



# News Sheet

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## Another Fantastic Week - 'Growing Together'

### Starfish Preschool

It has been a cold, wintery week in Starfish but that has not stopped the children!

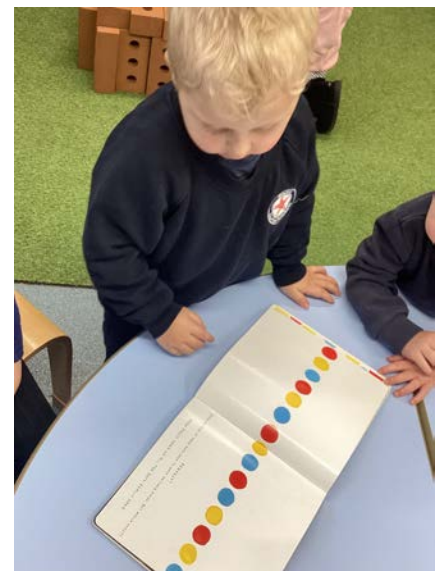
On Monday, the children got very excited to see that it was snowing. So we wrapped up and ran outside to watch the snow fall. The children loved watching it and trying to catch it in their hands or even on their tongue! After some time spent outside, we then came in to warm up with a treat of hot chocolate at snack time.



This week, we have also been exploring shapes and patterns. The children used paint and different sponges and rollers in the tuff tray to mix the colours together and make patterns. Starfish have also been looking at

books, pictures and some of the toys to find patterns, shapes and colours and have been telling the adults what ones they have found.

For Phonics, the children have continued their Monster Phonic learning and have met another character this week - Miss Oh No. Most of the children already knew who she was and guessed that she might be clumsy as she has a bandage on her head.



## Seahorse class

We have had another busy week in Seahorses. It started with year 1 and year 2 making their own instruments out of recycling like Ossiri in our story. They then at the end of the week wrote an ending to the story where Ossiri met the Bala Mengro. In some stories he liked her music and they became friends but in other stories he chased her away from his cave. Next week we are looking at a book called 'At the Beach' which contains lots of postcards. Meanwhile this week, Reception have been looking at the story of Cinderella and helping her plan her own party and



find an outfit to wear. This week Reception have been looking at how we can partition five into different combinations of numbers. Next week in maths, KS1 will be moving on to multiplication and division. Whilst in Reception, they will be comparing the height and length of different objects.



We have carried on learning about Australia this week and have learnt that it is south of the equator and that the equator is an imaginary line that goes around the world. We also discovered the countries near the equator are hotter than the countries near the north and south poles.

## Dolphins

We have had a very creative week in Dolphins. We started the week investigating the four different collage techniques. The techniques were overlapping, tessellation, mosaic and montage. Once we found out what these different techniques were, we had a practice at each of them to see which one we were going to use when creating our own collages on Wednesday. It was interesting to see that the children all preferred different techniques.

On Wednesday, we then discovered we had to create a collage of a nature scene. The children all used a range of differing techniques that we had practised the day before, creating some wonderful pieces of artwork. The children greatly enjoyed making their own collages and getting gluey fingers.

Over in English, we have finished our unit on cultural stories, writing a story on how we can protect our water from pollution. There were lots of great ideas and discussions which led to some amazing big writes on Friday.

In Maths, we have been investigating decimal numbers and fractions. We started looking and working with tenths as decimals, then on to hundredths. We then progressed on to working with money, viewing how using decimals can support us with working with money.





## Sharks

The Sharks have been really getting back into the swing of things this week. Though things have been freezing outside, we've been running hot indoors with the efforts being put into all of our learning!

In English, we have been continuing our cultural stories based upon Maha and the Elephants. This week the writing has been based around the strange behaviour of the elephants in the area, culminating with a mad dash through the jungle to high-ground as the tsunami sweeps across the beach. It has been very interesting to learn all about Thailand, Asian Elephants, and tsunamis in order to write an accurate narrative.

