



## **Worstead CE VA Primary School**

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Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Well, if you blinked, you missed it. The first half term of the year will be finished on Friday, and our wonderful children (and staff) have earned their week away from school. Before we break for half term, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our harvest service this week. This is our first church service of the year, and the children will be contributing to the service and the celebration of harvest. For those new to the school, all parents, carers and other family are welcome. Children will have their things with them and can be taken home from the church directly. Children not collected, or attending after school clubs, will remain in the care of school staff and will be walked back to school.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it into parents evening last week. The teachers enjoyed meeting you all and sharing how well the children settled into the new school year and, for many, new classes. We hope to see more of you after half term. Our family/learning cafes are taking place weekly, starting with Robins on Wednesday 12th November 2025. Again, for the newest members of our school, these are opportunities for you to join your children's classes for an hour at the end of the school day, sharing in their learning. We will provide tea and coffee; you just bring yourselves and a smile.

Whisper it quietly, but we will also be entering the festive season with nativity performances already in the diary and our traditional Christingle church service in. On top of that, we have a panto visiting in November (oh yes we do!), selected children in key stage 2 representing the school at a cross-country event, Kestrels class on an evacuee day, Robins to the library, Herons class and reception doing forest school and doubtless a lot, lot more.

So...much to look forward to but, in the meantime, thank you for your support this half term. Have a fantastic two weeks.

With kind regards

### **Steven Boast**

Executive Deputy Headteacher  
North Star Federation

### **School meals**

Our catering provider, Nourish, are running a new menu after half term. A copy is attached. Also attached is a letter from Nourish themselves detailing a price increase to £2.80 per meal. The letter states that the price increase is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 but please be assured that this will not be backdated but will be effective for Worstead from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

### **Harvest Appeal**

We will be collecting donations for a local foodbank at our harvest service this week. If you are able, please send a donation in with your child(ren) or bring it along yourself to our church service on Thursday. I attach a poster which details the good work the foodbank does and the items they need to support local families.

### Attachments for half term and other events from:

- North Walsham Library
- Icen Basketball Club
- Active Education

### Out of school success

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

- Another win for North Walsham U8 girls! Player of the match went to Lily who defended impeccably. Another 2 goals from Eva, including the winning goal! Darcie “the wasp” buzzed around the opposition, winning lots of tackles and dribbling the ball to safety! Well done again to all the girls.
- Alex S for his second player of the match award of the season at the weekend – go Alex!



### Gold Book Prize-Winners – 17.10.25

#### Kindness

**Robins** – Rosalie for showing concern for a friend when they hurt themselves.

**Swifts** – Kelcie for always being a great class helper. Seeing jobs that need doing without being asked.

**Hérons** – Evie for always being an enthusiastic, kind and helpful presence in the classroom; her smile brightens the room every day.

**Kestrels** – Isla for helping to explain and reword her explanations to help her peers and is always positive and kind day to day.

#### Compassion

**Robins** – Ethan for always showing awareness of his classmates needs and waiting for his turn to put his things away after phonics.

**Swifts** – Ava for helping a friend who was having difficulty with their computer.

**Hérons** – Bella, for being incredibly kind natured; she is always willing to lend a hand, or support to others when they need it.

**Kestrels** – Monty, for always being a caring team player and even is helping Cody with his chess club.

#### Perfect Presentation

**Robins** – Kason for taking his time to carefully draw his Super Sonic Car in drawing club.

**Swifts** – Josie for taking such care with her handwriting, ensuring letters are joined accurately.

**Hérons** – Pollyanna, for putting maximum effort into ensuring her handwriting and presentation is neat in every lesson.

**Kestrels** – Martha, for following the step-by-step instructions allowing her to draw a perfectly proportional self-portrait.

### Sports Star

**Robins** – Eleanor for carefully watching and copying her partners jumps and poses.

**Swifts** – Michael for being Miss Coby's able sports assistant.

**Hérons** – Alex S, for showcasing control and agility when dribbling a ball.

**Kestrels** – Rosie for resilience when diving into the pool.

### Tackling Tables

**100%** - Alex S, Harrison, Oscar W

### Reading Prizes

**Hérons:** Zara, Alex B, Evie, Eva, Lily, Ginny, Harrison

### Forest School

**Bowtruckle** goes to Bruce for his fantastic team work at forest school, helping to clear leaves for composting and habitat creation.

**Groot** goes to Chloe for always being curious and having a go at all things crafty sharing her ideas at forest school.

### Diary dates

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	2-4pm	Selected pupils at the Nest for football tournament
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	9.30-11.30	Yr6 pupils to Crucial Crew @ Gresham's school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	PM	Harvest Festival in the Church
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October		Last day of term
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November		Pupils return to school
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00	Open Day for new Reception parents
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	Beauty and the Beast Panto
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm	Robins Family café
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November		School photos for all pupils
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm	Swifts' family café
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November		Community café
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	2-4pm	Selected pupils at the Nest for football tournament
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm	Kestrels' family café
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November		Kestrels to Time and tide museum

<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Wednesday 3rd December	2pm	Hérons' family café
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	5-7 pm	Friends of Worstead Disco
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon and evening	Christmas performances
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	PM	Christingle at the Church
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December		Last day of term