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Monday 10th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

A belated but very warm welcome back to school and to the new half term.

Already this half term we have had a team of cross-country runners representing our school with distinction (more on them below) and panto in the school hall this morning (oh yes we have!) with the kind and generous support of the Friends of Worstead School (FOWS) and a grant they received from the Worstead Festival.

To come this week, we look forward to seeing lots of Robins' parents/families at our first learning café of the year on Wednesday. It's an opportunity to join your child in class for an hour, with refreshments on us! Arrive in time for a 2pm start. We'll finish around 3pm, allowing us time to tidy away before home time at 3.15pm.

School photos take place this Friday 14th November, so brush hair and encourage children to practice their smiles. The photos clash with this year's Children in Need, so we will be having a non-uniform, wear spots day this Thursday 13th November instead. Bring £1 and wear spots if at all possible. Socks, hairbands and even a homemade paper wristband will do the job – it doesn't have to be spots from top to toe or a big Pudsey bear onesie!

Looking further ahead, learning cafes continue each week, Robins are visiting the library, Swifts are touring the village, and we hope that Herons and Kestrels are each visiting the Time and Tide Museum. It's also Kestrels' first community café of the year next Thursday 20th November in the village hall. We'll also all start getting very excited about Christmas soon, with the performances on Monday 15th, Christmas jumper day and lunch on Wednesday 17th and our annual Christingle service on Thursday 18th December.

With so much to look forward to, it will, as ever, be a busy half term.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Children in Need 2025

Children in Need is next Friday 14th November 2025. That day clashes with our school photos (when children need to be in uniform), so we're going to have a 'dress spotty' day on **Thursday 13th November** instead. Very much like other mufti days – wear non-uniform in exchange for £1 to go to Children in Need – but spots are requested if at all possible, to link in with Pudsey's own headband. It doesn't have to be all spots – could be socks, a hairband, a belt or even a head/wristband made at home from a strip of paper and some coloured pens. We look forward to seeing everyone on the day and making our own little contribution to this fantastic cause.

Friends of Worstead School (FOWS)

The FOWS AGM took place before half term. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. I talk about it lots in newsletters, just how supportive the time and work of the FOWS is, as well as how the funds they raise supports the work of the school through:

- Subsidising trips and visitors
- Buying Goldbook and reading book prizes
- One off purchases like the panto, Christmas crackers, outdoor play equipment for Robins and more
- Enriching experiences like the termly discos and the Enterprise Challenge opportunities for Kestrels

Their next big event is the Christmas market on **29th November** and I attach a flyer. Last year, this was one of the flagship events for the FOWS and a big fundraiser. As well as the market, there is a wreath-making workshop which you can sign up for.

Please check your diaries, sign up for the workshop and make it along to the market if you can. It is perfect timing as far as decorations and present buying go, and as well as bringing festive cheer to your home, you will be supporting the FOWS and the school.

Cross-Country

We took over 20 runners from Key Stage 2 to Stalham last week to compete in cross-country races. Year 3 and 4 children ran 1,100m, while year 5 and 6 children ran 1,500m. All of the children tried their hardest and represented the school with distinction. Of the 14 schools/federations that took part, Worstead came a commendable 6th. Full finishing positions below and well done to absolutely everyone!

Eva E – 4 th	Rose W – 15 th	Eva F – 11 th	Ellie – 5 th
Darcie – 13 th	Jessica – 18 th	Martha – 12 th	Sofia – 13 th
Theo – 12 th	Ginny – 29 th	Rosie – 24 th	Rose S – 25 th
Alex S – 14 th	Harrison – 6 th	Rowan – 35 th	Isla – 30 th
	Elijah – 37 th	Riley – 37 th	Paige – 37 th
			Noah – 41 st

If your child finished in the top 10, they are invited to take part in a cross country event early in January and I attach a flyer with more information. As this is on a weekend, we will not be able to support with transport etc, but we would love to hear of anyone who takes part and how they get on.

Dogs

As the proud owner of a fox-red labrador called Dave, I know the benefits of pet ownership – companionship and exercise, but also someone who will listen without answering back! For my own children, they are developing an understanding of how to care for another living thing, putting Dave's needs before their own when it comes to wet and windy dog walks on weekend mornings.

However, I never had a pet growing up and I was at best anxious and at worst fearful of dogs – on my paper rounds, there were some doors I dreaded delivering to. We might have children in our school who are as anxious and uncertain as I was as a child and a busy drop off or pick up time is not the ideal environment to acclimatise them to animals, should they even wish to. That uncertainty and anxiety could lead to a difficult situation for both child and dog and is why we ask that dogs are not brought onto the playground. If you have your dog with you for drop off or collection, please wait to one side on the driveway or the footpath. We will spot you soon enough and release your child(ren) to you in the normal way. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Out of school success

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

- Everyone who earned a new belt in their karate grading over half term. So far, I know of Rosalie and Marcie – well done, girls!

Gold Book Prize-Winners – 07.11.25

Ambition

Robins – Jack, for trying hard to trace the lines of the letters on his busy mat and to complete all of it.

Swifts – Lyra for practicing a book at home then bringing it in to read to the class.

Hérons – Alex S, for completing a variety of challenges linked to Roman Numerals during maths this week.

Perseverance

Robins – Esme, for showing perseverance when her bike got stuck on the gate at tidy up time, telling me “I’m not going to give up!”

Swifts – Chloe for working so hard on her number bonds to 10 and not giving up.

Hérons – Harper, for having an incredible first week in Herons; she has shown great resilience and determination during lessons and when learning new routines.

Perfect Presentation

Robins – Ethan, for taking his time to draw his bear cave in Drawing Club, adding lots of details and writing his name neatly.

Swifts – Coco for forming her numbers so accurately.

Hérons – Ginny, for neatly presenting her understanding of flowering and non-flowering plants, by using a variety of diagrams, labels and fact boxes.

Kestrels – Rose, for her lovely neat presentation in science.

Reading Prizes

Hérons: Alex B, Harry S, Harry W, Isla, Henry

Diary dates

NOVEMBER		
Monday 10 th November	AM	Beauty and the Beast Panto
Wednesday 12 th November	2pm	Robins Family café
Thursday 13 th November		Non uniform day for Children in Need £1 donation
Friday 14 th November		School photos for all pupils
Wednesday 19 th November	2pm	Swifts' family café

Thursday 20 th November	10 – 11.30	Community café at the village hall
Friday 21 st November		Non uniform day- raffle prize donation for the FOW
Monday 24 th November	2-4pm	Selected pupils at the Nest for football tournament
Monday 24 th November		Swifts walk to the Church
Wednesday 26 th November	2pm	Kestrels' family café
Thursday 27 th November		Kestrels to Time and Tide museum
Saturday 29 th November	10 – 2pm	FOWs Christmas Fayre incl. wreath making workshop @ Worstead village hall
DECEMBER		
Wednesday 3 rd December	2pm	Hérons' family café
Wednesday 3 rd December		Swifts walk around Worstead village
Wednesday 10 th December		Last Dance afterschool club
Friday 12 th December	5-7 pm	Friends of Worstead Disco
Monday 15 th December	Afternoon and evening	Christmas performances
Tuesday 16 th December		Hérons trip to Time and Tide museum
Wednesday 17 th December		Christmas lunch- Details to follows and Christmas jumper day
Thursday 18 th December	2pm	Christingle at the Church
Friday 19 th December		Last day of term
Tuesday 6 th January 2026		Pupils return to school