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North Star Federation
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Tuesday 24th November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our worship theme for this half term is perseverance. A quick internet search gives me the following definition:

"Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success"

This is all very well, but *how* does one persist and persevere, and how do we as adults in our children's lives model and instruct on that? The answer might be found in understanding resilience – similar to perseverance and one of our school values. Again, a quick search is instructive:

"The ability to adapt, recover, and remain flexible in the face of adversity, stress, or change, whether psychologically or physically"

So…we need to adapt, recover and be flexible. In school, we look to bring these elements into the classroom. Teachers will **adapt** teaching to meet the needs of pupils, collectively or individually. Instructions might be presented in different ways, learning environments adapted or alternative resources provided to support children's learning.

Recovery is important, too. Break and lunch times are the obvious example, but lessons might also be punctuated with movement breaks to allow children to reset, and learning might be paused when progress slows or stops, then revisited later when other learning is complete and more connections can be made.

Finally, **flexibility** in approach is explicitly taught by teachers. Making connections in learning deepens understanding and allows this flexibility in approach to problem solving. More than that, it is a key character trait of all adults working in the education system. The national curriculum doesn't change every year, but every day is different as children grow and mature, experience the ups and downs of friendships and their focus and enthusiasm ebbing and flowing. The demands of the school do likewise; especially so as we juggle trips, visitors, family cafes, rehearsals, performances and so much more.

Whatever challenges our children, our families and our staff might be facing at any point in time, I am proud that our team pulls together to model all the characteristics of resilience and perseverance to ensure that our school is a stable constant for our children.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast
Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Fantastic Footballers



A team of year 3 and 4 footballers represented the school at the Nest last week and did so with distinction. Coming up against some much larger schools (e.g. Norwich School and Wymondham College), they never gave up, working together to support one another to the last whistle. Not only should they be proud of their incredible resilience and perseverance on the pitch, but also for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout and representing the school so brilliantly. They were a credit to themselves and our school. We're very proud of you, team.

A big thanks to Mr Eldridge for being 'head coach' for the afternoon and for Mrs Eldridge, Mrs Plane and Mrs Andrews for also supporting during the afternoon.

Notices

- Cross country, postponed last week, has been re-arranged for next Tuesday 1st December 2026. Same children and timings as before so please let us know if you no longer consent for your child to attend and order any school packed lunches by next Monday 30th November 2026 so we can have them ready for the Tuesday.
- Thank you for your support for the Poppy Appeal – the school raised £166.16. Many thanks also to the school councillors who gave their time to organise the sales.
- Thank you also for your donations for the Norfolk Food Bank at our harvest festival. We donated a terrific 25.6kg for local families in need of extra support.

North Norfolk Foodbank
Together with Trussell



Amazing Harvest!

Worstead Primary School

Thank You for your incredible harvest donation of 25.60 kgs in support of North Norfolk Foodbank.

Your dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Out of school success:

Congratulations to…



- Rosalie competed in her first gymnastics competition on Saturday 21st November in Peterborough where she came away with four silver medals and 2nd place overall. She has also passed her karate green belt grading with an amazing A grade: she worked incredibly hard.
- Eva achieved her Stage 6 swimming certificate last week. She's already looking forward to starting stage 7. Well done, Eva.
- Finn who achieved his orange belt in Karate on Sunday!
- Kason who did amazingly at his karate grading, earning his green belt.
- Finally, Ebbie for achieving his orange belt **and** winning the best effort award trophy at the recent karate grading. Great work, everyone!











Gold Book (13.11.26)

Ambition

Robins – Leon for demonstrating ambitious strokes in his art, paying careful attention to the artist's work.
Swifts – Oliver for being ambitious in DT when building structures with different equipment.
Herons – Evie, for creating an ambitious plan, containing lots of facts and technical language, for her non-chronological report.
Kestrels – Guinevere for securing her own learning of long division and starting to teach other year 5s how to do it using the correct language and modelling excellent reasoning and technique.

Perseverance

Robins – Faith for showing great perseverance with her reading this week, trying hard to sound out and blend words.
Swifts – Archie for persevering with his handwriting and for always being up for a challenge.
Herons – Ivy B, for practising new addition methods in maths over and over, so that her confidence and understanding could continue to improve.

