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Monday 7th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school. I sincerely hope you all had a happy and healthy summer and that the children came back last week refreshed, recharged and ready to go. It was lovely seeing all the children back in school last week, including all the new faces joining our school. I know from my own experiences that sending them in to 'big school' in reception is a big moment for parents as well as children, but they seem to have taken it in their stride and will soon feel like part of the Belfry family.

As a teacher, I tend to organise my life in school years rather than calendar years as I did in a former career. As such, I view September as a fresher start than January and as something akin to a new year's resolution am trying to stay away from the biscuit tin for the sake of both my teeth and my waistline! I give the children permission to (kindly!) remind me of this if they seem me dunking a digestive in my tea 😊

In the spirit of new starts, I also try to find a way to get a message of hope (our school vision) and opportunity across to pupils and staff in a way they haven't heard before. This year, that was golf. I don't get out on the course as often as I'd like but thoroughly enjoy it when I do. I talked last week to the children about the different challenges it presents – 14 different clubs in the bag, tee shots, bunker shots (these are not my friend!), putting, etc. The question I posed to the children was '*which of these shots is most important?*' Some thought the tee shot and the chance of a hole-in-one; others thought the accuracy needed on the putting green. My approach (pun intended) was different. Ben Hogan, an all-time golfing great from the 1940s and 50s, said **the most important shot in golf is the next one**.

How does this relate to school?

Quite simply, the most important year in school is this next one. No year group in school is, in and of itself, more important than another. The most important year, week, day, lesson is the one immediately in front of us. So, all of us, staff, children and families alike, should work together to make this year coming the very best it can be. I look forward to working with you all to make it so.

Have a fantastic week.

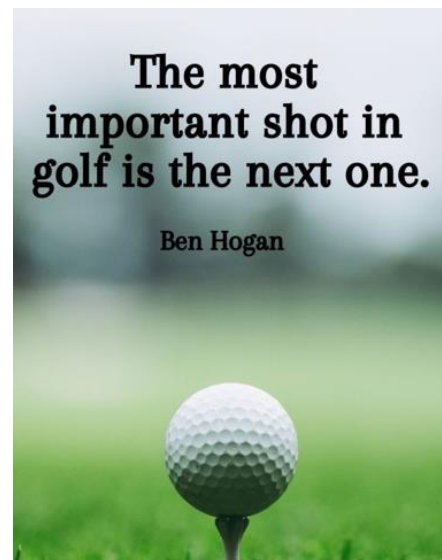
With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

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Ben Hogan



Out of school success:

Congratulations to Jenny and Carrie who both, over the summer, completed their stage 7 swimming level, the Bronze swimming challenge, and their 400 metre swimming distance award! Well done!

As with previous years, I'd love to hear of your children's successes outside of school, and to share and celebrate this with our wider school community. That could be a swimming certificate, music grading, fundraising effort, dance recital, sporting achievement – anything that makes them proud. Just email details to the office (office@overstrand.norfolk.sch.uk). If you have a photo and are happy for me to include it in the newsletter, send that over too. If you do not want the photo published in the newsletter, please make that expressly clear in your email.

Celebration Certificates

None last week due to the short week – we'll have our first this coming Friday.

For families new to the school, our Friday worship features our celebration of many of the week's achievements. Children are nominated by the staff and their peers for various achievements and/or for demonstration of our values:

- Class certificates – one or two children who the staff have spotted doing something brilliant in school that week. It doesn't have to be in the classroom either.
- Worship themes – compassion, perseverance, service, generosity, forgiveness and more (on a half termly rota).
- Forest school – Those who excel in forest school, for whatever reason, are nominated by Mrs Truman-Grieve and get to have Bella or Bertie Bee for a week, hopefully recording their adventures in the relevant book to share with their classmates the following week.
- Tackling Tables – certificates and stars can be earned by children in years 2-6 for their achievements in this programme on mental arithmetic. It's principally times tables (and the equivalent divisions) but also includes applying that knowledge to things like fractions, time facts and adding/subtracting.

Girls Rugby opportunity



GIRLS GET INTO RUGBY

We're building the next U12 girls team. One that could play together for years to come!

Join our open taster session, packed with fun games & activities to build confidence on the pitch.

Never played before? Perfect, come meet new teammates, learn the basics, and see what rugby's all about!

Played before? This is your next step. Come see where your rugby journey could take you!

GET IN TOUCH:
NWGIRLSRUGBY@GMAIL.COM

WHEN?
SUNDAY
13TH SEPTEMBER

TIME?
12:PM - 1PM

WHO?
YEARS 5, 6 & 7

WHERE?
North Walsham Rugby Football Club, Norwich Road, Scottow, NR10 5BU

Illustration of a girl in a green jersey with the number 01 running with a rugby ball.

Try out Tennis!



Cromer Tennis & Racket Sports Club

Try out some Tennis with us this Autumn!

We have spaces available on our

Monday & Thursday 4-5pm Junior Tennis class for 8-10 year olds	Saturday 11am-Midday Junior Tennis class for 8-10 year olds	Tuesday 4-5pm Junior Tennis class for 5-7 year olds
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A special introductory offer for anyone NEW to or returning to Tennis for just £45 for a six week half term

To book a place or for more information admin@cromertennisclub.co.uk or contact Head Tennis Coach Andy on **07956450194** or at awm730802@outlook.com

Diary Dates

September 2026		
Thursday 10 th September		Change to lunch menu: Special "Read a Book" meal. Order on the day.
October 2026		
Friday 9 th October		School photos. Pupil individual portraits by Tempest Photography, for data purposes though parents may purchase.
Tuesday 13 th October	Y6 YR	NHS National Child Measurement Programme: Heights and weights measurements of your child in school by NHS nurses. (Look out for your information letter by email and opt out instructions.)
Wednesday 21 st October		Last day Autumn term 1
Monday 2 nd November		Back to school. Start of Autumn Term 2
Thursday 12 th November		1 st visit: Pupil flu immunisations in school. Parent consent required
Tuesday 24 th November		2 nd visit: Pupil flu immunisations in school. Parent consent required
December 2026		
Friday 18 th December		Last day Autumn Term 2
	Christmas!	
January 2027		
Tuesday 5 th January		First day Spring Term 1