our summer holiday in the May half term each year – a big family affair with lots of siblings and cousins. There were 14 of us this year. As it's an annual event and we go to the same place each year, it's a real marker of time. This year, I was struck by how my children and their cousins had grown and matured. The teenagers were off on their own to visit the local shops and spend their holiday money. My own children, six and nine, showed much greater confidence in the water, jumping into the sea off a little jetty, snorkelling to see the wildlife and using a paddle board to visit little caves full of nesting swifts. We've even got to the stage where our children are starting to, if not beat us, then compete very strongly if we're swimming back to shore or running across the beach, although that might be as much to do with the adult's ageing as the children! When we first went there four or five years ago, things were very different. When my in-laws (who came with us) first visited in 1990, things were more different still, not least because my wife was around our daughter's age!

What does all this have to do with the final half term of the year? While I'm not too wistful or nostalgic by nature, it's a time when children will be moving on to new classes or new schools and an opportunity to take a moment, reflect, and think about just how far they have all come during their time with us, whether that's one year or seven. Assessment results show that, of course, but I'm talking more broadly about children's confidence, self-awareness and general readiness for their next stage, whatever that might be.

So, if you can this half term, just take a few minutes with your children or other close family and friends to take stock and marvel at and appreciate our wonderful children. In the meantime, and in the words of Dylan Thomas, I will be raging against the dying of the light and trying to get fitter to have at least one more year of beating my children in the beach races!

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mr Read back to school this week as well as Mrs Greavner back into Swifts, who will be working part-time in the short term. Finally, Miss Coby started her maternity leave this week. We wish her well and hope to have baby photos to share with you before the end of term. Mrs Parsonage and Mrs Wilkinson will be the teachers in Swifts class.

School Meals on Sports Day

We will not be serving hot meals for lunch on sports day. School snack packs can still be ordered, otherwise children will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

Sleep Workshop – Tuesday 9th June, 9am

Is your child struggling with sleep? Join our practical and supportive workshop designed to help families understand sleep difficulties and learn strategies to improve bedtime routines and overall wellbeing.

Out of school success:

Congratulations to...

- Kason (orange belt), Merlin (yellow stripe), Finn (yellow) and Ebbie (yellow stripe) on their recent karate gradings. A brilliant accomplishment for them all.
- Guinevere and Martha, who are part of the Wildcats football team, for winning the U10s Plate Trophy at Aylsham FC on 16 May 2026 with an excellent 3–2 victory.
- Evie M for completing her first 5K Parkrun this weekend in an impressive 34 minutes. Evie showed great determination and resilience throughout the run, maintaining a steady pace without stopping or walking at any point.
- Autumn and her Bure Valley U10 Lionesses who won the NWGFL Cup Final 3–0. This incredible result means they have now won the cup for the third year in a row — a fantastic achievement.
- Eva, Lily and Harper for receiving awards at the North Walsham Football Club Presentation Day on Saturday. Eva was awarded the Players' Player of the Season, Lily received the Most Improved Player award, and Harper was awarded Top Goal Scorer. A big shout out also goes to Darcie for her pace and fantastic goals throughout the season, and to Pollyanna for her brilliant goalkeeping skills. What a team!
- Harper (again!) for achieving two bronze medals in vault and bars at a gymnastics competition on Sunday. Harper will now progress to the regional finals in June — a fantastic achievement.
- Alex S whose football team took part in the Horsford Tournament, and after some hard battles they reached the final. Alex's team showed great passion and a strong desire to win, but unfortunately, they lost in extra time and finished in second place.

Mental Health Support Team

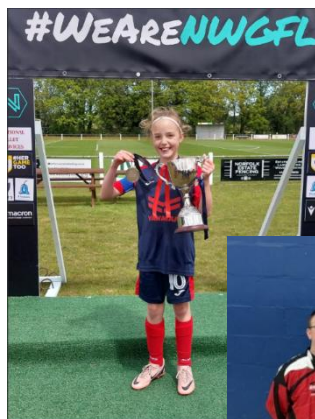


What we offer...



- **Sleep Workshop for Parents & Carers**
- **Is your child struggling with sleep?** Join our practical and supportive workshop designed to help families understand sleep difficulties and learn strategies to improve bedtime routines and overall wellbeing.
- **What the workshop covers**
 - Understanding why sleep difficulties happen
 - Practical tools to support healthy sleep habits
 - How to create a calming bedtime routine
 - Tips for managing night-time waking
 - Strategies to support anxious or neurodivergent children with sleep
- **Who is it for?**
 - Parents and carers of children experiencing sleep challenges, including those with anxiety or neurodevelopmental needs.

Date & Time: Tuesday 9th June at 09:00am



Gold Book (15.05.26)

Resilience

Robins – Alfie, for showing resilience in phonics lessons, trying his best and not giving up on his spellings.

Swifts – Deyan for being really resilient in every lesson, especially maths!

Herons – Jessica, for persevering with publishing her explanatory text; it is beautifully presented!

Kestrels – Year 6 for smashing SATS and doing their best. They have worked really hard and now are ready to support the year 5's and pass on the torch at the end the year.