Kestrels – Annabelle, for auditioning for every part in the nativity play, putting herself forward and not giving up until she got a part.

Perfect Presentation

Robins – Jax for trying hard with his handwriting in phonics.
Swifts – Lyra for trying hard to listen to feedback on how to improve her handwriting. She is taking her time to ensure letters are formed correctly.
Herons – Hannah, for neatly presenting her ideas about Stone Age artefacts.
Kestrels – Harry W and Jessica for presenting their work beautifully during our planet speed dating activity.

Sports Star

Robins – Hattie for her amazing movements when dancing.
Swifts – Theo for excellent listening skills and working hard to follow instructions which resulted in a great gymnastics performance.
Herons – Harry, for demonstrating great sportsmanship and strategies during Mrs Hart's netball lesson.
Kestrels – Rose, for showing control of the ball in hockey. Stopping it and changing direction using a push pass to avoid an advancing defender.

Reading Prizes

Herons: Lily, Henry
Kestrels: Molly

Forest School

Groot goes to Henry for his super effort on the crafts and using the palm drill. He also really persevered climbing the tree ladder.
Bowtruckle goes to Darcie for her enjoyment planting and watering the spring bulbs.

Gold Book (20.11.26)

Resilience

Robins – Harper, for showing resilience with her reading and trying hard to blend the sounds to read the words in her book.
Swifts –Jack for showing resilience across all subjects, wanting to achieve to the best of his ability.
Herons – Henry, for not complaining when a computer error deleted his well thought out writing. He kept his head up and thought about how he could re-write it.
Kestrels – Molly, for not giving up when faced with long multiplication for the first time; she checked her tables at each stage of the method and now has a better understanding.

Perseverance

Robins – Iris, for showing perseverance with learning how to write the letters of the alphabet correctly.
Swifts – Esme for her amazing DT skills! She persevered and independently made different joins.
Herons – Ivy C, for trying so hard to remember how to lay out her drawings and column addition to show her exchanges in maths.
Kestrels – Rowan, for being determined to finish his anti-bullying poster; he shows a clear passion for any activity which involves any element of art or creativity.

Perfect Presentation

Robins – Hunter, for trying hard to form his letters correctly for spellings in phonics.
Swifts – Ebbie for trying really hard when writing his instructions, listening carefully on how to improve his handwriting.
Herons – Mary-Ann, for really thinking about how to neatly edit her non chronological writing about the Stone Age.

Kestrels – Harry T for using one digit per square to set out long multiplication. He has grown in confidence since last year and is achieving more every day.

Sports Star

Robins – No P.E. this week
Swifts – Coco for taking on the role of leader in gymnastics, helping others and demonstrating good moves for others to follow.
Herons – Bruce, Theo, Alex S, Eva, Harper, Pollyanna, Lily and Darcie – our fantastic footballers mentioned above.
Kestrels – Harrison, for showing skill and ball control when weaving around players using the reverse stick. Elijah, for performing a long pass by lifting the ball into the air.

Reading Prizes

Herons: Lily, Henry
Kestrels: Molly

Tackling Tables

100%: Deyan, Myles, Oscar B, Bruce, Hartley
Blue star: Deyan, Bruce

Forest School

Groot goes to Ezra for his super hammering and safe tool work. Great job.
Bowtruckle goes to Bruce, Romeo and Hugo for working together to make a fantastic hedgehog habitat. See enclosed photo.
Thank you to Mrs. Wall for kindly donating the boxes for the hedgehog homes.

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER		
Thursday 26th Nov		Community Café
Thursday 26th Nov	2-3pm	Robins' family café. (Please arrive for 1:50 for refreshments, ready to start for 2pm)
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 1st December		Cross country at Beeston Hall
Thursday 3rd Dec	2-3pm	Swifts' family café. (Please arrive for 1:50 for refreshments, ready to start for 2pm)
Monday 7th December		Christmas performances
Friday 11th December	5-7pm	FOWS Disco at the village hall
Tuesday 15th December	2.00	Christingle service at the Church
Thursday 17th December		Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th Dec		Last day of Autumn term
Tuesday 5th January		Pupils return to school
Friday 15th January		Class photographs