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Dear Parent/Carer,

Some children love them, some children loathe them, few children will be neutral. Whatever our view on assessments, they are a part of school life. Statutory assessments in primary schools (those we are required by the government to do) include:

- Reception Baseline Assessment: children in reception answering English and maths questions 1:1 with their teachers
- Phonics Screening Check: children in year 1 reading 40 words with their teaching – 20 real and 20 'alien'
- Multiplication Tables Check: children in year 4 answer 25 times tables questions
- Yr 6 SATs: our oldest children sitting papers in reading, maths and grammar/punctuation/spelling

In addition to these and to the judgements teachers are making every lesson in every week about how well children have grasped taught content, we have our own internal assessments which children are doing either side of half term. I have written about these in newsletters before, but it bears repeating - these internal assessments are used to help teachers understand which learning has 'stuck' and which needs revisiting, either for a group of pupils or the whole class. While they may look more formal, they are no different to the questions asked of children and tasks set for children every lesson.

For our children in year 2 upwards, such assessments are termly and provide us with comprehensive information to use to help us plan and teach as effectively as possible. We understand that children react differently to such assessments and class teams will be working hard to ensure that the processes are as supportive as possible. If you have any questions at all, do speak to me on the gate, or to your child(ren)'s class teacher.

Have a fantastic week!

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Friends of Worstead School (FOWS)

The FOWS' latest newsletter is attached. As ever, please get in touch with them and support their work as much as you can – every penny they make goes towards enriching the children's experiences at Worstead. You can sign up to receive their newsletter direct by contacting them at fowscharity@gmail.com. I hope to see lots of you at the AGM next week.

Restart a Heart Day

Restart-a-heart day is a national campaign run by the Resuscitation Council of the UK and the British Heart Foundation to better prepare the public to recognise and treat cardiac arrest. This **Thursday 16th October**, Jayne Biggs from Heart2Heart Norfolk and Dom Lewis will be coming into school to raise awareness of the campaign and provide age-appropriate information and training. Please see the separate email for more information.

Half Term Cricket

Norfolk Cricket Foundation will be running FREE cricket courses at half term in the Sports Hall at North Walsham High School. The courses are designed for primary school age children, boys and girls. The courses are over three days, and are run by their ECB qualified coaches:

All Stars Cricket (Ages 5-8, Years 2-3)
Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th October
9:30-11:30am
<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

Dynamos Cricket (Ages 8-11, Years 4-6)
Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th October
11:45- 13:45
<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket>

Places are limited so it will be on a first come first served basis. Please email andy.boocock@norfolkcricket.co.uk if you are interested in your child attending, he will then send you details of how to book on.

Out of school success

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

- North Walsham U8 girls won their first match on Saturday! One vital goal to put us ahead for Eva and also player of the match! Two great goals from Darcie and excellent goalkeeping by Pollyanna. Well done girls.



Gold Book Prize-Winners – 07.10.25

Curiosity

Robins – Elliot for being curious about what he could do with the conkers, then deciding to carefully line them up in the guttering.

Swifts – Ebbie for showing great interest and enthusiasm when asking lots of questions about the Great Fire of London.

Hérons – Oscar W, for always being inquisitive during lessons, wanting to find out more about different topics and ideas.

Kestrels – Autumn and Rowan for being two of the first to be curious about long division and then listening to the modelled method during fluency sessions and teaching themselves. With some help from the year 6s, they can now do long division!

Compassion

Robins – All of Robins for showing great understanding of how the boy in our story (The Boy with Flowers in his hair) felt when he lost all of his flowers.

Swifts – Chloe for being a compassionate friend, always ready to help anyone who needs it.

Hérons – Darcie, for recognising when others need support and then taking time to do what she can to help them.

Kestrels – Esme, for always being willing to support her peers with a kind, cheery persona and Esme flare.

Special mention: Kacie in Herons (nominated by Mrs Wright), for showing a great deal of kindness and compassion towards a child in Robins class who was upset; she even read them a story to help cheer them up.

Perfect Presentation

Robins – Louis for taking such care when designing, drawing and colouring his Pink Panther.

Swifts – Willow B. for keeping her letters a consistent size and sitting them on the line.

Hérons – Rose, for ensuring her handwriting was consistently neat throughout her independent, story-writing task.

Kestrels – Annabelle, her work across all subjects is always neatly presented to a high standard; she is an excellent role model.

Sports Stars

Congratulations to the children who attended the Panathlon Challenge on Wednesday! They finished fourth overall while also winning in the beanbag toss activity. They were all incredibly supportive of one another and represented our school beautifully.

Tackling Tables

100% - Pollyanna

Reading Prizes

Hérons: Eva, Rose, Jessica, Molly, Kacie, Theo, Ivy

Forest School

Bowtruckle goes to Hugo for sharing his binoculars so that everyone could have a turn watching the Forest School Robin. He also set up a bird hide and camouflaged the binoculars so as not to frighten the birds as part of his nature club. Well done Hugo!

Groot goes to Deyan for his wonderful play on the swing and tyres in the forest. He has also become more confident sharing his magic moments in the fire circle. Well done Deyan!

Diary dates

Monday 13 th October	3:30-5:30	Parents evening- all classes
Thursday 16 th October	3:30-7pm	Parents evening – all classes
Monday 20 th October	2-4pm	Selected pupils at the Nest for football tournament
Wednesday 22 nd October	9.30-11.30	Yr6 pupils to Crucial Crew @ Gresham's school
Thursday 23 rd October	PM	Harvest Festival in the Church
Friday 24 th October		Last day of term
NOVEMBER		
Monday 3 rd November		Pupils return to school

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
Thursday 20 th November		Community café
Monday 24 th November	2-4pm	Selected pupils at the Nest for football tournament
Wednesday 26 th November	2pm	Kestrels' family café
Thursday 27 th November		Kestrels to Time and tide museum
DECEMBER		
Wednesday 3 rd December	2pm	Hérons' family café
Friday 12 th December	5-7 pm	Friends of Worstead Disco
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