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North Star Federation
guiding your child to a brighter future

Monday 9th November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Next week (w/c 16th November) is anti-bullying week.

"Organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is coordinated by leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau, Anti-Bullying Week has become one of the largest children's wellbeing campaigns in the UK, reaching an estimated 8 million children and young people and over 80% of schools each year."

More information can be found here: Anti-Bullying Week 2026: Break the Silence

As we have done before, we will start the week by encouraging all pupils and staff to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November. It's not compulsory and children do not need to bring anything in exchange. It is a symbolic gesture, aimed at demonstrating the diversity of the human race and celebrating the differences that can so often be the origins of uncertainty in others, leading in turn to unkind and ultimately bullying behaviour.

"This year's campaign - Break the Silence - will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.

The theme was developed in collaboration with the anti-bullying sector and shaped directly by the voices of more than 200 children and young people, many of whom spoke about the silence that can surround bullying and the barriers young people face in asking for help."

Throughout the week, classes will be looking at behaviours around bullying, those of perpetrators but also potential bystanders and others who can support victims. We will also be embracing the 'break the silence' theme as a way for children to access support for themselves and others, keeping on another safe. One of our assemblies that week will be a 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assembly provided by the NSPCC (Speak out Stay safe | NSPCC Learning).

I hope this is a useful 'heads up' should you children come home talking about it.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast
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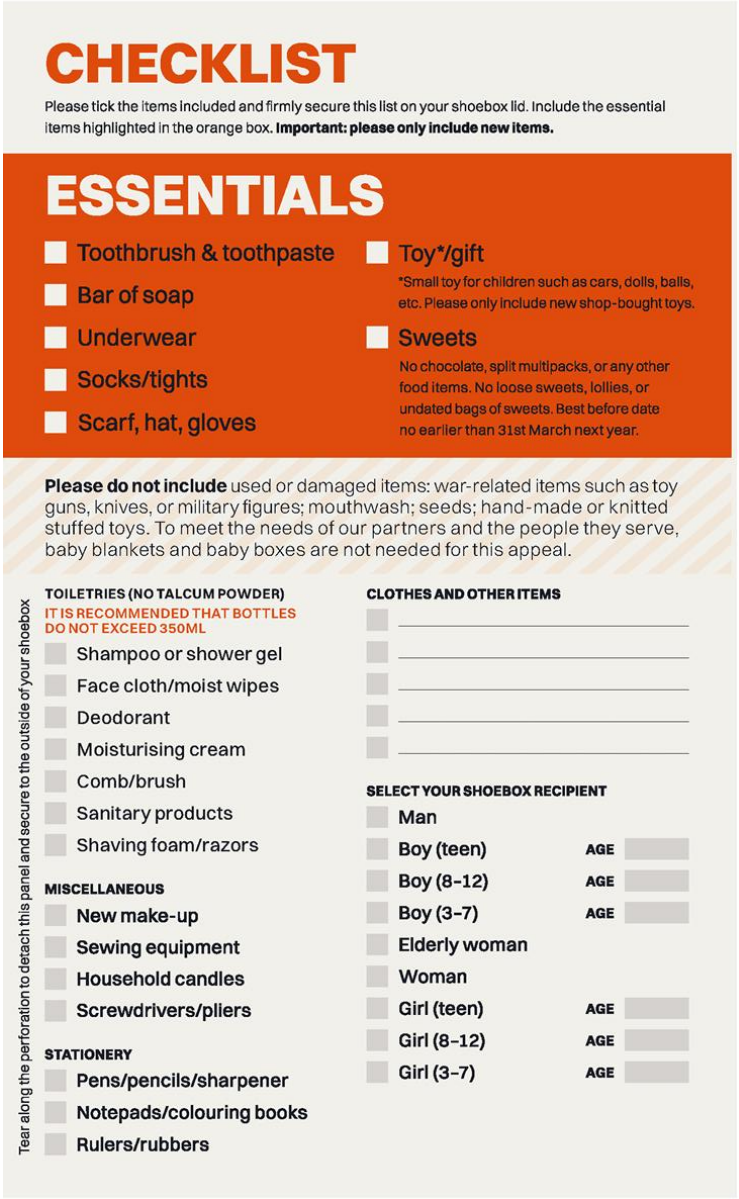
Shoebox Appeal

Last half term, our value was compassion. During assemblies and in class, the children thought about why compassion is so important and how they can show compassion towards their friends and other people.

To bring our learning to a close, we would like to give the children an opportunity to put compassion into action by taking part in the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. We are inviting families to consider donating items that will help bring joy to a child or adult who may be less fortunate than themselves.

Below is a list of suggested items that you could donate. Even something as simple as a toothbrush or a hat that no longer fits could mean so much to someone in need. We want the children to understand that it is not about how much we give, but the kindness and thought behind each donation.

There is no obligation to take part in this appeal, but if you would like to contribute, please send your donations into school by **next Friday 20th November.** Thank you.



CHECKLIST

Please tick the items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid. Include the essential items highlighted in the orange box. **Important: please only include new items.**

ESSENTIALS

- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Bar of soap
- Underwear
- Socks/tights
- Scarf, hat, gloves
- Toy*/gift — *Small toy for children such as cars, dolls, balls, etc. Please only include new shop-bought toys.
- Sweets — No chocolate, split multipacks, or any other food items. No loose sweets, lollies, or undated bags of sweets. Best before date no earlier than 31st March next year.

Please do not include used or damaged items: war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; mouthwash; seeds; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys. To meet the needs of our partners and the people they serve, baby blankets and baby boxes are not needed for this appeal.

