



# News Sheet

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Autumn  
Term



15.12.23

## Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

### Starfish Preschool

We have continued with our Christmas festivities this week and have been using our creativity to make cards, decorations and even some special Christmas Chocolate.

At the beginning of the week, the children worked with an adult to make their families a Christmas card and a special Christmas ornament. They were amazing at listening to the instructions to paint and decorate the front of their card before each having a go at making a mark or even writing their name in their card.



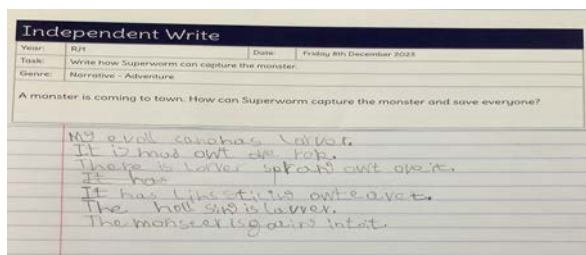
Tinsel the Elf has been out and about as well this week, choosing different activities to delight the children with each morning. One of the favourite activities that was out was the Santa Workshop tray. The children enjoyed role playing being Santa, the elves and the reindeer, and creating stories centred around Christmas Eve. In the tray, there was a long gold chain. The children began thinking about how long it was and started to measure it against the chairs, tables and themselves, talking about if it was shorter or longer.

On Tuesday afternoon, the children made an extra special treat for their gift bags that will go home at the end of the week. After melting the chocolate, the children used wintery sprinkles, smarties as baubles and marshmallow snowballs to decorate. And we ended our week with our Christmas Celebration Morning on Friday where the children got to wear some Christmas outfits, they had a special Christmas dinner snack and enjoyed dancing to Christmas music!

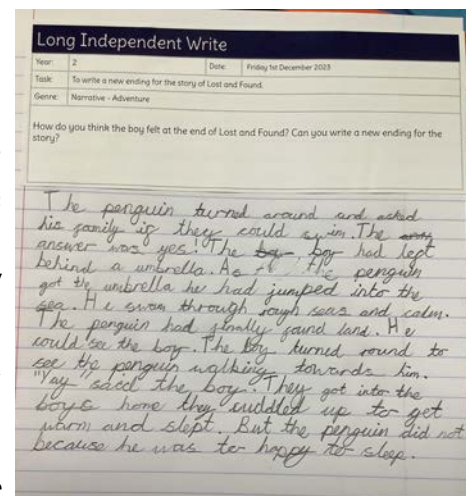


## Seahorse class

This week Seahorses worked very hard to show how much their writing has improved by completing their tracker books. Years 1 and 2 enjoyed seeing how far they have come from when they started writing in them in Reception. Year 2 have finished their writing about 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' by writing their own letters. It was a lovely way to end the year.



Meanwhile, Reception and Year 1 have been writing about 'The Poddington Peas' and their adventures in a hot air balloon.



We have had great fun in the tough spot making patterns in the flour and practising our letter formation as well as playing with the dolls house. All the dolls have had all sorts of adventures. Seahorses have all worked very hard to learn our song for the production. They have been incredibly resilient and not let being on stage faze them at all. We are very proud of them.



## Key Stage 2

This week has all been about one thing and one thing only - The Christmas Performance! Dolphins & Sharks have been excellent, working hard to learn their lines, remembering lyrics to new songs and organising dance routines, and that's before we started worrying about costumes, props and all of the other bits and bobs that need to come together to pull off a cracking Nativity - It has been great to see everyone pull together and make the most of this opportunity to perform.



When they haven't been practising or performing, KS2 have spent time this week working on their Personal Projects. Their goal was to make a presentation about something they were interested in by researching and sharing their ideas via Google Slides. I am really looking forward to learning all about the game of Futsal, the History of Games Consoles, The various Furys of the How to Train Your Dragon universe and much much more. Keep up the enthusiasm, only three more days to go!

