



# News Sheet



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## Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

### Starfish Preschool

Christmas has finally arrived at Starfish!

At the end of last week, the children helped to decorate the classroom, and in particular the Christmas tree! They were brilliant at taking turns to put the baubles on the tree and the older ones were amazing at helping the younger children and



making sure they got a turn to decorate too.

We have also had a visitor from the North Pole come and join us for the rest of term. Meet Tinsel the Elf! Tinsel is here to help spread joy and cheer in Starfish whilst maybe getting up to a little mischief...



In Maths, Starfish have been working on their number skills this week. With the help of the Numberblock characters, the children have been learning how to carefully count and find the right amount of objects for each number. The children

have then been able to extend this into their play, by counting how many bricks they have when creating towers or how many trains are riding along the train track.

The children have also been working on their fine motor skills in the creative area. Using old Christmas cards, scissors and glue, the children have been creating their own Christmas collages. They talked about what colours and pictures they liked the best and told me how



they were being safe with the scissors - by sitting down at the table and holding them sensibly when moving around with them.

## Seahorse class

This week Year 1 and Reception have been busy writing about Superworm in Drawing Club. They have written about different ways they can capture a monster that is trying to take Superworm as well as describing Superworm himself. Meanwhile Year 2 have been working their way through The Jolly Christmas Postman. They have been looking at the different letters that he has delivered and started writing some of their own to Humpty Dumpty.

We have all been practising our song ready for the production. Reception and Year 1 have been joining in really well with the actions and are remembering some of the words now as well. We can't wait to be the warm up act for the production next week.

On Wednesday we had a lovely time when the PTFA came in to do some winter crafts with us. We have decorated jars, made lollipop trees and reindeer as well as decorating candy canes.





## Dolphin class

Dolphins have had a fantastic week finishing our very popular Battle of Britain Topic with a wonderful experience day provided by Black Knight. In the morning, it was great to see all the amazing costumes the children were wearing, really feeling like we had gone back in time to 1940s wartime Britain.

In the first session, Dolphins were with Mr Splicer, an Air Raid Warden, who told and showed us about his role in the Second World War. This involved sounding an air raid siren, disposing of bombs, putting out fires, identifying butterfly bombs and much more. The children got to have a chance with each piece of equipment that was used in the home front war effort. The funniest part was everyone getting drenched with the firehose, accidentally of course.

After break, we were with Molly learning all about rationing. The children, who we found were cheese and egg lovers, could not believe how little cheese and eggs people were allowed during wartime. They were also not keen on the idea of 'mock banana', which was made from boiled parsnips, sugar and banana essence.

In the afternoon, the children got a lot more hands on. First, they had a go at milking a cow with Mrs Bellison (not a real cow unfortunately), some of the class were naturals at this. Then, we were back with Mr Splicer who taught us how to be soldiers and put us through our paces on an obstacle course, carrying guns, ammo, barbed wire and even a casualty of war. After this, the children were over codebreaking a German message with Mr Wilson. The children enjoyed trying to crack the code, with many working on the code over the last couple of days to complete it.

The Class had a fantastic day but attention now returns to the Christmas Production which starts on Thursday. The children have been working very hard on preparing over the last couple of weeks and we are very excited to invite you all to come watch, support and have a laugh with us.





## Shark Class

What a week! It has been full on in Sharks this week as we begin winding our Battle of Britain topic to a close with a wonderful experience day provided by Black Knight Historical as well as rehearsals in full swing ahead of next week's Christmas Production.

The children have kept up very very well and some of the questions being asked around WW2



were incredibly thoughtful and curious. We had



people holding a Lee Enfield rifle like they were a Private on the shooting range, learned each individual salute for the separate Armed Forces and spent some time looking at just how little cheese you get for an entire week whilst rationing! In the afternoon, we ran an assault course, de-coded a secret message about an invasion from Germany and had a go at turning old hessian sheets into high-end rugs to brighten up the war-time living room. With just one more full week of learning left, we are all very excited to see what else is left before we all take a

very well deserved rest!

Well done Sharks.

## Mental Wellbeing

December is a quiet month for raising awareness, but it is an extremely important time to be aware of the factors that can lead to mental health issues. Christmas can be a fun exciting time for some, but approximately a quarter of the population say it can make them feel worse. If you are finding times difficult please contact Mrs Winchester to arrange further support and advice.

A busy month to end the year, a number of craft activities, lots of singing, acting and plenty of festive activities.