Tear along the perforation to detach this panel and secure to the outside of your shoebox

TOILETRIES (NO TALCUM POWDER)
IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT BOTTLES DO NOT EXCEED 350ML

- Shampoo or shower gel
- Face cloth/moist wipes
- Deodorant
- Moisturising cream
- Comb/brush
- Sanitary products
- Shaving foam/razors

MISCELLANEOUS

- New make-up
- Sewing equipment
- Household candles
- Screwdrivers/pliers

STATIONERY

- Pens/pencils/sharpener
- Notepads/colouring books
- Rulers/rubbers

CLOTHES AND OTHER ITEMS

SELECT YOUR SHOEBOX RECIPIENT

- Man
- Boy (teen) AGE
- Boy (8-12) AGE
- Boy (3-7) AGE
- Elderly woman
- Woman
- Girl (teen) AGE
- Girl (8-12) AGE
- Girl (3-7) AGE

Netball Success

Our Year 5/6 netball team travelled to North Walsham High School on Thursday to take part in a netball festival, competing in a round-robin tournament against two other schools (two more having withdrawn on the day).

The team put in some fantastic performances, winning 5–0, drawing 0–0, winning 1–0 and finishing with a 3–0 victory. These brilliant results saw them crowned overall winners of the festival!

Even more impressively, the team didn't concede a single goal throughout the entire tournament, showcasing their outstanding teamwork, determination and defensive skills. Their excellent passing, netball skills, understanding and application of the rules, positive attitudes and hard work were evident in every game. They worked brilliantly together, supported one another and represented our school superbly.

We are incredibly proud of them all. A huge thank you to Mrs Hart for the time, dedication and hard work she has put into developing the team over the last couple of years. The progress they have made and the way they played on Thursday were a real testament to the fantastic work you have done with them.



Finally, a big thank you to North Walsham High School for providing transport and to their fantastic young leaders for organising such an enjoyable event and to Mrs Nicholson for volunteering as an additional adult.

Notices

- Please can you ensure that children do not climb over the picket fence behind staff cars in our gravel driveway. It is not a safe area for children, particularly with the pond there. With the conker collecting season behind us, the children's desire to do it doubtless be reduced, but it is worth noting all the same. Thanks for your help with this.
- Attached a flyer with details of events at the Black Swan in North Walsham, all organised by a retired headteacher, all not-for-profit, and many free.
- No running club this Friday 13th November.

Out of school success:

Congratulations to…

- Harriet for recently earning a swimming certificate. A great start to learning to swim 😊
- Monty for being selected and getting promoted to Senior Cadet at Joint Service Cadet Corps. A role with a lot of responsibility now, including laying the poppy wreath for the cadets at the Remembrance Service at the church. Yours and Riley's marching drill to the church was perfect too. Well done, boys, all your hard work paid off!





Gold Book (16.10.26)

Respect

Robins – Faith, you always show respect by listening during carpet times.
Swifts – Kason for showing respect and kindness to a friend when they were upset. He sat and read them a story to cheer them up.
Herons – Eva, for being incredibly focused during lessons which allows not only herself, but others around her to learn well.
Kestrels – Bella, for always modelling learning behaviours: listening to instructions and working well with any learning partner.

Perseverance

Robins – Nate, you have shown great perseverance during phonics lessons, trying hard to spell the words we have been learning.
Swifts – Louis for persevering with every challenge he is faced with in class. He takes care and pride to ensure he does his best in every lesson.
Herons – Romeo, for persevering with his learning in maths; well done for using the equipment to show your understanding.
Kestrels – Kacie and Rosie, for always doing their best and overcoming any obstacle in their way.

Perfect Presentation

Robins – Amelie, you have been trying hard to write all the letters of your name neatly.
Swifts –Jenson for presenting his math work neatly and making sure each digit was in a square.
Herons – Hartley, working hard to ensure each digit and symbol is written in its own square, and for leaving space between calculations so they are clear and allow space for editing.
Kestrels – Zara, for a beautiful published fictional story inspired by our Greek unit.

Sports Star

Robins – Jaxson, you joined in so well with our dancing lesson and showed us some great moves!
Swifts – Theo for excellent listening skills and working hard to follow instructions which resulted in a great gymnastic performance.
Herons – Harper, for smoothly linking her jumps and movements during gymnastics.
Kestrels – Ava, for demonstrating excellent ball control using the flat side of the hockey stick.

Reading Prizes

Herons: Ariane, Hugo, Ava

Tackling Tables

100%: Deyan, Jack, Lyra, Carter, Mabel, Merlin, Darcie, Bella, Monty
Gold star: Monty

Forest School

Groot goes to Hannah who put lots of effort and ideas into creating her bug habitat and play area which other children also took part in.
Bowtruckle goes to Jax - he worked really hard on the craft activity and was really engaged
A **special mention** to Willow Q who put some lovely thought into her autumn fairy doll that she was proud of.

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER		
Monday 9th Nov		M & M Pantomime in school for all
Thursday 12th Nov	2-3pm	Herons' family café. (Please arrive for 1:50 for refreshments, ready to start for 2pm)
Friday 13th Nov		School photographer for all pupils
Thursday 19th November	2-3pm	Kestrels' family café. (Please arrive for 1:50 for refreshments, ready to start for 2pm)
Thursday 26th Nov	a.m.	Community Café at Worstead village hall
Thursday 26th Nov	2-3pm	Robins' family café. (Please arrive for 1:50 for refreshments, ready to start for 2pm)
DECEMBER		
Thursday 3rd Dec	2-3pm	Swifts' family café. (Please arrive for 1:50 for refreshments, ready to start for 2pm)
Monday 7th December		Christmas performance (Time TBC)
Friday 11th December	5-7pm	FOW Disco at the village hall
Tuesday 15th December	2.00	Christingle service at the Church
Thursday 17th December		Christmas dinner
Friday 18th Dec		Last day of Autumn term
Tuesday 5th January		Pupils return to school