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Monday 7th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school. I sincerely hope you all had a happy and healthy summer and that the children came back last week refreshed, recharged and ready to go. It was lovely seeing all the children back in school last week, including all the new faces joining in reception. I know from my own experiences that sending them in to 'big school' is a big moment for parents as well as children, but they seem to have taken it in their stride and will soon feel like part of the Worstead family.

As a teacher, I tend to organise my life in school years rather than calendar years as I did in a former career. As such, I view September as a fresher start than January and as something akin to a new year's resolution. I am trying to stay away from the biscuit tin for the sake of both my teeth and my waistline! I give the children permission to (kindly!) remind me of this if they seem me dunking a digestive in my tea 😊

In the spirit of new starts, I also try to find a way to get a message of hope (our school vision) and opportunity across to pupils and staff in a way they haven't heard before. This year, that was golf. I don't get out on the course as often as I'd like but thoroughly enjoy it when I do. I talked last week to the children about the different challenges it presents – 14 different clubs in the bag, tee shots, bunker shots (these are not my friend!), putting etc etc. The question I posed the children was '*which of these shots is most important?*' Some thought the tee shot and the chance of a hole-in-one; others thought the accuracy needed on the putting green. My approach (pun intended) was different. Ben Hogan, an all-time golfing great from the 1940s and 50s, said **the most important shot in golf is the next one**.

How does this relate to school?

Quite simply, the most important year in school is this next one. No year group in school is, in and of itself, more important than another. The most important year, week, day, lesson is the one immediately in front of us. So, all of us, staff, children and families alike, should work together to make this year coming the very best it can be. I look forward to working with you all to make it so.

Have a fantastic week.

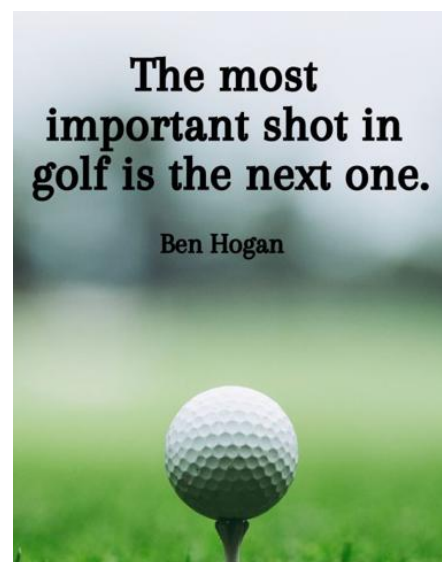
With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

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Ben Hogan



Miss Coby

I'm delighted to share with you some pictures of Miss Coby's new arrival, Maisie, who was born earlier this summer. I'm pleased to report that they are all doing well and I'm sure you join me in congratulating the family and wishing them all the very best. The staff hope Maisie comes in for cuddles very soon!



Out of school success:

As with previous years, I'd love to hear of your children's successes outside of school, and to share and celebrate this with our wider school community. That could be a swimming certificate, music grading, fundraising effort, dance recital, sporting achievement – anything that makes them proud. Just email details to the office (office@worstead.norfolk.sch.uk). If you have a photo and are happy for me to include it in the newsletter, send that over too. If you do not want the photo published in the newsletter, please make that expressly clear in your email.

Gold Book

None last week due to the short week – we'll have our first this coming Friday.

For families new to the school, our Friday worship features our 'gold book'. Children are nominated by the staff and their peers for various achievements and/or for demonstration of our values:

- School values – kindness, respect, curiosity, ambition and resilience (on a weekly rota). Winner choose a prize from the gold book table (prizes kindly funded by the Friends of Worstead School – FOWS)
- Worship themes – compassion, perseverance, service, generosity, forgiveness and more (on a half termly rota)
- Perfect presentation – anyone who has worked hard on their presentation that week, be it handwriting, number formation in maths, precision of artwork or more.
- Sports star – anyone who has excelled in sports that week – typically PE lessons but could also be representative fixtures or clubs. This could be effort, focus, progress or attainment.
- Forest school – Those who excel in forest school, for whatever reason, are nominated by Mrs Truman-Grieve and get to have Groot or Bowtruckle for a week, hopefully recording their adventures in the relevant book to share with their classmates the following week.
- Books prizes (kindly purchased by the FOWS) – earned through regular reading for our youngest children and successful quizzing for those children using our Accelerated Reader programme.
- Tackling Tables – certificates and stars can be earned but children in years 2-6 for their achievements in this programme on mental arithmetic. It's principally times tables (and the equivalent divisions) but also includes applying that knowledge to things like fractions, time facts and adding/subtracting.

Girls' Rugby Opportunity



GIRLS GET INTO RUGBY

We're building the next U12 girls team. One that could play together for years to come!

Join our open taster session, packed with fun games & activities to build confidence on the pitch.

Never played before? Perfect, come meet new teammates, learn the basics, and see what rugby's all about!

Played before? This is your next step. Come see where your rugby journey could take you!

GET IN TOUCH:
NWGIRLSRUGBY@GMAIL.COM



WHEN?
SUNDAY
13TH SEPTEMBER



TIME?
12:PM - 1PM



WHO?
YEARS 5,6 & 7



WHERE?
North Walsham Rugby
Football Club, Norwich
Road, Scottow, NR10 5BU



Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER		
Monday 7 th Sept		Bikeability for selected year 5 pupils
Tuesday 8 th Sept		Bikeability for selected year 5 pupils
Tuesday 8 th Sept	1.00	Swimming for Kestrels class
Thursday 10 th Sept		Special 'Read a Book' lunch
w/c Monday 14 th Sept		Afterschool clubs begin
Friday 18 th Sept		Bikeability for selected Herons pupils
Monday 21 st Sept		Visit by 'Mary Anning' to Swifts class
Wed 23 rd Sept		Flu vaccinations for all pupils
OCTOBER		
Thurs 1 st Oct		Mr Nourish special lunch
Wed 21 st Oct		Last day of half term
NOVEMBER		
Monday 1 st Nov		Pupils return to school
Monday 9 th Nov		M & M Pantomime in school for all
Friday 13 th Nov		School photographer for all pupils
DECEMBER		
Friday 18 th Dec		Last day of Autumn term