Trust/Truthfulness

Robins – Finn, who can always be trusted to help his friends when he plays with them or if they cannot do something.

Swifts – Ariane and Mabel, for kindly helping Mrs Lal with the truthfulness assembly.

Herons – Alex S, who can always be trusted to follow instructions and complete the tasks he is set to a high standard.

Kestrels – Isla for being a trustworthy friend who can be relied upon in any situation.

*Special mention to year 5 who were amazing in the hall while year 6 completed their SATS

Perfect Presentation

Robins – Louis, for remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops when writing his sentences.

Swifts – Willow. Q for using beautiful, neat handwriting when writing questions this week.

Herons – Hartley, for taking so much time and care over neatly writing up his explanatory text.

Kestrels – Harry for wonderful artwork in the style of Roy Lichtenstein

Sports Star

Robins – Grace, for trying hard to throw her beanbag carefully to her partner so that they could catch it.

Swifts – Willow. Q for confidently working with her partner encouraging them to succeed in paired games.

Herons – Zara, for listening well to demonstrations and always trying to improve the hockey skills she has learnt.

Kestrels – Ivy W and Rosie for excellent batting skills.

Reading Prizes

Robins: Silver – Grace, Gold– Louis

Herons: Isla, Eva, Kyla, Lily, Isla, Harper

Forest School

Groot goes to Coco for her beautiful Hapazome print and super effort in forest school.

Bowtruckle goes to Oscar and Hartley for their great perfume creations.

Gold Book (22.05.26)

Curiosity

Robins – Oliver, for showing curiosity about the different topics we learn about and then using his creative skills to explore this further on the craft table.

Swifts – Robin for always being curious about our learning and for thinking for creative ideas.

Herons – Harry W, for being curious about connecting a variety of components in a simple series circuit.

Kestrels – Harry, for being curious about the play, asking lots of questions and giving suggestions about lighting and special effects.

Trust/Truthfulness

Robins – Alfie, who can always be trusted to be a good friend and think about his friends' feelings and needs.

Swifts – Romeo, who you can always trust to be hard working and a good friend to everyone.

Hérons – All of Herons, for putting trust in their House Team members when playing a whole class game in PE.

Kestrels – Luca, who I can trust to carry the class in song with his strong vocals and growing confidence.

Perfect Presentation

Robins – Esme, for trying hard to spell the words in phonics and make her writing neat.

Swifts – Williw. B for writing a lovely invitation trying her best to join neatly.

Hérons – Kyla, for using a ruler when carefully drawing circuits in science.

Kestrels – Autumn, for designing a beautiful brochure cover for our play.

Sports Star

Robins – Rosie, for thinking carefully about how to move around as different types of transport, whilst remembering to look where she was going so that she didn't crash into others.

Swifts – Oscar for his great teamwork skills when fielding this week!

Hérons – Henry, for working well as part of a team, and helping to encourage his group to keep on track when taking part in a hockey relay.

Kestrels – Jack, after Mr G said if you hit the ball over the fence, it's a 6 and is really good but try not too as we only have several cricket balls. Jack then proceeded to do really well and hit two balls over the fence.

Special mention to Esme and Sofia who also hit balls over the fence to score 6 runs.

Reading Prizes

Swifts: Michael, Ava, Ariane

Forest School

Bowtruckle goes to Harrison and Elijah for their super work completing the Hibernaculum next to the pond for amphibians.

Groot goes to Oscar for his kind and respectful behaviour at forest school, always being considerate of others. Well done, Oscar.

Diary Dates

June		
w/b Mon 1 st June & 8 th June		Multiplication check for year 4 pupils
w/b Mon 8 th June		Phonics screening check for year 1 pupils and some year 2
Wednesday 10 th June		Robins trip to Sea Palling Beach
Thursday 11 th June	5 pm	New Reception parent information evening
Monday 15 th June	1pm	Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th June	9-10am	New Reception transition session 1
Thursday 18 th June		Robins trip to the Cathedral – CANCELLED due to staff shortages at the Cathedral.
Thursday 18 th June		Community cafe
Friday 19 th June		PIRLS reading assessment for year 5

Monday 22 nd June	1pm	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 23 rd June		No music lessons or music afterschool club
Wednesday 24 th June	9-11.45	New reception transition session 2
Wed 24/Thurs 25 th /Fri 26 th		Aylsham High and North Walsham High induction days
Thursday 25 th June		Choir performing at the Norfolk Show
Friday 26 th June		Whole school transition morning (new reception stay until 1pm)
Monday 29 th June		Small school induction day at Broadland High
Monday 29 th June- Thursday 2 nd July		Bike ability- Yrs 5 & 6
Wed 1 st July & Thurs 2 nd July		Broadland High induction days
Friday 3 rd July		Orienteering Day
Monday 6 th July		Kestrels show (timings to follow)
Thursday 9 th July	2.30pm	Summer service at the Church
Friday 10 th July		Annual Reports out
Tuesday 14 th July		Year 6 Mystery Trip (details to follow)
Thursday 16 th July	2pm	Leavers' Assembly at the village hall
Friday 17 th July		Last day of term and Leavers' Arch from 3pm