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## Newsletter – December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe we are breaking up for Christmas already – the time seems to be flying by! I want to start by thanking all the children for all of their incredible hard work this term – it has been great to see so much focus in class, well done all.

Also well done to Owl Class for their Nativity play and Kingfisher Class for their 'Carols on the Lawn'. Both classes (children and adults alike!) worked very hard for these performances which could be shown in the end results. As we get ready for the next term ahead, with exciting lessons and trips getting planned, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. It has been a busy and exciting year so far and I look forward to seeing how the next terms unfold.

I hope you all have wonderful and restful (if Christmas can be restful!) break and I look forward to seeing you all in January.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year,  
Josie Davenport  
Senior Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another term over and we have achieved so much!

Once again, I am so proud of how well our children have worked this term – they have particularly embraced our new school values, and our school feels so much more calm, purposeful and happy because of this.

Next term will see the launch of our 'Flexi-School' offer, and we are excited to see how this will work out for everyone. Please remember to feedback to us any thoughts and ideas about this (or anything else) to help us improve what we are doing.

Have a wonderful Christmas break!

Catherine Ogle  
Executive Headteacher.

## Friends of Antingham

A big thank you goes to our Friends of Antingham committee for all their hard work and tireless efforts in fundraising for the School. Here is a update on the funds they have raised this term:



### Halloween Movie Night

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, the children settled down to watch the film 'Coco' whilst enjoying their hotdogs & chips - **£43.70** was raised from the ticket sales.



### Hot Chocolate, Donuts & Cheese Straws THURSDAYS/FRIDAYS!

Thank you to the parents committee for the Hot Chocolate stall every Thursday/Friday this term – the donuts and cheese straws have been very popular! They have raised a further **£69.20** for the school funds. The Friends will continue with the stall in the New Year.



### Christmas Fayre

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who joined us on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November for this year's school Christmas Fayre. It was lovely to see parents and children enjoying the fayre and to also welcome many people from the local community. The festive spirit and sense of community were truly heart-warming. This year the amazing amount of **£511.14** was raised for school funds.

### Carols on the Lawn

Thank you to everyone who came along to the 'Carols on the Lawn' on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, the children and adults sang beautifully! Another big thank you goes to The Friends for selling Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies, which raised **£88.30** for the school funds.



### 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.*

**Spring Term 1 will start week beginning Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 through to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Mondays – 5 weeks – total cost: £20.00

Tuesdays – 5 weeks – total cost: £20.00

Wednesdays – 6 weeks – total cost: £24.00

Thursdays – 6 weeks - total cost: £24.00

Fridays – 6 weeks – total cost: £24.00

Please book on Arbor as usual to secure your place. **Bookings open from 3.00pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 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.**

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



### **Children in Need**

We would like to say a massive thank you to all those that helped support Children in Need with our non-uniform day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to raise awareness and money for this fantastic charity.

We raised **£25** – thank you everyone!



## Have you seen our new parking signs!

The Friends of Antingham have very generously bought our new parking signs to help keep our children safe.

### **Yellow Lines**

A 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.





### Parent Support Advisor

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Sam Bloomfield to our team as our PSA. Her role is to offer help and support to any family in difficult times, to enable things to be easier. Sam will be working across four of our schools. She is normally at Antingham & Southrepps on Wednesdays for meetings but is available for calls and TEAMS meetings any day.



# Happy Birthday



The following pupils celebrated their birthday during the month of **December 2025**

Happy Birthday to You!

**Reggie (YR)   Reggie (Y3)   Keira (Y5)   Nicole (Y5)**



# Happy Birthday



The following pupils will be celebrating their birthday during the month of **January 2026**

Happy Birthday to You!

**Ethan (YR)   Molly (Y3)**





### What have we been learning?

#### **Owl Class:-**

As we come to the end of a very busy and exciting term, we would like to reflect on some of the wonderful experiences the children have shared.

We were delighted with our nativity play, Born in a Barn. The children did a remarkable job learning their lines and songs and worked incredibly hard during rehearsals. We were so impressed by their confidence and teamwork and are extremely proud of their efforts. A big thank you to parents and carers for your continued support, especially with costumes — we hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did.

In Maths, we delved deeper into our understanding of place value and explored both 2D and 3D shapes, which the children have found really enjoyable and engaging.

In English, we read the story of the Ghanaian folk hero Anansi the Spider, who embarks on a difficult journey and finds himself in trouble, only to be helped by his six sons. The children wrote persuasive sentences arguing which brother truly saved Anansi and enjoyed learning a traditional call-and-response song, complete with percussion instruments. They even created their own versions, which was great fun.

