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Dear Parent/Carer,

How many of you stayed up (or woke up) to watch the football last night? As much as I like football, I don't think I could have stayed awake if I'd tried. I managed some brief highlights this morning – just enough to be able to keep up with the conversations on the gate and in the staff room.

I think the timing of the game and its dramatic nature have added to this, but I have been reflecting on how the game and the World Cup has everyone talking, even those who are not traditionally followers of football. It's a powerful thing to be able to unite communities, so how is it done? For me, it's the hope around a common purpose. With the international competitions, we can put domestic rivalries to one side and all pull in the same direction to share in the drama, the excitement, the tension and, ultimately, the hope that later this month we'll be able to witness history and another World Cup win.

It's been a while since I wrote about hope in a newsletter, but it remains the guiding vision of our federation of schools and appears each week in our North Star logo (at least, the 'guiding your child to a brighter future' does). That – brighter futures for our children – is the common purpose we have in our school communities and as staff at least, we do get excited about the progress that our children make and the wonderful people they can and will grow up to become, particularly at this time of year when we are readying the children for the next year of their learning.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Events

- A reminder that BGT takes place next week (8th July) and tickets can be purchased from the office.
- Annual reports are scheduled to be published this Friday 10th July. Phonics screening and multiplication tables check results will be included with reports. Year 6 SATs results will follow next week, once published.
- The school Hawaiian summer disco, organised by the Friends, is also on Monday 10th July, 6 – 7.30 pm. Tickets are £1.50 from the school office: £1.50, card or cash payment.
- Next week, our annual **summer church service takes place on 14th July** and all family and friends are invited. As with all recent services, children can be collected from the church from around 3pm, with uncollected children walked back to school. After school club will be on as normal if needed.
- A reminder also that 17th July is the final day of the school year and children return to the Belfry on Thursday 3rd September 2026. Families are invited to our final parent assembly of the year, starting at 2pm and the year 6s will do their traditional bell ringing after that as they exit the school one last time.
- There will be no skateboarding on the 17th and after school club will finish at 4.15pm.

Mr Read

Following his illness before half term, Mr Read had a routine procedure last week and is currently recuperating at home. He is hopeful of returning to work next week for all the end-of-year events. In the meantime, support and cover arrangements are in place, just as they were before.

Out of school success:

Congratulations to...

- Luena who passed her grade 4 piano exam with merit.
- Thea had her dance show this weekend after months and months of rehearsals she smashed it.
- Maisie C did dance and acro this weekend and won a trophy for most improved.
- Mabel, Amelie and Daisy, who represented the school brilliantly at the final of Greshams' STEAM competition recently. They were awarded full marks for teamwork in each challenge and were a credit to our school.
- Charlotte, Thea, Ted and Barnaby who were victorious in last week's year 5 maths challenge at Cromer Academy. They won three of the four rounds and their total score of 114 was 11 ahead of second and a whopping 30 ahead of third!

Celebration Assembly Winners

Class certificates

Holly: Ophelia – for excellent listening during maths and eagerness to take part.

Larch: Maisie, Oliver, Florence and Skye for their amazing alliteration work this week.

Willow: Harriet – your mandala artwork today was beautiful.

Alanna – everyday you are consistently a good role model.

Ash: Isaac because you have been making a fantastic effort with the presentation of your work and it's paying off. Well done.

Jennifer because you have been making more effort to focus, especially to get you're a-Is done. Keep up the good work!

Oak Raff for working really hard to learn all his lines for our play.

Justice and forgiveness

All of these children have demonstrated our values by...

Holly: Willow – for your kindness by taking turns in a game and making sure everyone had a fair chance.

Larch: Freddie (nominated by Ted C) for saying sorry when he realised he had done something wrong.

Willow Paisley, Lucy AND Phoebe – for forgiving a friend when they hurt them.

Ash: Dougie for forgiving someone who hurt him.

Oak: Justice – Mabel for being kind and fair with her friends.

Forgiver - Maisie, for being kind to her friends.

Tackling Tables

100% - Emily, Livvy, Audrey, Harriet, Albie

Red star – Harriet

Forest school:

Bella Bee Liam for your adventurous spirit and challenging yourself to try new things.

Bertie Bee goes to Thiene for keenly getting started on a wooden craft project, remembering and using tool skills learnt last year as well as learning new skills.

Diary Dates

July 2026		
Friday 10 th July	Whole School	Annual pupil reports home Hawaiian Summer Disco 6 to 7.30 pm
Tuesday 14 th July		Whole School Summer Service, St. Martin's Church, Overstrand. Celebrate our leavers. 2 pm. All families welcome!
Wednesday 15 th July	Oak Class	Performance of Julius Caesar: 9 am, & 6.30 pm All families invited to watch
Friday 17 th July		Parent assembly 2pm, last day of term, Year 6 bell ringing. After School club: 1hr only. 3.15 to 4.15 No Skateboard club today!
September 2026		
Thursday 3 rd September		Back to School!