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Dear parent/carer

Welcome back to school – the second half of the Spring term and the second half of the school year. I always feel that this time marks a change, with the very early signs of Spring showing themselves. On those all too rare sunny days, the sun is a little higher in the sky and has a bit more warmth to it. The days themselves are a little longer so the dog gets a bit more exercise at either end of the day and, best of all, the Spring bulbs and flowers start to show themselves.



The hardy snowdrops are always the first out and they're out in force on the footpaths near my home. I've seen some daffodils out (my favourite flower – they shout so loud!) but those dotted around my garden aren't ready quite yet. A new flower for me this year is this purple one my son spotted in our garden. A bit of a search on Google tells me that it's a kind of iris – perhaps Dutch or Siberian. Whatever it is, it is absolutely beautiful. All these things together fill me with hope for the coming seasons and also with awe and wonder at world's natural beauty.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

World Book Day

World Book Day is taking place next Thursday 5th March. Children can attend school in uniform, in pyjamas with their favourite bedtime story, or dressed as a character from a book. As ever, this is about celebrating reading, so book characters rather than film characters or sports stars (unless they're in a book of course). We'd also much rather spend time on reading rather than money on ordering new costumes. Children will also do book-related activities through the day.

Out of school success

Congratulations to the following on their fantastic success outside of school:

- Oliver who passed his Level 2 Acro just before the half term after practicing and finally being able to hold a headstand for 10 seconds and a double seated leg hold for 5 seconds. Very impressive – well done, Oliver.
- Thea, who took two dance exams before half term and passed both with honours. Great job, Thea!
- Gus who was mascot for Norwich City over half term, stepping out onto the pitch in front of over 25,000 people watching the game. Really brave and a great experience that he loved!

Celebration Assembly Winners

Class certificates

- Holly: Aadhiya – for always being a kind friend by sharing the toys, saying kind things and taking turns.
- Larch: Isla - for her brilliant writing in Literacy this week, writing a recount about a birthday party
- Willow: Florence - you have been a brilliant mathematician this week when learning about perimeter.
Noah – you have approached your writing this week with a very conscientious dedication making sure it is accurate and the best you can do.
- Ash: Finley because you have worked really hard and have had a really great attitude. Superb!
Summer because you are working really positively in your new place. You are focussing well and getting on with your work brilliantly.
- Oak: Agatha – you are a fantastic member of Oak Class. You work very hard every day, you always produce beautiful work and you have a lovely sense of humour.

Generosity Geniuses

- Holly: Freya – for giving her time to play with everyone in the classroom. You never let a friend feel left out.
- Larch: Delilah- for helping another child when they had fallen on the playground
- Willow: Holly for letting someone go in front of her when there was a really long line, showing patience and generosity.
- Ash: Braylee for helping someone and letting others join in
- Oak: Jhayden – for helping his classmates in maths and always being a positive member of Oak.

Forest School:

Bella Bee goes to Louis for his super effort sawing wood to make his badge and his creative den making.

Bertie Bee goes to Vinnie for overcoming his dislike of squishing lard and bird seed together to make a nutritious seed ball for the birds to feed on.

A big thank you to Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Ward for their help in Forest school this half term.

Diary Dates

February		
Wednesday 25 th February		Oak Class family café 2-3 pm
Thursday 26 th February		Special Chinese New Year school lunch
Friday 27 th February		Friends' costume sale for World Book Day, and used uniform sale

March 2026		
Wednesday 4 th March		Parents evening
Thursday 5 th March		World Book Day Special Book Day meal! Parents evening
w/c Monday 9 th March		Friends' Special Persons gift day tbc
Wednesday 11 th March		Larch class family café 2-3 pm
Thursday 12 th March		Ash Class family café 2-3 pm
Friday 13 th March		Friends' non-school uniform day! Donate a small chocolate egg or chocolate bar for Easter Bingo raffle hampers.
w/c Monday 16 th March		British Science Week
Tuesday 17 th March		Willow Class family café 2-3 pm
Wednesday 18 th March		In school "Easter Experience"
Thursday 19 th March		Larch Class trip to Strangers Hall
Friday 20 th March		Friends' Family Easter Bingo. 6 for 6.30 pm start!
Tuesday 24 th March		Holly Class family café 2-3pm
Wednesday 25 th March		Easter Service
Friday 27th March	Easter	Last day of term
Monday 13th April		First day of summer term