With Maths, we have started addressing the gaps in our learning highlighted by the baseline assessments. We spent the week really focusing on our basic multiplication and division skills in order to carry confidence through into the next few weeks where we will be challenging ourselves with new learning, looking at things in different ways and applying our multiplication and division skills to real world examples!

Finally, in Topic we have been looking at starting our Art unit where we are looking at print making and the work of local artist John Brunsdon. We studied images of Mundesley beach from different perspectives and had a go at drawing some for ourselves.

Looking forward to next week where it all begins again!

## Mental Wellbeing



This week we started working on The Big School' Birdwatch. The children have been colouring in birds during their lunch break to create a display board. More activities will be linked to birds as the event runs into February. If your child would like to take photos of birds or create bird art please send them in to Mrs Winchester. Maybe keep a tally of the different types of birds you see around your home.

One of my favourite days is Winnie the Pooh Day, a great excuse to read a book and discuss the different characters and their possible mental wellbeing issues. The children have been writing inspirational quotes and colouring honey pots during their mindfulness sessions.



## Hire Hub Club

Our hire hub has been very busy with families hiring different pieces of equipment to use at home. We know that Mrs Temple and Mrs Underwood have had fun trying the scooters in front of the school. If you are interested in borrowing something, please see Mrs Temple or Mrs Underwood who are outside at the end of the day. If they are not there and you would like to hire something please come in and someone can come and help you.

We have had some great photos sent in by families of equipment





being used that they have borrowed.



We have after school sessions being run by Premier Sport on Mondays after school

22nd January - Football

29th January - Basketball

5th February - Throwing

12th February - Scooter Skills

Please contact the office if you would like to attend one of these sessions, they are free to attend.

## Safeguarding

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. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
**PEGI 12**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

Five Nights at Freddy's is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped each of the nine instalments so far to sell almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone. Set in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters suddenly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing/violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

**FRIGHTENING THEMES**

Five Nights at Freddy's (FNaF for short) doesn't feature bloodshed like many horror games - but it does build tension and use jump scares, which may be too intense for young players. The sinister animatronic characters and the sensation of being trapped and defenceless could be particularly unsettling, as could the inclusion of disturbing elements such as murder or possession by evil spirits.

**AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**

As a result of FNaF's popularity, a sizeable YouTube community has developed around the game. While the majority of this material is still child friendly, there are a number of channels which are geared more towards mature audiences: they contain adult and disturbing themes, for example, and (in some cases) age-inappropriate language.

**STRESSFUL SITUATIONS**

Due to FNaF's suspenseful atmosphere, it can be extremely stressful for players. Constantly checking that one's surroundings are safe is a crucial part of the gameplay and could create residual stress or even obsessive-compulsive behaviours. Several media reports have suggested that some younger children have experienced severe nightmares or sleep anxiety after playing games from the series.

**PLAYING IN ISOLATION**

Many parents will be relieved to learn that Five Nights at Freddy's is a single-player game which doesn't include any online chat functionality. Conversely, however, this could also make playing FNaF quite an isolating experience - especially if your child is spending a lot of time investigating the game's spooky, shadowy environments alone in their room, for example.

**IN-GAME SPENDING**

FNaF doesn't foreground in-game purchasing as strongly as many other well-known games, but some titles in the series do offer additional content that promises to enhance the experience. Five Nights at Freddy's: Help Wanted, for instance, is complemented by a Halloween-themed expansion pack called 'Curse of Dreadbear' (costing £8.99), which unlocks new levels and mini-games.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**

Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't have conventional parental controls. However, if you're concerned about the potential impacts of the game's themes and content, you can simply choose not to let your child play it. If they use an Android or iOS device for gaming, you can adjust Apple and Google's built-in parental controls to restrict your child's access to certain content.

**TRY IT YOURSELF**

Every child is different, of course, so it could be worth playing Five Nights at Freddy's yourself for a while to gauge how your young gamer might cope with the series' more frightening and disturbing aspects. If they're old enough, you could spend some time playing it together - after all, it usually only takes between two and ten minutes to complete a level.