Our afternoons have been filled with the magic of the Enchanted Forest, where we have been learning all about our local woodland habitat and the creatures that live there. A particular highlight was making our own Andy Goldsworthy inspired natural art sculpture, which you can see photographed on the classroom door if you missed it!

Andy Goldsworthy Art	Owls class Art
	

### Kingfisher Class:

This half term, the children have been learning about the 14<sup>th</sup> century in our project lessons. They have explored the black death and what life was like then. With some exciting lessons about bacteria and knights the lessons have been varied and intriguing!

In English we have been looking at narrative writing where they write their own story based on the text 'The Midnight Panther.' They have been focussing on their descriptive writing to help tell the story.

Maths has moved us onto multiplication (years 3 and 4) and fractions (years 5 and 6). All of the class has shown fantastic resilience in these topic areas.

Years 5 and 6 represented the school at The Nest a few weeks ago where they joined other schools in the area to learn some vital life saving skills. They learnt CPR, the recovery position and many more things. They were an absolute credit to the school so well done to them all.

I cannot talk about this half term without mentioning the 'Carols on the Lawn.' It was such a wonderful evening and the children did us all proud with their excellent singing and reading. Thank you to all who came and supported the event.



# Diary Dates – 2025/2026

UPDATED 19/12/2025



*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!*

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

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

March 2026	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evening – to be confirmed
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening – to be confirmed
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & Year 4 Dodgeball Event – Cromer Academy
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Kingfisher Class visit to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 3 & Year 4 Tri-Golf Event – Sheringham Primary School
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School visit to Thorpe Market Church – to be confirmed
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Spring Term

April 2026	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school for Summer Term
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Return visit for pupils who missed the Year 6 & Year R National Child Measurement Programme with School Nursing Team
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Golf Event – Sheringham Primary School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 & Year 4 Orienteering & Problem Solving Event – Gresham Village School

May 2026	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS WEEK – Y6
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM

June 2026	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	ASSESSMENT WEEK – YR to Y5 SCIENCE WEEK MTC Test Window – Y4
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y6 STEAM Competition Day – Gresham's, Holt
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers Photos - TEMPEST
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	PHONICS TESTING – Y2 MTC Test Window – Y4
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June to Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	SPORTS WEEK: Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June - KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Athletics Event – Holt Primary School



	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Aldborough Cricket Club – sessions with the whole school Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June – Samba Dance Workshops – morning – whole school Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June – ESKA Karate sessions – afternoon – whole school Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June – SPORTS DAY
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY – children not in school today
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY – children not in school today
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June & Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Aylsham High School – Year 6 Induction Days
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 (Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6) Athletics Event – Mundesley Junior School

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



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.



We have been asked to share the following letter with families eligible for means tested free school meals:



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to let you know that as part of your family's eligibility to claim means-tested free school meals, your child can take part in the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme – known locally as Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) – completely free of charge.

Funded by the UK Government, BNHF offers schoolchildren in Norfolk the chance to enjoy fun, active, and enriching activities during the Easter, summer, and winter school holidays.

We're also delighted to share that the UK Government will fund the programme for an additional three years, meaning that families can continue to access free holiday activities for their children until 2029.

Across Norfolk, we offer a wide variety of sessions, including:

- Sports and outdoor adventures
- Cooking and food-based fun
- Swimming and water-sport activities
- Dance and creative workshops

And plenty more exciting experiences!

Each holiday brings new activities to discover, alongside much-loved favourites, ensuring there's something for everyone.

Children are eligible if they are:

- Registered as receiving benefits-related free school meals. Please note that universal free school meals (from reception to Year 2) are different from benefits-related free school meals.
- Aged 4 to 16 and in full-time education.





The UK Government have announced upcoming changes to free school meal eligibility. All households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals from September 2026. Please note that the current rules still apply for the winter 2025 programme.



Scan the QR code if you have any questions regarding your child's eligibility.



Winter activity bookings open on 17th November 2025. Activities will run over 6 days throughout 22nd December to 5th January.

For more information on booking your child's place, simply scan this QR code.



Stay in the loop and sign up to our newsletter to be the first to hear about future programmes, activity dates, and booking information.

We can't wait to welcome your family onto the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun scheme. Let's make this holiday as active and exciting it can be, full of opportunities to make new memories!

Best wishes,

**The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Team**

