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Dear Parent/Carer,

As I type this with the rain falling outside, it feels strange to talk about sun protection, but it has been warm and sunny in recent weeks and will be again so now is the time.

Much as we'd always send children with a raincoat in the autumn and winter, just in case it rains, during this summer term it's important that children come to school properly prepared for the seasonal weather. That's: water bottle (named), sunhat (named), sunglasses if they need them (also named) and with suncream already applied at the start of the day. I'm afraid, as staff, we cannot take responsibility for looking after all the hats etc, so please do ensure items are named and not so precious that the children (or you!) can't cope without them if they're misplaced or broken.

Suncream can be brought in to be topped up during the day but must be a) in a named, sealed bag in case of a leak and b) applied by the children themselves. Roll-ons are typically easier to apply and less messy. Please ask your children not to share suncream with their friends. While this is always kind and well-meaning, it does run the risk of children's skin reacting to a cream they are not used to or containing an ingredient they are intolerant to.

In school, when the weather is particularly warm and sunny, we will take precautions around encouraging the use of shade and drinking little and often, as well as limiting time spent out in the sun. In due course, we will also talk to the children about sun safety but in the meantime, I attach a poster from the charity Melanoma UK kindly shared with me by a parent.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Mr Read

Just to confirm that Mr Read unfortunately remains unwell and away from school. I remain in regular contact with him, and he has asked me to say that he is very much missing being in school and is looking forward to returning as soon as he can. In the meantime, and what you need to know is that the day-to-day teaching and learning in classes continues as normal, led by our excellent staff, so your children's experience of daily school life hasn't changed. Outside the classroom, we are being supported by our Chair of Governors, Hayley Smith, and also by St Benet's Multi Academy Trust. If you have any questions or concerns at all, do not hesitate to speak to me on the gate or contact me via the school office.

Perfect Pizza!

A reminder that the Sundown restaurant at the Grove Hotel in Cromer are running a competition this summer. They invited local charities to submit novel pizzas for their summer menu and will give £500 to the charity of the pizza with the most orders. The Friends of the Belfry were one such charity and our very own Summer, has her 'Get Your Greek On' recipe on the menu. So, if you like pizza and are over in Cromer, do get down there and order Summer's pizza. To quote a parent from Worstead who visited over the weekend:

"It was one of the best pizzas we have ever eaten. We are hoping to return before the end of the competition and place another order"

The menu can be found here: [Sundown-2026.pdf](#)

THE BELFRY SCHOOL: GET YOUR GREEK ON
- Caramelised red onion & olives, marinated slow cooked roasted lamb, cheddar, crumbled feta, tzatziki, Mediterranean herbs, sun-dried tomatoes (s)

The Belfry Primary School in Overstrand dates back to 1830, and this amazing recipe has been created by Summer Howlett from year 4. Feel free to dance on the tables, but just don't smash the plates please!

Out of school success

Congratulations to:

- Alice N, Rosa, Harper and some other students took part in a dance show called 'Let's Dance' at the Atrium. They had an intense schedule of rehearsals and performances over the bank holiday weekend and delivered an incredible show.
- Isaac H who completed his first Parkrun over the weekend, completing 5k in a magnificent 30 minutes! Look out, Josh Kerr, Isaac's hot on your heels!

Celebration Assembly Winners – 01.05.26

Class certificates

- Holly: Arlo – for holding another child's hand when you could see they felt upset
- Larch: Christopher- for his hard work in maths this week: working out fractions
- Willow: Albie, for really good learning all week
- Ash: Zachary because you have been making a real effort to work hard and behave well. It is brilliant seeing your great ideas in English – keep it up
Lulu because you are working hard in your new place and with your new partner. It was great to hear your ideas in English too. Well done
- Oak: Eli, for working hard and being a star

Integrity Ambassadors

All of these children have demonstrated our values by

- Holly: Declan – for always being truthful and trustworthy in the best interest of others.
- Larch: Delilah, for being a supportive friend
- Willow: All of Willow got the integrity award for telling Miss MacDonald and Mrs Wilkinson how the class works when Miss Gibbs was absent

Ash: Rupert because you are sensible and we know that we can trust you to sort out the laptops and other jobs

Oak: Florence for always being a friend you can trust

Diary Dates

May 2026		
w/c 11 th May		KS2 SATs week, all in
Thursday 21 st May		Special "Harry Potter" themed school lunch
Friday 22 nd May		Dentaid Charity visit – Bright Bites workshops with classes
Friday 22 nd May		Last day of term
June 2026		
Monday 1 st June		Back to school: First day summer term
w/c 1 st June	Y 4	Multiplication Tables Check
w/c 8 th June	Y 4	Multiplication Tables Check
w/c 8 th June	Y 1	Phonics Screening check (plus some Y2s)
Tuesday 9 th June	New Y R	New parents' information meeting. 5
Tuesday 16 th June	New Y R	New reception transition session 1/3 1.15 – 2.15 pm
Thursday 18 th June	Holly Class	Holly Class visit to Norwich Cathedral
Friday 19 th June		Sports day from 1 pm
Monday 22 nd June		Reserve sports day
Tuesday 23 rd June	New Y R	New reception transition session 2/3 1.15 – 3 pm
Tuesday 23 rd June		"Mary Anning" (fossil hunter) visiting Larch class
Wednesday 24 th – Friday 26 th June	Y 6	Cromer Academy and Aylsham High transition days
Friday 26 th June	Whole school New Y R	Whole school transition morning New reception transition session 3/3: 9 -11.45 am
Monday 29 th June		Orienteering day, whole school
Wednesday 8 th July		Belfry's Got Talent! 6 pm
Friday 10 th July		Annual pupil reports home
Friday 17 th July		Parent assembly 2pm, last day of term, Year 6 bell ringing