**LIMIT SPENDING**

Unlike many popular titles, Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't bombard players with tempting in-game purchase offers. It's worth noting, however, that some instalments in the series do provide the option for players to spend real-world money. With that in mind, it's important to either keep a close eye on your child's expenditure or limit their access to digital payment options.

## 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**  
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### 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.





# Child car seats: the law



**Children must use a child car seat  
until they're 12 years old  
or  
135 centimetres tall,  
whichever comes first.**

<https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

# Attendance

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Bacton Primary School attendance this year to date 95.48%

Seahorse class attendance year to date 95.78%

Dolphin class attendance year to date 93.96%

Shark class attendance year to date 96.19%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Sharks with 95.37%

## Well Done Shark Class

### Celebrating and Sharing Our Successes

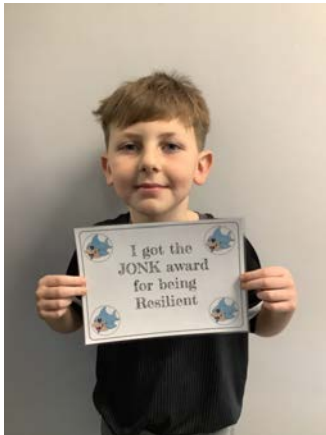
We will be sharing with parents and carers our JONK award winners for the week as part of our celebrating and sharing success.

Teachers and TAs will be looking out for children who demonstrate curiosity next week.

### Seahorse Class JONK Certificate this Week



### Dolphin Class JONK Certificate this Week



### Shark Class JONK Certificate this Week





## 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...



Education is important - don't miss out!



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Instil | Understand | Learn | Become

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 ✓

Missed minutes =

missed learning =

missed opportunities

### Guidance for Parents / Carers

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

[justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance](http://justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance)

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## 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  
(Please note Yrs 3 & 4 are swimming on Thursday)

Thursday and Friday

Dolphin Class  
Years 3 and 4 - Swimming

Thursday - Come to school in uniform with swimming kit please

## 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
22/01/2024	3.15-4.15	Football - Parent and/or Child Workshop - letter issued
22/01/2024	3.15-4.15	Active Outdoor Club
25/01/2024	1.00-3.00	Years 3 and 4 Swimming
25/01/2024	3.15-4.15	Archery Club
29/01/2024	3.15-4.15	Basketball - Parent and/or Child Workshop - letter issued
29/01/2024	3.15-4.15	Active Outdoor Club
01/02/2024	1.00-3.00	Years 3 and 4 Swimming
01/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Archery Club
02/02/2024	All Day	NSPCC Number Day - 'Dress up for Digits' to raise money for the NSPCC
05/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Throwing - Parent and/or Child Workshop - letter issued
05/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Active Outdoor Club
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
08/02/2024	1.00-3.00	Years 3 and 4 Swimming (for those not at Hilltop)
08/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Archery Club
09/02/2024	All day	Year 4 residential - Hilltop
12/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Scooter Skills - Parent and/or Child Workshop - letter issued
12/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Active Outdoor Club
15/02/2024	1.00-3.00	Years 3 and 4 Swimming
15/02/2024	3.15-4.15	Archery Club
7/3/2024	All day	World Book Day
15/3/2024	All day	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
26/03/2024	All day	Seahorse visit to Banham Zoo - letter to Follow
23/04/2024	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\*\*](#)

**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.

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August 2024	1-31	1-31

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)

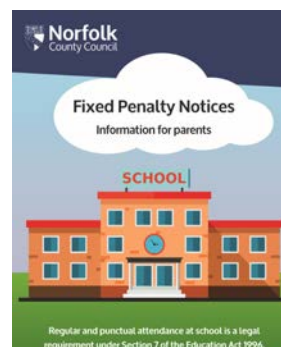
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## LITTLE RIDERS

### 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/)

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## JUNIOR NETS

Sunday 21st January  
3-5pm  
Sunday 18th February  
3-5pm  
Sunday 3rd March  
3-5pm  
Sunday 17th March  
3-5pm  
Sunday 31st March  
3-5pm  
Sunday 14th April  
3-5pm  
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**ages 9-17**

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