



Worstead CE VA Primary School

Honing Road
Worstead
North Walsham
Norfolk, NR28 9RQ
office@worstead.norfolk.sch.uk
01692 535309



Monday 21st September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Those of you with children in reception, yr 1, year 4 and year 6 should have received an email from me last week about statutory assessments this year. For all parents, early in this new academic year, a summary of our assessment processes in school might be beneficial.

Here ([Worstead Church of England Primary School - Assessment](#)) is a link to an assessment page on our website on which you'll find a summary of our processes together some guidance notes that are hopefully helpful. The first paragraph is probably the most important, so I copy it below:

*"What most of us think of when we think of assessment – tests at the end of a unit of study, or phase of school to measure achievement – is summative. In school, it's really only our end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs and teacher assessments of writing and science) that are summative. The vast majority of our assessment is **formative**. This is lower stakes and is used to inform teachers' feedback and planning. Formative assessments are generally used internally only to help to help the children make the best progress they can."*

So, we do assess, of course we do, but it's not all high-stakes tests while sat in silence. It's much lower key and done for the purpose of informing teachers' work.

If you have any questions about our assessment processes in school, your child(ren)'s class teacher is the first port of call. For more general information, you can always catch me on the gate or contact me via the school office.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Friends of Worstead School (FOWS)

The FOWS AGM is coming up - **2:30pm Monday 19th October** at the school. Please get along if you can.

For those new to the school, the FOWS are a charity run by parents. Their sole purpose is to support the school and, in my 10 years at Worstead, they have done that fantastically. So much so that many of the things that just feel like part of Worstead life are not possible without them – forest school, trips and visitors, book prizes, goldbook prizes, new play equipment, library upgrades, school discos, even Christmas crackers!

After several years of incredible success and support for our school, the current committee intend to step down at this year's AGM therefore we desperately need people to step forward to take on the roles of chair, secretary and treasurer. If you can spare any time to support the charity and keep it running for the benefit of all our children, please contact the committee on fowscharity@gmail.com. For whoever can step into the roles, the current committee will be on hand to transition you into the roles.

Before they finish their work, the current committee have a couple more fund-raising events:

- Second-hand uniform sale next Monday (28th Sept) after school (weather permitting)
- Final fundraiser is the summer raffle which will be drawn on September 30th. The top prizes are a gift voucher for Go Ape and one for The Colchester Inns group along with other prizes. (if anyone would like to donate a prize this can be dropped to the school office or to a member of FOWS and we would be extremely grateful). Tickets will be sent home with every child this week 😊

Notices

- See attached a flyer about a musical show at North Walsham library. I know Bertie from her work in schools and she's great so it should be good fun.

Out of school success:

Congratulations to...

- Mabel for achieving her Get Grooving and Sleepover badges from Rainbows. She worked really hard towards both badges and had great fun completing them!
- Avery for completing the library service's Summer Reading Challenge.



Gold Book (18.09.26)

Respect

Robins – Henry, for showing respect to others by listening to them and being ready to learn.

Swifts – Alfie for showing respect and listening carefully to adults when he is learning.

Hérons – Ariane, for being incredibly focused, engaged and ready to learn; by doing so, you are showing respect to the adults, your class and yourself. Well done!

Kestrels – Ivy B, for always listening and responding to feedback, modelling the class routines and expectations for others.

Compassion

Robins – Maddison, for fetching a toy to give to a friend who she saw was upset, so that they cheered up.

Swifts – Elliot for showing compassion by looking after a friend when they were upset.

Hérons – Alex B, for making compassionate choices at a time when they were needed by another.

Kestrels – Oakley, for being able to maintain a balance between supporting his peers making sure each have their say but also supporting through light-hearted humour.

Perfect Presentation

Robins – Caspar, for remembering to write his name on his artwork so that we knew whose it was.

Swifts – Merlin for his fantastic artwork using the techniques that we have been learning in class; cross-hatching, marks in different orientations, smudging and different pencil pressure.

Hérons – Ava, for taking pride in the presentation of your work; you are working incredibly hard to neatly and consistently join your letters.

Kestrels – Eva, for neatly presenting her work across the curriculum, modelling excellent control and penmanship.

Sports Star

Robins – All of Robins, for showing great Pirate skills and making sure that they were looking where they were going so that no one fell overboard the Pirate ship!

Swifts – Esme, for trying hard in PE, listening to instructions on how to bounce the basketball using her fingertips.

Hérons – Willow Q, for showing resilience and determination when joining in with group games during handball.

Kestrels – Bella and Rose for maintaining the stamina and breath control swimming in their group.

Tackling Tables

100%: Harry S

Forest School

Groot goes to Rosie as she was very good at checking if the acorns were good to plant, then carefully sowing the acorns and then asking about the acorns growing.

Bowtruckle goes to Chloe for her super effort creating her car from wood using her sawing and hammering skills.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER		
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
Monday 28 th September	3.15	FOW 2 nd hand uniform sale
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