



News Sheet



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Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

Starfish Preschool

We may have only been in school two days this week, but they have been an amazing two days!

The children have been very excited to come back to Starfish and tell us all their news from the 6 weeks holiday, making sure they took turns, using their listening ears to know when to talk and when to listen to their friends.

Starfish have also been busy exploring the classroom this week, and looking at the different areas. They have been especially keen to paint in our new painting tray. Using only 3 colours, the children used their imagination to paint people,



places and objects describing what they got up to during the summer.

In our outside area, the children have tried to keep cool by playing with ice and water in the tuff tray and chose to add a variety of sea creatures to splash around with.

In the mud kitchen, Starfish have used the bark and water to create different flavoured pies and teas for the adults and their friends to try. They even reminded us to blow on our food in case it was too hot!

Seahorse class

We have been so proud of how well year 1 and 2 have come back. They have also been amazing at supporting the Reception children around the class, adapting to new

routines and being outside. We have spent our mini week learning about the JONK characters and what each JONK skill is (JONK=Joy of not knowing). We have completed activities and then thought about which skills we have used. Years 1 and 2 have also looked at the learning pit and are aware that it is ok to make mistakes and not know things.



Dolphin class

Dolphins have settled in well coming back into school from the holidays, with everyone ready for the new learning challenges ahead.

This short week has been 'learning to learn' week, where the children have been discovering how we learn and develop. This has included learning about how to have a growth mindset, using the power of yet, the learning pit and our JONK characteristics to support our learning.

We refreshed ourselves on the JONK characteristics this week by completing a range of activities. For the resourceful and creative JONK we had to create a boat using items in the classroom that we thought would float. For curiosity we investigated different questions that intrigued us and for resilience we tried to solve some hard puzzles.

The class has worked so hard this week and I am looking forward to the learning journey we are going to have this year together!



Shark Class

It has been wonderful welcoming Sharks back to Bacton this week, I am incredibly impressed by the manner in which they've returned. They've arrived happy, eager and ready to face the challenges of the year ahead.

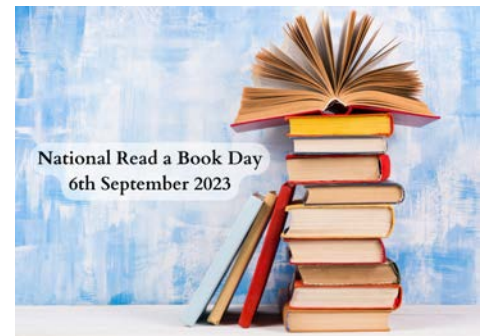
We have spent the week looking into the way we learn and how we can develop a growth mindset that can help us become confident life-long learners. We have also started a fierce intra-class competition via Times Table Rockstars that currently sees

Year 5 edging into the lead... We will reveal the winning year group next Wednesday!

All in all, it has been a fantastic start to the year!

Mental Wellbeing

During the year we will be raising awareness of mental wellbeing and celebrating awareness days. This week it was National Read a Book Day on Wednesday. What book have you read this week with your child/ren? Next week includes Roald Dahl Day so maybe share a book this weekend on Roald Dahl then the children can share their favourite character.



The day I am most looking forward to is National Doodle Day, a day to embrace doodling. What is your favourite doodle?



Celebrating and Sharing Our Successes

In next week's news sheet and from there onwards we will be sharing with parents and carers our JONK award winners for the week as part of our celebrating and sharing success.

Teachers and TAs will be looking out for children who demonstrate the JONK skill of ??





You're invited to join us on
Friday 29th September
2:00-3:15
For Macmillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan Coffee Story Cafe

If you're free why not join us for our Macmillan coffee story cafe on Friday 29th September 2:00-3:15? There will be a shared story, a chance for you to work alongside your child in and out of the classroom before parents and carers return to the hall for the opportunity to sit back and chill, chatting over coffee and cake. Children will be able to purchase cake and juice with all funds raised going to Macmillan Cancer. To support the event please send any **cake donations** to the school office on Thursday 28th or Friday 29th September. Thanks you for your anticipated support.

Online Safety

Following on from our online safety leaflets last academic year, what better way to start the year than with some Back to School tips?



Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 95.69%

Seahorse class attendance year to date 97.89%

Dolphin class attendance year to date 92.73%

Shark class attendance year to date 95.24%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Sharks with 97.89%

Well Done Seahorse Class

Return to school in September 2023

You may remember that back in the autumn term we consulted on changes to the start and end time of the school day inline with the government white paper. From September 2023 our start and end of day time will be changing - see below

Start	8.35-8.45 drop-off (8.45 the doors close)
Finish	3.15 pickup

Reminders

School Lunches

Please check the school website for the Spring/Summer Menu
There has been some waste lately, please ensure that you order a meal that your child will eat.

PE Days

On the day your child has PE please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit. If they are taking part in sports club and it is not their PE day they should come to school in their uniform and bring kit to change into.

PE Seahorse Class - Years R, 1 and 2

Monday and Thursday

Dolphin and Shark Classes - Years 3, 4,5 and 6

Thursday and Friday

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
14/09/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub - New permission letter has been issued.
18/09/2023	All Day	Year 5 and 6 on road cycling proficiency tuition for those already booked
19/09/2023	All Day	Year 5 and 6 on road cycling proficiency tuition for those already booked
21/09/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
28/09/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
29/09/2023	2:00-3:15	Macmillan Story Cafe - Parents invited into school to join us for a story, craft activities and refreshments
05/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
12/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
19/10/2023	2:00-3:15	Harvest Festival - Parents invited into school - letter to follow

19/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club delivered by Premier Sport - Ball Skills and Music Club delivered by the Norfolk Music Hub
19/10/2023	3:15	Break up for October Half Term Holiday
30/10/2023	8:45	Return to school from October Half Term Holiday

Term Dates

Norfolk County Council 2023-2024 Coastal Together

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

Key:
 White dates - schools open to pupils
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
 Red dates - bank holiday
 Staff Training Days (The remaining 2 Inset Days will be disaggregated into 6 Twilights, 1 per Half Term)

All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.

In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240

The link below has more information about fixed penalty notices.
[Fixed Penalty Notices](#)

