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Monday 15th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have the first full week of the school year under our belts now and the children have settled into the school year brilliantly.

At this time of each half term, we introduce the children to our worship value – the positive trait that we will be exploring during class and whole-school assembly time. This half term it is compassion, and I found a very simple but very effective definition last week, which I shared with the children:

Seeing someone (or something) who needs help and being that help.

The children all understand the overlap with the more general value of kindness and how it is more specific, applying to those in need. I hope, therefore, that we can dig a little deeper into it.

Last week, I shared how showing that compassion can be more difficult if we have been wronged first: perhaps if someone lashes out and hurts our feelings while they themselves are very upset and in need of compassion. We explored this through the bible story of the prodigal son, who wasted his father's inheritance but was still shown compassion when he returned home hungry and needy. I also shared a story from the Boast household of my own daughter getting scratched by our adopted kitten, Stumpy, when she was playing too rough despite being asked to be more gentle – I found it harder to find the balance between the compassionate cuddle and explaining the learning that she needed to take from it.

For our children, it is small, everyday acts of compassion, however difficult, that will develop them as young people and make our school the best it can be. I hope that all our new starters in school, who will all have needed support to settle in, have felt the warmth and compassion that I feel as I move around the school.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Reminders

- Please ensure that your children have a coat in school each day. The weather is changeable, and showers are unpredictable sometimes. If it's only raining lightly, we will take children outside for breaks but they will need a coat as a wet jumper is just no fun!
- Please ensure that your child has a (named) water bottle in school each day. We will always provide cups, but bottles tend to hold more water and can be sealed so make managing the day easier for staff and children alike.
- If you are providing your child(ren) with a breaktime snack, please can you avoid chocolate, crisps and other unhealthy options? Fruit and vegetables are ideal. Thank you.
- Can any children wishing to play football on the field at lunchtime bring in spare trainers and joggers that they can change into and out of during lunch? This helps us to keep mud outside the school.

Singers Required!

Norwich Cathedral Children's Choir is a music group for children in school years 2-6 who love to sing! It is free to join the choir and there is no audition required.

As well as singing for fun, the Children's Choir performs at various family services and events throughout the year, including the Cathedral's Christmas Eve crib service, on Mothering Sunday and at Easter.

See the attached flyer for more details about the choir and their special event on Saturday 4th October.

Out of school success

Congratulations to the following on their fantastic success outside of school:

- Harry W, who over the summer became the U10 boys England dry slope ski champion. He also won the ERSA championships, being the only person to attend every race and winning gold in them all. A fantastic achievement – well done, Harry!
- Oscar B for not only completing the Library Service's summer reading challenge, but getting a special achievement certificate for all the *extra* reading he did over and above the challenge – great work, Oscar!



Gold Book Prize-Winners – 12.09.25

Kindness

Swifts – Josie for helping the new year 1 children put away their things and help them tidy the classroom.

Hérons – Kyla, for kindly sharing equipment with others.

Kestrels – Sofia, for constantly asking for jobs and being well to help in the classroom. She has returned from summer fired up and ready to learning.

Compassion

Swifts – Mabel for helping a friend take their jumper off when she could see they were having difficulty.

Hérons – Jessica (nominated by Mrs TG), for recognising when a friend needed comfort, kindness and understanding.

Kestrels – Molly, for helping her learning partner in class to with their focus and challenging their thinking without telling them the answer.

Special mention – *All* of Robins who have made such a strong start to the school year, showing imagination, curiosity and kindness throughout the week. Well done! Their individual nominations will start with this week's goldbook, when they will have had another week in school and will be ready to join us in the hall.

Special mention – Noah, for an impressive start to year 6: he is an excellent role model for the year 5's.

Perfect Presentation

Swifts – Hannah for taking such pride in her writing this week.

Hérons – Harry S, for taking a lot of time and care when publishing his poetry.

Kestrels – Cody, for keeping his work neat, on the next page and not somewhere randomly in his book; he has been keeping to one digit per square.

Forest School

Groot is awarded to Merlin for his enthusiasm playing his whittled music sticks.

Bowtruckle is awarded to Mary-ann for her perseverance when whittling her music sticks.

Thank you to all of the Swifts for helping to harvest our fruit and vegetables from our new raised beds.



Diary dates

SEPTEMBER		
Tuesday 16 th September		Music lessons start
Wednesday 17 th September		Reception & Yr 6 screening programme (details already emailed out)
Monday 22 nd September		Flu vaccinations for all pupils
Wednesday 24 th September	15.15	Phonics information evening for reception and year 1 parents
Wednesday 24 th September	16.30-18.30 19.00-21.00	Open Evening at Aylsham High for year 6 pupils and parents -to book
Thursday 25 th September	17.30-20.30	Open Evening at North Walsham High for year 6 pupils and parents- no need to book
Tuesday 30 th September	18.00	Open evening at Broadland High for year 6 pupils and parents (plus two open mornings in October 7 th and 8 th - to book)
OCTOBER		
Wednesday 8 th October		Dental visit for Robins class
Monday 13 th October		Parents evening- all classes
Thursday 16 th October		Parents evening – all classes
Thursday 23 rd October	PM	Harvest Festival in the Church
Friday 24 th October		Last day of term
NOVEMBER		
Friday 7 th November	11.00	Open Day for new reception parents
Monday 10 th November	AM	Beauty and the Beast Panto

Wednesday 12 th November	2pm	Robins Family café
Friday 14 th November		School photos for all pupils
Wednesday 19 th November	2pm	Swifts' family café
Wednesday 26 th November	2pm	Kestrels' family café
DECEMBER		
Wednesday 3d December	2pm	Hérons' family café
Monday 15 th December	Afternoon and evening	Christmas performances
Thursday 18 th December	PM	Christingle at the Church
Friday 19 th December		Last day of term