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Dear Parent/Carer,

A full week is under our belts already and the children have settled quickly. A big well done to them all, as well as a thank you to all staff in school for their hard work in making this possible.

We have started to populate diary dates, so do look at the list below and make a note of anything relevant to you and your child(ren). The list of dates is updated weekly and next week's should include dates for Christmas performances and some opportunities for you to come into class and share in your children's learning for an afternoon. If ever a date needs to be changed, I will include a note in the newsletter drawing your attention to this, typically at the top of the diary dates section.

Teachers are also making progress with populating their class pages on our website with information about class routines as well as timetables and curriculum - [Worstead Church of England Primary School - Our Classes](#). Each class page will include:

- Introductory information from the teacher(s)
- Long term plan (a broad overview of the topics to be covered across this year)
- Timetable
- Knowledge Organisers for this half term at least for English, maths (small steps), science and history/geography

The knowledge organisers contain the information that will be taught across a unit of work. For maths, this is presented as a breakdown of 'small steps' of learning rather than a knowledge organiser. In each case, this is a guide for teachers, who are encouraged and empowered to take ownership of the curriculum, editing and adapting it to best meet the needs and interests of their class. For example, a small step in maths could change order or be split into two or three smaller steps, or a history unit might focus in greater detail on some information to get a good depth of understanding, omitting other parts in the process. We hope that this information helps you understand what your children are learning in school enables you to discuss it with them. If you would like more curriculum information, speak to class teachers on the gate or contact them via the office.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Notices

- Attached a flyer about story time sessions at North Walsham library.

Library volunteer

Our school library resides in the school hall. With space at a premium in school, shelves are pulled out each morning for children to change books then put back away into their cube form for the rest of the day. It is run, and has been for a number of years, by our amazing, kind, generous parents who come into school after dropping their children to scan books in and out for children, support them to choose books and generally help keep the area running neatly and efficiently, and freeing school staff up to be in class working with children.



We need your help. Can you spare 30-40mins after drop off, especially on a Monday? If you can, it will help us to keep our library open more and support our children in developing a lifelong love of reading. If you can spare any time, even if not a Monday, please contact the school office.

Mental Health Support Team (MHST) – Supporting Children and Young People

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) works with schools, children, young people, and families to promote positive mental health and emotional wellbeing. Our team provides evidence-based early intervention support for mild to moderate mental health difficulties, helping young people develop coping strategies and build resilience.

We work closely with school staff to deliver workshops, consultations, assemblies, and targeted interventions, ensuring that mental health support is accessible within the school environment. Our aim is to empower children and young people to thrive both emotionally and academically while supporting schools to develop a whole-school approach to wellbeing.

If you would like to learn more about the support available through MHST, please speak to your school's MHST link practitioner.

Upcoming Webinar Dates and Times:

- Wednesday 9th September 6:30pm-7:30pm- Managing Behaviour
- Friday 18th September 10:00am-11:00am- Managing Anxiety
- Wednesday 23rd September 6:30pm-7:30pm- Better Sleep
- Friday 2nd October 10:00am-11:00am- Managing Behaviour
- Wednesday 7th October 6:30pm-7:30pm- Managing Anxiety
- Friday 16th October 10:00am-11:00am- Better Sleep
- Wednesday 21st October 6:30pm-7:30pm- Better Sleep

<https://nhs.uk/norfolk-waveney-mhst-webinars>

Kind regards

Tania Dawe

Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)

Mental Health Support Team for Schools- Broadland & North Norfolk

Out of school success:

Congratulations to...

- Monty who got a new PB in the driving range of 154 yards (!!) as well as earning a certificate for recognition of his hard work, determination and great sportsmanship throughout the season and Mundesley Juniors Golf end of season presentation.
- Harry W who has had some incredible results with his skiing. Harry once again held onto his title of U10 English champion at the All England Championships, and also held onto the trophy for U10 ERSA champion and took

home fastest mini racer beating people 2 years older than him so two massive achievements, and lots more medals and trophies gained.

- Alex S who took part in the ASG Basketball Camp in Bulgaria over the summer, where he won the U12 2-point contest, and who was also selected as player of the match at football this weekend.
- Romeo, who was the most successful fisherman on Weybourne beach with his dad, including catching the beauty pictured 😊
- Hugo who completed Norfolk Library's summer reading challenge of the summer. I'm sure there were lots of you who did, so well done to everyone!



Gold Book (11.09.26)

Now they are more settled, **Robins** will start their own gold book assembly this Friday, initially in class and joining the rest of the school when they are ready.

Kindness

Swifts –Chloe, Kelcie and Coco for teaching and helping year 1 login on Lexia.

Hérons – Michael, for being incredibly kind and polite to all members of your class, including the adults.

Kestrels – Harry T for complementing people on their attire and making people smile and feel good.

Compassion

Swifts – Rosalie for showing compassion, supporting a reception child to become engaged in play activity.

Hérons – Harper for showing compassion by helping some year 3 children login to the laptops for the first time. Thank you for being helpful.

Kestrels – Guinevere, for supporting Ivy with her immobile leg: carrying her lunch box, moving chairs, holding opening doors etc etc.

Perfect Presentation

Swifts – Grace for her brilliant sounding out and beautiful handwriting when writing about Mary Anning.

Hérons – Theo, for taking time and care over presenting labelled diagrams to show how igneous rocks are formed.

Kestrels – Autumn, everything Autumn does is neat and tidy; even her editing. Her published work always to a very high standard.

Special mention to all year 6 who have come back as excellent role models and have helped the year 5s settle into the rules and routines.

Sports Star

Swifts – Oliver for demonstrating really good control when dribbling the ball.

Hérons – Mary-Ann, for giving 110% during a defending game. Well done for successfully keeping the ball out of the goal.

Kestrels – All children who went swimming the first time were well behaved and represented the school with pride.

Tackling Tables

100%: Bruce, Mary-ann, Willow B, Willow Q, Jackson

Forest School

Groot is awarded to Oliver for his helpfulness at Forest School.

Bowtruckle is awarded to Kason for listening so well and for all his super answers to questions.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER		
w/c Monday 14 th Sept		Afterschool clubs begin
Tuesday 15 th Sept		Music lessons start
Wednesday 16 th Sept		Yr 6 school council hustings
Friday 18 th Sept		Yr6 school councillors announced
Friday 18 th Sept		Bikeability Level 1 for selected Herons pupils
Monday 21 st Sept		Visit by 'Mary Anning' to Swifts class
Wed 23 rd Sept		Flu vaccinations for all pupils
Wed 23 rd Sept	3.15-3.45	Phonics info evening (yr R and 1 parents). Children will be looked after by Mrs Wright
OCTOBER		
Thurs 1 st Oct		Mr Nourish special lunch
Tues 6 th Oct		Supporting your child's behaviour workshop (invites to follow)
Tues 13 th Oct	3.30-5.30	Parents' evening
Thurs 15 th Oct	3.30 – 7.00	Parents' evening
Monday 19 th Oct	Am	Yr6 at crucial crew (Gresham Prep School)
Tuesday 20 th Oct		Measurement programme for Reception & Yr 6 pupils
Tuesday 20 th Oct	2.30	Harvest festival at the Church
Wed 21 st Oct		Final day of half term
NOVEMBER		

Monday 2nd 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		
Tuesday 15 th December	2.00	Christingle service at the Church
Friday 18 th Dec		Last day of Autumn term
Tuesday 5 th January		Pupils return to school