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Dear Parent/Carer,

Those of you with children in reception, yr 1, year 4 and year 6 should have received an email from me last week about statutory assessments this year. For all parents, early in this new academic year, a summary of our assessment processes in school might be beneficial.

Here ([The Belfry CE VA Primary School - Assessment](#)) is a link to an assessment page on our website on which you'll find a summary of our processes together with some guidance notes that are hopefully helpful. The first paragraph is probably the most important, so I copy it below:

*"What most of us think of when we think of assessment – tests at the end of a unit of study, or phase of school to measure achievement – is summative. In school, it's really only our end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs and teacher assessments of writing and science) that are summative. The vast majority of our assessment is **formative**. This is lower stakes and is used to inform teachers' feedback and planning. Formative assessments are generally used internally only to help the children make the best progress they can."*

So, we do assess, of course we do, but it's not all high-stakes tests while sat in silence. It's much lower key and done for the purpose of informing teachers' work.

If you have any questions about our assessment processes in school, your child(ren)'s class teacher is the first port of call. For more general information, you can always catch me on the gate or contact me via the school office.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Notices

- Attached a flyer about a music event at North Walsham library. Many of you and your children will know Bertie from her lessons in school and will know how great she is with the children.

Out of school success:

Congratulations to...

- Neve who has just passed her Stage 2 Swimming level and has also achieved her 5 metre distance swimming award – great work, Neve!

Celebration Certificates (18.09.26)

Class certificates

- Holly: Ellis – for putting your hand up to join in on whole carpet lessons.
- Larch: Arabella - for her brilliant attitude and learning in Phonics this week.
- Willow: Zebby – for consistently being the perfect classroom role model. You are respectful, polite and a great example of a year 4.
- Ash: Natalie because you're setting an absolutely superb example. You are listening well, joining in brilliantly, and putting one hundred percent into your work. Very well done.
Erik because you have been working really hard, even on things you don't find easy. You have worked really hard on your spellings and we are really impressed.
- Oak: Rose for picking up her speed in her morning work and completing all her questions. Fantastic.

Compassion

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

- Holly: Bella – for always helping me when you notice I'm tidying up a mess.
- Larch: Sophie - for always showing compassion towards others - looking out for everyone.
- Willow: Olive – for showing compassion to Mrs Breeze by understanding that she had to help other children too.
- Ash: Livvy for helping another child when she wasn't feeling very well.
- Oak: Alesandra – for always being kind to her classmates and thinking of others every day. So kind and compassionate.

Forest School

Bertie Bee goes to Henry for taking such care with the insects he found and being very interested and knowledgeable about them.

Bella Bee goes to Ted C for his delight in checking which acorns were good for planting and his enjoyment of sowing many extra acorn seeds.

Tackling Tables

100% - Edward, Jack D, Florence D, Isaac, Isla, Libby, Tobi, Lucas, Max, Summer, Oakley

Green star – Noah R

Red star – Carrie, Jenny, Bertie

Diary Dates

September 2026		
Tuesday 22 nd September	YR/Y1	Phonics information evening
Tuesday 29 th September		Friends of the Belfry Cake Sale in school
Wednesday 30 th September		Friends of the Belfry AGM, White Horse, Overstrand, 7.30 pm. Parents, carers, families all welcome.

October 2026		
Friday 9 th October		School photos. Pupil individual portraits by Tempest Photography, for data purposes though parents may purchase.
Friday 9 th October		Pantomime in school for the pupils: Sleeping Beauty by M&M Productions
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 14 th October		Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm
Wednesday 15 th October		Parents Evening 3.30 – 7 pm
Monday 19 th October	Y6	Crucial Crew visit to Gresham's Prep
Wednesday 21 st October		Last day Autumn term 1
November		
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
Wednesday 25 th November	Larch Class	Larch Class family learning café, 2-3pm, parents invited.
Monday 30 th November	Oak Class	Oak Class family learning café, 2-3pm, parents invited.
December 2026		
Tuesday 8th December	KS1	Christmas Performance, Larch and Holly Classes, 9 am. Families welcome
Wednesday 9th December	KS2	Christmas performance, Willow, Ash and Oak Classes, 9 am and 6 pm. Families welcome.
Thursday 10th December	KS1	Christmas Performance, Larch and Holly Classes, 9 am. Families welcome
Friday 18 th December		Last day Autumn Term 2
	Christmas!	
January 2027		
Tuesday 5 th January		First day Spring Term 1