We mentioned the word resilience previously as a word we use constantly in school. Well, this week we have another fantastic example of a child being resilient. This child has become famous this week and made his classmates very proud to know a famous person. He appeared on Heart Radio for an interview to discuss how amazing he has been this year. He has been faced with some challenging moments, but his strong resilience has made him grow and grow. We are very proud of him. He met with Amanda Holden and Jamie Theakston on radio and has taken part in a present hunt in Leicester Square. The family will also get to go to Lapland courtesy of Dunelm as part of this wonderful experience. What an amazing time of year to be in London too!





Miss Lucas had to demonstrate her resilience too as she was interviewed on the radio to discuss how proud she was of her pupil.

The PTFA are running a 'Find Santa's Presents' number square. £2 a square for a chance to win a cash prize.

There will also be a raffle and sweet tombola at the Christmas Productions next week along with refreshments.

PTFA Fancy Dress costume donations



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

### INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up, just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

### REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

### MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

### ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

### PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

### IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

### CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

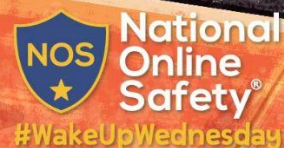
When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

### THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

### Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with more than 30 years' experience working with children, families, and adults in education, local authority, and mental health settings, both in the UK and internationally. She has developed online safety training for local authorities and foster care agencies across Britain and is the online safety expert for FosterWiki.



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## Safeguarding

### Help with Living Costs this Winter

Winter 2023/24 Norfolk Assistance Scheme can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water, and other household essentials including white goods. Click on the link for more details:

<https://csapps.norfolk.gov.uk/csshared/ecourier2/fileoutput.asp?id=54504>



# Help with living costs

You may be struggling with living costs for a range of reasons. This leaflet tells you what support is available and how to get advice. You can also find this information on our website [www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving). If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can go online at any of our Norfolk libraries.

There is also a cost of living hub provided by the government which contains useful information. This can be found at [www.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living).

**Winter 2023/24**



## Lighthouse Lookout

Dolphins and Sharks previously nominated themselves to be part of the Lighthouse Lookout Crew. A great opportunity for the children to learn new skills and support others. The Lighthouse Crew gains the pupils' voice and allows the children to raise awareness and support others within the school. For each role there is a Shark and Dolphin with the Head Pupils supporting the roles alongside Mrs Winchester and Mr Austin.

### *Lead Lookouts Head Pupils*



### *Mental Wellbeing Lookouts*



### *Young Carers Lookouts*



### *Safeguarding Lookouts*



### *Anti-Bullying Lookouts*



### *Diversity Lookouts*



### *Friendship Lookouts*



## **Road Safety**

It has been great to see so many children and parents walking to school where possible and even those arriving by car have been parking a short distance away at the Priory or the community centre and walking to school from there. During the week there will be a road safety assembly to remind the children how to cross the road safely and this will be linked with stranger danger and dark nights. Please help us with this by ensuring that parents and carers park legally, safely and sensibly. Thank you for helping us keep your child/children safe.



### **Celebrating and Sharing Our Successes**

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 a range of our JONK skills next week.

### **Seahorse Class JONK certificate this week**



### **Dolphin Class JONK certificates this week**



### **Shark Class JONK certificate this week**



# Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 95.94%

Seahorse class attendance year to date 95.99%

Dolphin class attendance year to date 95.35%

Shark class attendance year to date 96.30%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Sharks with 96.83%

**Well Done Shark Class**

**Every School Day Matters**  
School and future success starts with good attendance!

Going to school helps children to:

- ✓ Learn
- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Make Friends
- ✓ Get new experiences
- ✓ Increase their confidence and most of all...
- ✓ Have the best start in life

**DAILY LATENESS equates to...**

3 DAYS LOST (5 MINUTES LATE) = 15 hours of lost learning

6 DAYS LOST (10 MINUTES LATE) = 30 hours of lost learning

10 DAYS LOST (15 MINUTES LATE) = 50 hours of lost learning

Education is important - don't miss out!

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Attendance levels and their equivalents:

- 100% PERFECT (100% Attendance)
- 98% IMPRESSIVE (Equates to 4 school days off each year)
- 96% GOOD (Equates to 7 school days off each year)
- 95% NEARLY THERE (Equates to 9 school days off each year)
- 94% NEEDS TO IMPROVE (Equates to 11 school days off each year)
- 90% DANGER ZONE (Equates to 1 month off each year)
- 80% EXTREME IMPACT (Equates to 2 months off each year)

**Every Day Counts** ✓

Missing a day of school a week is the same as missing over 2 years of school.

