

**The Belfry CE VA Primary School**

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Dear parent/carer

The Autumn term starts with children settling into their new classes and adjusting back into school routines after six weeks off. It finishes with all the excitement of Christmas, with the rehearsals, performances and other special events that go with it.

The summer term is punctuated by statutory assessments – SATs for our years 6s but also phonics for year 1s and a times tables check for year 4s. It also has sports days and lots of transition events.

Sandwiched in between the two, this Spring term is one I think of as when the children make the most academic progress. It has been lovely to see the children working so hard in classes all term, and to see so many of you join them in their learning in our recent family cafes. I hope you've enjoyed that too. Teaching is not my first career and the context of working in different sectors makes me understand and appreciate all the more how privileged we are to work with such wonderful children and see them grow, progress and mature.

Have a fantastic week and a lovely Easter break. I'll finish with a reminder that, in our slight variation to the Norfolk Model Calendar, children return to school on **Monday 13th April 2026**.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Outstanding Payments

Please can all payments for clubs, lunches, trips etc be paid up to date? Ultimately, if payments are not made then it impacts on what we have available to spend on the children. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact Mr Read or Mr Boast in confidence to discuss your options.

New Menu

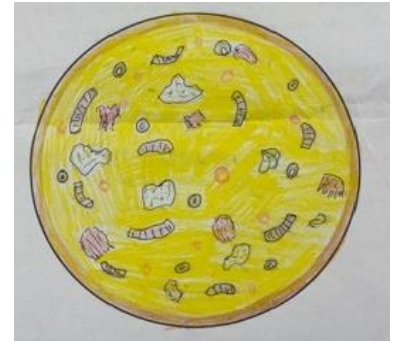
We have a new menu coming in after the Easter break, and a couple of special menus for different days in the term. The main menu is attached and details can be found here: [The Belfry CE VA Primary School - School Meals](#).

Easter Holiday Camps & Summer Cricket

Please see the attached flyers about Easter holiday camps and summer cricket at Bradfield.

Pizza Competition Winner

Thank you and well done to all those who designed their own pizza for the Friends' of Belfry School's competition. Our two runners up were Oliver and Blossom, while our winner was Summer with her 'Get Your Greek On' recipe. Consisting of lamb, olives, caramelised onion, mozzarella, sundried tomatoes, mediterranean herbs and a dollop of tzatziki, it will be on the menu at the Sundown at the Grove Hotel soon, hopefully over the Easter holidays. If Summer's pizza gets the most orders over the summer, the Friends will get £500! As a lover of both pizza and Greek food, I can't wait to sample it 😊



Out of school success

Congratulations to the following on their success outside of school:

- Rupert & Erin completed their sponsored Swimathon today, a fantastic effort. They raised £315 for Marie Curie and Cancer Research UK 👍
- Ada and her team won a silver medal at the Eastern Counties Gymnastics Association General Gymnastics Competition for the Level 2, 4 Piece Teams.

Celebration Assembly Winners

Class certificates

- Holly: Neve – for your very independent writing and always giving it a go.
- Larch: Edward - for always listening and focusing well and for your brilliant attitude towards your learning.
- Willow: Margot – for showing perseverance and determination when completing your maths work this morning.
Harry P – for demonstrating your superb computing skills during our lessons.
- Ash: Alesandra because you are a great example to others. You listen carefully, work hard and are always happy to share your great ideas. Well done!
Bianca because you work hard and listen carefully. You set the right example and are supportive to others. Well done.
- Oak: Thiene for being so adventurous with your story-writing. Working hard to make it as good as it could be.

Courage Champions

- Holly: Louis – for your courage climbing trees at forest school, you persevered when you got stuck and found a way to climb down.
- Larch: All of Larch class - for being super courageous during our science experiment based on Materials and letting Mrs Camelford and Mrs Pointen pour water over them whilst standing under a plastic cover to see if it was waterproof! It was – phew!
- Willow: Sophia – for showing courage by trying something new that you weren't sure about.
- Ash: Jenny for not giving up even when things got difficult and having the courage to fall short but try again, especially with your tackling tables.
- Oak: Vinnie for trying new things – a new game with his classmates and attending football club for the first time.

Forest School:

Bella Bee goes to Liam in Holly class for his adventurous spirit in forest school, challenging himself to try new things. Well done for being brave.

Bertie Bee goes to Audrey for being creative with clay and trying new things at forest school.

Diary Dates

March 2026		
Tuesday 24 th March		Holly Class family café 2-3pm
Wednesday 25 th March		Easter Service 2pm St. Martin's Church, Overstrand. All welcome.
Friday 27th March	Easter	Last day of term
Monday 13th April		First day of summer term