## **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.

## **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/cssshared/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

**Help for Households**  
Norfolk

**Norfolk**  
County Council

## 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.



## **Attendance/Safeguarding**

**Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%**

**Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 95.72%**

**Seahorse class attendance year to date 95.85%**

**Dolphin class attendance year to date 94.95%**

**Shark class attendance year to date 96.10%**

**The class with the highest attendance this week was Sharks with 93.65%**

**Well Done Shark Class**



## 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**

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

**Thursday and Friday**

## 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

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

If you have any queries please contact the School Office.

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
19/12/2023	9:00-1:30	Sheringham Little Theatre Whole school Panto visit Years R-6
19/12/2023	3:15-4:15	No Active Outdoor Club today
19/12/2023	3:15-4:15	Final Music club session
20/12/2023	3:15-4:00	No Homework club today
02/02/2024	All Day	NSPCC Number Day - 'Dress up for Digits' to raise money for the NSPCC
05/02/2024	All Week	Children's Mental Health Week - Activities for the week
07/02/2024	All day	Year 4 residential - Hilltop
08/02/2024	All day	Year 4 residential - Hilltop
09/02/2024	All day	Year 4 residential - Hilltop
7/3/2024	All day	World Book Day
15/3/2024	All day	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
23/04/2023	12:30-5:30	Year 6 STEAM competition event at Greshams School Holt - letter to follow
13/05/2024	All Day	Year 6 SATs tests - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test



14/05/2024	All Day	Year 6 SATs tests - Reading test
15/05/2024	All Day	Year 6 SATs tests - Maths papers 1 and 2
16/05/2024	All Day	Year 6 SATs tests - Maths paper 3
15/07/2024	All day	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
16/07/2024	All day	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
17/07/2024	All day	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
18/07/2024	All day	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
19/07/2024	All day	Year 6 residential - Isle of Wight
19/07/2024	3:15	Break up for the Summer Holidays

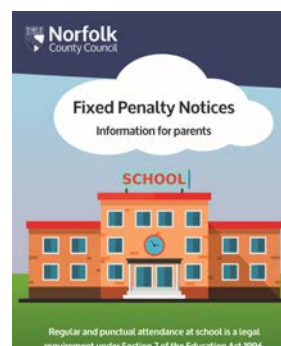
## Term Dates



**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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## SWIMMING LESSONS

**ARE YOU LOOKING TO GET STARTED IN  
SWIMMING LESSONS?**

- LESSONS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES & ABILITY'S
- SPACES AVAILABLE NOW
- SWIMMING LESSONS RUN 50 WEEKS OF THE YEAR
- EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL & WEEKENDS TOO
- £38.54 A MONTH PAID BY DIRECT DEBIT
- CHILD RECEIVES FREE SWIMMING IN ALL PUBLIC/FAMILY SESSIONS

**JOIN OUR AWARD-WINNING SWIMMING LESSONS**

**& GET A FREE 6 MONTHS KIDS PASS\***

- UP TO 57% OFF DAYS OUT & ATTRACTIONS
- KIDS GO FREE AT AQUARIUMS, RESTAURANTS & MORE
- 30% OFF ADULTS & CHILD CINEMA TICKETS
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## LITTLE RIDERS

Children's Cycling Courses



### Learn to Ride Courses

#### Description

Our Learn to Ride course (4 x 1hr lessons) is designed for children aged 4-10 yrs who would like to learn how to ride a bike with pedals by themselves.

#### 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.

#### Book Now

For more information and to book a place visit [www.littleridersuk.co.uk/learnride/](http://www.littleridersuk.co.uk/learnride/)



## MULTI RACKET SPORTS CROMER TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB



**Thu 21 & Fri 22 December**  
**10am-2pm**

- Squash
  - Tennis
  - Table Tennis
- with our qualified coaches



**FREE** to children  
eligible for FSM  
(via Big Holiday Fun)  
or £20 per session  
(members £15)  
Ages 8 - 11 (approx)  
**LUNCH PROVIDED**



**Limited spaces:**

Call 01263 513741 to book or visit  
[everymove.co.uk](http://everymove.co.uk) for BHF places