## Reminders

### School Lunches

Please check the school website for the Autumn/Winter Menu

### 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

<b>Dolphin and Shark Classes - Years 3, 4,5 and 6</b>	<b>Thursday and Friday</b>
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**Uniform**

**Order directly through Birds of Dereham (any time)**

<https://www.birdsofdereham.com/>

Or place your order on the School Money System before the cut off dates below.

**Order Through School - Dates 2023/24:**

1. Order Cut Off: Fri 6th October 2023 - Delivered in November 2023
2. Order Cut Off: Fri 16th February 2024 - Delivery in March 2024
3. Order Cut Off: Fri 26th April 2024 - Delivery in May 2024
4. Order Cut Off: Fri 7th June 2024 - Delivery in July 2024

	<b>Sweatshirt</b>	<b>Cardigan</b>	<b>Fleece Jacket</b>	<b>Delivery charge</b>
Order through school (includes 10% discount)	£10.50	£12.00	£14.50	Free

If you have any queries please contact the School Office.

<b>Dates for the Diary</b>		
Date	Time	Event
12/12/2023	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club
13/12/2023	3:15-4:00	Homework club
14/12/2023	9:30-10:30	Christmas Performance - Don't be Afraid, ticket only event for parents and carers - ticket booking letter issued
14/12/2023	Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch
14/12/2023	3:15-4:15	No Music Club today
14/12/2023	3:15-4:15	Football after school club provided by Premier Sport
15/12/2023	14:00-15:00	Christmas Performance - Don't be Afraid, ticket only event for parents and carers - ticket booking letter issued
19/12/2023	9:00-1:30	Sheringham Little Theatre Whole school Panto visit Years R-6
19/12/2023	3:15-4:15	Active Outdoor Club

<b>19/12/2023</b>	<b>3:15-41:15</b>	<b>Final Music club session</b>
<b>20/12/2023</b>	<b>3:15-4:00</b>	<b>No Homework club today</b>
<b>02/02/2024</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>NSPCC Number Day - 'Dress up for Digits' to raise money for the NSPCC</b>
<b>05/02/2024</b>	<b>All Week</b>	<b>Children's Mental Health Week - Activities for the week</b>
<b>07/02/2024</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Year 4 residential - Hilltop</b>
<b>08/02/2024</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Year 4 residential - Hilltop</b>
<b>09/02/2024</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Year 4 residential - Hilltop</b>
<b>7/3/2024</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>15/3/2024</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)</b>
<b>23/04/2023</b>	<b>12:30-5:30</b>	<b>Year 6 STEAM competition event at Greshams School Holt - letter to follow</b>
<b>13/05/2024</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs tests - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test</b>
<b>14/05/2024</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs tests - Reading test</b>
<b>15/05/2024</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs tests - Maths papers 1 and 2</b>
<b>16/05/2024</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs tests - Maths paper 3</b>
<b>15/07/2024</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight</b>
<b>16/07/2024</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight</b>
<b>17/07/2024</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight</b>
<b>18/07/2024</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight</b>
<b>19/07/2024</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight</b>
<b>19/07/2024</b>	<b>3:15</b>	<b>Break up for the Summer Holidays</b>

# Term Dates

**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](#)

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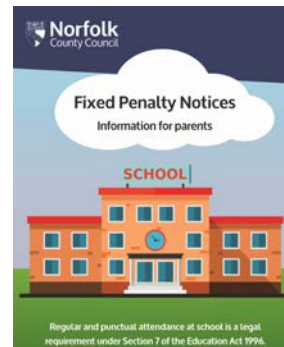
Key: White dates - schools open to pupils  
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday  
 Red dates - bank holiday  
 Staff Training Days (The remaining 2 inset days will be disaggregated into 6 Twilights, 1 per Half Term)

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 Staff Training Days (2nd and 3rd Sept and 6th Jan. (The remaining 2 days will be disaggregated into 6 twilights))



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#### Dates

**Saturday 11th, 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec** (2.00-3.00pm or 3.00-4.00pm) @ Sewell Park Academy, St Clements Hill, Norwich, NR3 4BX

**Saturday 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd, 9th Dec** (10.00-11.00am or 11.00-12.00noon) @ Great Yarmouth Charter Academy, Salisbury Road, Great Yarmouth, NR30 4LS

**Saturday 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd, 9th Dec** (3.00-4.00pm or 4.00-5.00pm) @ Aylsham High School Sports Hub, Palmerston Way, Aylsham, NR11 6FN

#### Price

Places on the course cost £50 per child (plus booking fee). Don't worry if your child doesn't have their own bike or helmet as we can lend them both.

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