



**The Belfry CE VA Primary School**

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Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear parent/carer

It has been a chilly, but lovely first few days back at school. Children and staff have braved the snow, and settled back into their routines really well. Thank you to you all for persevering in the challenging weather, getting the children to and from school safely. It has been lovely to be back in school and to see the children happy and engaged in their work.

Without the excitement of Christmas or the summer transition and sports days, I always view the Spring term as one of real academic progress for children. That doesn't mean there won't be any fun though. We keep going with our trips and visitors, look forward to another round of learning cafes after half term and will also have a day or two with a planetarium for each class to have a session. I don't know if it's been done at The Belfry before and I think the staff are as excited as the children will be!

Finally from me this week, our new worship theme for the half term is generosity. I shared with the children last week the old TV advert for Rolos ("*Do love anyone enough to give them your last Rolo?*") and, throughout the half term, I'll be encouraging the children to be generous when it is hard to be, when, like the Rolos, something is precious to you or in scarce supply.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

**Steven Boast**

Executive Deputy Headteacher  
North Star Federation

**Earrings**

Please can children's earrings be kept to plain studs or small hoops in school. Thank you.

**Out of school success**

Congratulations on the following for their successes outside of school:

- All of our children who performed at the Christmas Tree Festival in Overstrand Church before Christmas. Lucy has reported that you were fantastic, performing brilliantly and working well with children from other schools. Thank you for representing our school with such distinction. That's Jhayden, Florence D, Isla H, Nora, Luena, Agatha, Alice N, Jennifer N, Ada and Raff G.

## Celebration Assembly Winners

### Class certificates

- Holly: Blossom – for being kind and polite when telling her friend what she needed.
- Larch: Florence - for her fantastic recall of key facts in science, recapping learning from last half term.
- Willow: Rose – for consistently showing me that you are following the classroom rules and being a good role model.  
Penny – you have shown enthusiasm and knowledge in our new science topic, Earth and Space.
- Ash: Herb because you are working hard in your new place. You are getting on well with your A-Js and your maths work is really showing what you know. Well done.  
Noah because you have really improved your focus over the last couple of days. You have worked really hard on your A-Js and Maths and had great ideas in English. Well done.
- Oak: Leo – for starting the term with a positive attitude and trying your best.

### Generosity Geniuses

- Holly: Freya – for giving your time to help a friend with their phonics and not expecting anything in return.
- Larch: Oliver- for his generosity in giving his sweets to another child when they thought they had lost theirs.
- Willow Ben (nominated twice this week!) – for offering for someone else to go first for their piano lesson.
- Ash: Lenny because you are always generous with your time towards others. You offer to work with and help others and make time for everyone. You are always kind.
- Oak: Raff G – for thinking of others and helping those around you.

### Forest School:

**Bella Bee** goes to Willow T for her enthusiasm to try a range of tools and make as many things as she could at forest school.

**Bertie Bee** goes to Thomas for helping to find missing bolts in the poly tunnel that I think might have blown away in the gale tonight if they had not been found and secured.

A big thank you to Mr. Greenspan for helping at Forest School today and all of the amazing year six and reception students who helped to move piles of wood chip to create safer woodland pathways around the site. Your help is very much appreciated.

### Diary Dates

<b>January 2026</b>		
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January		Special “Winnie the Pooh” meal. Order on the day.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January		Friends’ cake sale
<b>February 2026</b>		<b>Parents evening week. Days to be advised.</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole school	Friends’ Valentines Disco 6 – 7.30 pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February		Safer Internet Day

<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Last day of half term</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>		<b>Children return to school</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February		Oak Class family café 2-3 pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February		Friends' costume sale for World Book Day, and used uniform sale
<b>March 2026</b>		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March		Ash Class family café 2-3 pm & World Book Day
w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March		Friends' Special Persons gift day tbc
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March		Larch class family café 2-3 pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March		Friends' non-school uniform day! Donate a small chocolate egg or chocolate bar for Easter Bingo raffle hampers.
w/c Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March		British Science Week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Willow Class family café 2-3 pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March		Larch Class trip to Strangers Hall
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March		Friends' Family Easter Bingo. 6 for 6.30 pm start!
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		Holly Class family café 2-3pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March		Easter Service
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Easter</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>First day of summer term</b>