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Dear Parent/Carer,

We've arrived at the final week of the school year, and what a year it has been. My tenth here and just as special as the others in their own unique ways. I could wax lyrical about this school, its pupils and its community again, but I've done that at various points for the year. For now, I just want to thank you all, children, families and staff, for coming together to make our school the fantastic place it is.

One member of our community has their final week with us this week. Lindsay Carruthers, our long-standing choir leader, is relocating and therefore won't be with us in September. For many years now, she has nurtured our school choir to great performances. They have performed at numerous school church services, busked most Christmases to raise funds, excelled at the Norfolk Music Festival (including *another* 'outstanding' this year) and shone on stage at the Worstead Festival and Norfolk Show. Thank you, Lindsay, for your commitment and passion for our school and its choir, and for helping them to punch above their figurative weight, year-in-year-out. We will miss you.

Finally, to one and all, I wish you a very happy and healthy summer holiday and look forward to seeing most of you again in September.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Events

- As ever for Worstead, the diary has not been clear, and we are busy right up to the end of term:
 - o Kestrels' performance of *Cinderella Rockerfella* was brilliant last week – one of the best I've seen in my time here
 - o Swifts enjoyed a trip to Sheringham Park and Herons enjoyed their day at How Hill
 - o It was lovely to see so many parents in the church on Thursday to join our summer service and hear some of the children's reflections on their year
 - o This week already we have had Worstead's Got Talent. The winners will be announced on Wednesday so no spoilers here, just a huge well done for everyone who took part.
- This week, we have our leavers' assembly for year 6 parents on **Thursday 16th July**. All children will attend and, as with this week's church service, can be **collected from the village hall from around 3pm**. Uncollected children will be walked back to school. If your child is not in year 6 but has won a certificate or prize, you will have been contacted by the school office and invited to attend.
- A reminder also that this **Friday 17th July** is the final day of the school year and children return to Worstead on Thursday 3rd September 2026. We will let year 6 parents onto the playground just before 3pm and will be aiming for the annual Worstead arch for 3pm.

Friends of Worstead School (FOWS)

I copy a message from the FOWS below. Before that, I'd like to add my personal thanks, on behalf of the children and staff of the school, for the efforts of the committee this year (Amii, Steph, Chloe and Samantha) – it's been another brilliant year with the funds raised supporting so much enrichment for the children. Thanks also to all parents, carers, family and friends for your support, whether that's attending events and parting with hard-earned money or supporting by running a stall or being a marshal etc etc. We could not be the school we are without you all.

Now that the Children's Book Centre has moved, I will be back in touch with them to book them in to revamp our school library using the funds raised in the Easter Bunny Run.

"A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and supported our school summer fayre. We really hope you and your children enjoyed it. We're absolutely delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £1,020.71

This fantastic total will go a long way towards supporting the school, helping to fund equipment, subsidise school trips and provide extra opportunities for all our children. We couldn't have done it without you!

We do have one final favour to ask. You completely cleared out the tombola at the Summer Fayre (thank you!), but we'd love to run another one at this year's Worstead Festival, which is one of the PTA's biggest fundraising events of the year. If you have any unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates, toiletries or other suitable tombola prizes, we'd be so grateful if you could send them into school this week.

We're also looking for volunteers to help on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July on our stall at the Worstead Festival. We have shifts available from 9.00am–12.00pm, 12.00pm–3.00pm and 3.00pm–6.00pm both days. Even giving just a few hours of your time would make a huge difference.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support – together we're making a real difference for our school!"

Price increase

Due to rising costs in food, staffing, and resources, we have had to review our pricing to ensure we can continue providing the best experience for your children. We understand that any increase can affect families, and we are sharing this update as early as possible to give you notice and help you plan ahead.

From September 2026:

- school lunches will increase in price by 10p per meal to £2.90
- early morning club will increase to £1.50
- breakfast club will increase to £5.00
- afterschool care will increase to 4.50 for the 1-hour session (3:15-4:15) and to £8.00 for the full session (4:15-5:30)

If you would like to cancel a booking, please inform us within 2 working days otherwise you will still be charged for the session. This helps to ensure that we can offer cancelled spaces to others who need them.

We know this may be a concern for some families. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the school office for support with the application process. We encourage you to reach out if you are experiencing financial hardship or have questions about payment options—our team is here to help. If you would like to check your eligibility for Free School Meals, please visit Norfolk County Council's Free School Meals page (<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>) or contact the school office.

Out of school success:

I don't recall seeing anything specific this week but apologies if I've missed something. In any event, thank you all for sharing your achievements outside of school. This year, we've had swimming, dancing, acting, football, gymnastics, cubs and scouts, motor bikes, skiing and so much more. What a talented bunch you all are! First and foremost, I love reading them, but a close second is the satisfaction I get from sharing your successes and, hopefully, making you even more proud of your efforts. Well done, everyone!

Gold Book (10.07.26)

Kindness

Robins – Elliot, for always remembering to be kind to his friends when playing with them.

Swifts – Jenson for treating the bugs with respect during bug hunting on our trip. He made sure he put the bugs back in their habitats gently.

Hérons – Elijah, for kindly offering the sweets he caught during Kestrels' dress rehearsal, to a friend.

Kestrels – Arya for kindly accompanying Isla throughout the week and for wheeling her down to the church in the heat.

Forgiveness/ justice

Robins – Rosalie, who shows awareness of others needs and makes sure that everyone has a turn with the toys.

Swifts – Ava for always taking turns, sharing and listening to other points of views.

Hérons – Oscar, for being an understanding friend, who can see the goodness in others.

Kestrels – Ivy W for forgiving Mr S after he caught her out for a golden duck during kick rounders. Mr G- For pre forgiving the taskmaster captains next week for the potentially awful cupcakes they're bringing in for him to eat.

Perfect Presentation

Robins – Eleanor, for showing good progress in forming her letters correctly.

Swifts – Hannah for consistently neat handwriting in every lesson.

Hérons – Evie, for making really good progress with her handwriting this year.

Kestrels – Noah for his excellent costume for our performance of Cinderella, even going further and adding fairy lights for extra panache.

Pen Licence: Lily

Sports Star

Robins – All of Robins, for working as part of a team to join in with the ticket game.

Swifts – Lyra for her wonderful dance moves. She coordinated her moves beautifully in time with the music.

Hérons – Harper, for helping her rival rounders team to fairly count the number of rounders they scored.

Kestrels – Riley & Autumn for astute tactical decisions in kick rounders, knowing when to kick long or short and giving themselves time to rest and recover.

Reading Prizes

Robins: Silver – Oliver

Hérons: Molly

Tackling Tables

100%: Ivy B, Guinevere, Harrison, Willow B, Hannah F, Ariane

Diary Dates

Thursday 16 th July	Arrive for 1:45 ready to start at 2pm	Leavers assembly at the village hall
Friday 17 th July		Last day of term and leavers arch from 3pm
Thursday 3 rd September		ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL