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Newsletter – October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Where has this term gone – I feel like it was only a few weeks ago we welcomed the children back into school for a new academic year! The children have settled into their new classes so well and it has been fantastic to have everyone back in school.

This term we have been focussing on our new school values. Hopefully you have seen your child/ren come home with different stickers showing they have shown one of the values that day.

With Christmas fast approaching we have got many exciting things planned to celebrate. Please do check the diary dates so you know what we have coming up. Behind the scenes, Miss Crossley and I have been busy looking into educational trips for the school year that links with the children's learning. Information on these trips will be sent out in due course so watch this space.

As always, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. We are a great community and I have enjoyed watching this grow over the year. I am looking forward to nurturing this even more as this academic year progresses.

Many thanks

Josie Davenport
Senior Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a quick half term! It feels like we have only just got back, and we already have a break. That said, I know that we are all exhausted, and everyone is looking forward to stopping for a week!

This half term we have achieved so much. We are so proud of how well the children have worked hard in their lessons, but also about how well they are embracing our new set of values. The atmosphere around school is calmer, happier and more purposeful. Children now know and understand better that we all need to work together as a team to look after each other, and also how by aiming high they can achieve whatever they want to! This is only the beginning – let's watch how they begin to thrive...

I would like to say a massive thank you to our amazing staff team for their incredible hard work this term – Ms Gowland and I have brought in many changes in how we work, and the team have absolutely stepped up to the challenge. Our children are incredibly lucky to have such a committed and talented team working with them.

Also, I just want to thank our Friends, as they really are the icing on our A&S cake! Our children have had so many treats laid on for them this term due to the Friends commitment and creativity – we are very lucky to have such a caring group who are making this happen.

Have a great break – see you in November!
Catherine Ogle
Executive Headteacher.



Friends of Antingham – Hot Chocolate, Donuts & Cheese Straws THURSDAYS!

Thank you to the parents committee for Ice-cream sales during the summer term and for the Hot Chocolate stall every Thursday this term – the donuts and cheese straws have been very popular! So far they have raised

£133.90 for the school funds. The Friends will continue the stall after half-term.



After School Club

After-School Clubs will continue after half-term. Each club will have a variety of activities for the children from Lego, games, art and crafts, outdoors time (weather permitting)! The clubs will be run in our new breakfast club room.

The Club will run half-termly, so booking is required each half-term. The cost of each session is **£4.00** and payment for the whole half-term will be required. *For children who are eligible for Pupil Premium, there will be no charge – please select the Pupil Premium option when booking.*

Autumn 2 Term will start week beginning Monday 3rd November 2025 through to Thursday 18th December 2025

Mondays – 7 weeks – total cost: £28.00

Tuesdays – 7 weeks – total cost: £28.00

Wednesdays – 7 weeks – total cost: £28.00

Thursdays – 7 weeks - total cost: £28.00

Fridays – 6 weeks – total cost: £24.00

Please book on Arbor as usual to secure your place. **Bookings open from 3.00pm on Thursday 23rd October 2025.**



Breakfast Club

We will continue to provide breakfast club starting from 7.30am to 8.40am that you can book into. The cost remains at **£4.50** per child for each session. This will be booked on Arbor and must be paid for in advance please.

Note: you will need to top-up your child's Breakfast Club account in Arbor prior to booking as you will be unable to complete the booking process if there no funds available in the account. We are hoping to increase our capacity to facilitate more children for this too.

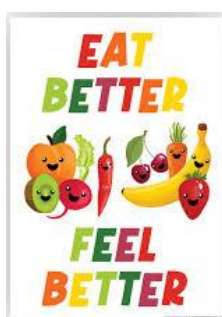
If you have any questions regarding booking Breakfast or After-School Clubs then please speak to the school office.

Healthy Eating

We encourage healthy eating and ask that any snacks and packed lunches support this. Fruit for a snack is a fantastic way of the children getting towards their 5 a day and helps promote a healthy mind. Can we also remind you that water bottles should be filled with water, not squash or juice.

Nut Free!

Just a reminder we are a nut free school. Please can you ensure your child/ren does not bring in food that contains nuts.





Reading at home

It is vitally important your child reads at home. We have stopped issuing reading records for now to the children, but we do still ask you read with your child at least 3 times a week.



School Uniform

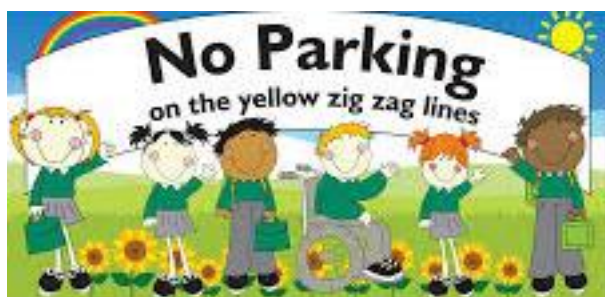
Please ensure that all children come to school in full uniform. We've noticed a few creative and fashionable alternatives sneaking in – but school uniform is important for helping everyone feel part of our team. As of now, we will ask any child not in uniform, to wear our spare set for the day.

Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled, as we have a growing collection of lost property we'd love to reunite with its owners!



Coats in school please

With the cooler, wetter days coming, please can you ensure your child has a coat in school (including wellies and waterproofs). We will always try to get the children outside for break and lunch so coats are needed.



Yellow Lines

A polite reminder that the yellow zig zag lines outside of the school are not to be parked on **at any time and without exception**. They are there as a measure to keep our children safe and we ask everyone to be aware of that.



Happy Birthday



The following pupils celebrated their birthday during the month of **September & October 2025**

Happy Birthday to You!

Ofelia (YR) Alexa (Y5) Jamil (Y6)
Jake (N2) Teddy (N2) Lola (Y2) Harry M (Y3) Mabel (Y5) Zinnia (Y5)

The following pupils will be celebrating their birthday during the month of **November 2025**

Happy Birthday to You!

Ayla (Y1) Elsie (Y1) Agnes (Y5)



What have we been learning?

Owl Class:-

We are delighted to share how wonderfully the children across Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have settled into Owl class this term. It has been fantastic to see so many happy faces, who are eager to learn, and explore. The children have quickly adjusted back into their routines, showing growing confidence, independence, and enthusiasm for learning.

This term, our main topic has been *"Once Upon a Time."* We have been exploring lots of traditional fairy tales. This project has supported the children in developing a love of stories and reading, encouraging them to learn, retell and act out familiar and traditional tales. Throughout the topic, the children have enjoyed a variety of creative and hands-on learning experiences, from building houses for the *Three Little Pigs*, to re-enacting *Little Red Riding Hood*, to sequencing and rewriting their favourite stories. They have worked together beautifully, showing great cooperation and enthusiasm.

In Maths, we started by developing a strong understanding of numbers through place value, establishing a solid foundation. The children have been sorting and counting objects, representing numbers in different ways, and comparing amounts using language such as *greater than* and *less than*. They have also learned how to order numbers on a number line and more recently use number lines for addition.

In English, we began the term by reading *"Peace on Earth"* as a whole school. We explored the important messages within the story and discussed how we could apply its themes of kindness, respect, and community to our own school environment. We moved on to *"Lizzy the Cloud"*, following the journey of a pet cloud who experiences some big feelings before being set free. More recently, we have read the *"Naughty Bus"*, which has quickly become a class favourite and writing our own adventures of the naughty bus!

We hope you all have a wonderful, restful half term — the children truly deserve it!



Kingfisher Class:

Kingfisher class have had a very busy and productive start to the school year. The topic 'Stargazers' has given the children the opportunity to explore space! They have looked at the planets, our moon, how craters are formed and even tried to create some sand craters! They then went onto explore life in outer space and how gravity affects us on earth and for astronauts on the International Space Station. The children had an experiment of the effectiveness of insulation and created their own rockets!

The English learning was based on the book 'Peace on Earth' where the class used their persuasive writing techniques to create an advert for peacekeepers for our school. They went on to write a peace charter thinking about why we want peace in school and how we can achieve this. The next text was 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' which tells the story of Philippe Petit, a French man who tightrope walked between the Twin Towers in New York. The children used a plethora of writing techniques to write a biography on Philippe Petit.

Maths has been a big focus on place value and numbers – everyone has worked exceptionally hard to master these skills. The children have been using this knowledge to help with their addition and subtraction in calculations.



Diary Dates – 2025/2026

UPDATED 21/10/2025



Please bear in mind that occasionally trips maybe arranged or cancelled last minute. This can happen for any number of reasons and we try, where possible, to give as much notice as we can. We also will often need adult volunteers to support on these trips. Thank you!

October 2025	
Friday 24 th October	INSET DAY – children not in school today
Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October	HALF TERM

November 2025	
Monday 3 rd November to Friday 7 th November	SCIENCE WEEK
Tuesday 4 th November	Parents Evening – 3.30pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 5 th November	Parents Evening – 3.30pm-6.00pm
Friday 7 th November	Star of the Month Assembly – 2.50pm
Wednesday 12 th November	Reception 2026 Intake Open Morning – 9.15am
Tuesday 18 th November	Flu Vaccination Programme for children YR to Y6 – with Norfolk Immunisation Team
Thursday 20 th November	LAST swimming lesson for Year 5 & Year 6 children
Friday 21 st November	Reception 2026 Intake Open Morning – 9.15am
Monday 24 th November to Friday 28 th November	ASSESSMENT WEEK
Saturday 29 th November	School Christmas Fayre – to be held in the school hall – 11.00am-4.00pm

December 2025	
Tuesday 2 nd December	Second Session - Flu Vaccination Programme with Norfolk Immunisation Team – for children who missed the first session.
Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 5 & Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew at The Nest
Friday 5 th December	Christmas Decorations Day – parents invited (more information to follow)
Friday 5 th December	Star of the Month Assembly – 2.50pm
Tuesday 9 th December	Owl Class Christmas Performance (afternoon) 2.15pm
Thursday 11 th December	KS2 Carols on the Lawn – 4.00pm
Monday 15 th December	Year 6 & Year R National Child Measurement Programme with School Nursing Team
Wednesday 17 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 th December	END OF AUTUMN TERM – Note: school finishes at 1.00pm today

January 2026	
Wednesday 7 th January	Children return to school for the Spring Term
Tuesday 13 th January	Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Basketball Event – Cromer Academy
Tuesday 20 th January	Year 5 & Year 6 Dodgeball Event – Cromer Academy

February 2026	
Wednesday 11 th February to Thursday 12 th February	Bikeability Level 1 & Level 2 Cycle Training Course – Year 5 & Year 6
Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 23 rd February to Friday 27 th February	SCIENCE WEEK

March 2026	
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parents Evening – to be confirmed
Thursday 5 th March	Parents Evening – to be confirmed

Tuesday 10 th March	Year 3 & Year 4 Dodgeball Event – Cromer Academy
Friday 20 th March	Kingfisher Class visit to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
Friday 27 th March	End of Spring Term

April 2026	
Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 13 th April	Children return to school for Summer Term
Monday 20 th April	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Golf Event – Sheringham Primary School
Monday 27 th April	Year 3 & Year 4 Orienteering & Problem Solving Event – Gresham Village School

May 2026	
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11 th May to Thursday 14 th May	SATS WEEK
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM

June 2026	
Monday 1 st June to Friday 5 th June	ASSESSMENT WEEK SCIENCE WEEK MTC Test Window
Thursday 4 th June	Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers Photos - TEMPEST
Monday 8 th June to Friday 12 th June	PHONICS TESTING MTC Test Window
Monday 22 nd June to Wednesday 24 th June	SPORTS WEEK
Monday 22 nd June	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Athletics Event – Holt Primary School
Wednesday 24 th June	SPORTS DAY
Thursday 25 th June	INSET DAY – children not in school today
Friday 26 th June	INSET DAY – children not in school today
Thursday 25 th June & Friday 26 th June	Aylsham High School – Year 6 Induction Days
Monday 29 th June	KS2 (Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6) Athletics Event – Mundesley Junior School

July 2026	
Wednesday 1 st July to Friday 3 rd July	Year 5 & Year 6 Residential Visit to Hilltop Outdoor Centre
Monday 13 th July	End of Year School Report to Parents
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (to be confirmed)
Friday 17 th July	END OF SUMMER TERM – Note: school finishes at 1.00pm today

Please note that these dates differ slightly to the holiday dates of some neighbouring schools

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Staff training days are 1st & 2nd September, 24th October, 5th & 6th January, 25th & 26th June, and 20th July. The training days on 24th October (at the Head's discretion), 26th June and 20th July will be disaggregated over twilights throughout the year.



FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

PROMOTIONS 25/26



































