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Dear Parent/Carer,

With the air cooler and damper than over the summer, and the children all back together in school for a few weeks, the autumn bugs are starting to do the rounds. Now, therefore, is a good time to remind ourselves about how school deals with the most common ailments for children and staff alike:

- Coughs, colds and other respiratory viruses – children can come into school with these and need only stay at home if they are not well enough to learn. We will look after them and will always call you if your child feels worse and needs to go home.
- Stomach bugs – children need to be off school for 48 hours after their last instance of vomiting or diarrhoea, even if they feel absolutely fine.
- Chicken pox – not currently doing the rounds but worth noting that children need to be kept at home for at least 5 days after the onset of the rash and until all the spots have dried and scabbed over. Please let us know as this can be riskier for certain people (e.g. if pregnant).
- Nits/head lice – no need to keep your child off school. If we know it's in school, we generally message all parents asking them to be vigilant.

These are the 'big four' but others (slapped cheek, scarlet fever, hand foot and mouth, threadworm and more) are more common than you'd think and there is guidance available. In all cases, please let us know as soon as you know and we can always advise if you're not sure.

Have a fantastic (and fit and healthy) week!

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Notices

- Norfolk Cricket Foundation is offering Free Cricket Coaching Courses during half-term at North Walsham High School. For 5–8-Year-olds there is All Stars Cricket and for 8–11-year-olds there is Dynamos Cricket. The courses are for three days duration. The courses will run by the Foundations Coaches on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during half term. Timings are, All Stars 9:30-11:30 and Dynamos 11:45 – 13:45. More details can be found on the PDF Flyers, and how to book.
- Attached the Atrium cinema programme for October to December - you will see that there is a half term kids' film - IF - a super story about imaginary friends.
- The local NHS are recruiting to a volunteer role in their Healthy Child Service, Infant Feeding Peer Supporter. Parent/carers can use the link in the attached flyer to find out more about the role.
- **Making Sense of SEND event**, taking place at **Hellesdon Community Centre, NEXT WEEKEND Saturday 3rd October 2026 (11.30-1.30)**. Making Sense of SEND is a free, friendly information and support event for families & professionals supporting children/young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). These events are an opportunity to speak with services and find out what support is available in person. Children are welcome to attend supervised by an adult. **Chelsea, SEND Local Offer Development Officer**

Out of school success:

Congratulations to...

- Imogen who has once again been cast in Sheringham Little Theatre's Christmas pantomime. This year, it's Sleeping Beauty. Well done, Imogen!
- Neve has just passed her Stage 2 swimming level AND she has also achieved her 5 meter distance swimming award. Great work, Neve!

Celebration Certificates (25.09.26)

Class certificates

- Holly: Sidney – for being a role model in Holly Class. You are kind and show excellent listening.
- Larch: Neve - for always having a brilliant attitude towards your learning
- Willow: Florence – you used your ten minutes of free time to create a fact file on our science topic - rocks.
- Ash: Phoebe because you are making a brilliant effort in class, trying really hard. We have been impressed with your work in maths and English – keep it up!
Lucas because you have been really trying to put into practice what you have learned in class – slowing down your writing has really improved it and you've worked hard to understand in maths too. Well done.
- Oak: Braylee-Rae for starting year 6 really well: your focus is exceptional, your learning behaviour is impeccable, and you are a super friend to all.

Compassion

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

- Holly: Ted – for sharing the toys you want to play with.
- Larch: Aadhiya - for always being helpful and kind especially helping in the classroom to tidy up.
- Willow: Harry - for offering up more books to hand out to your chosen helper.
- Ash: Phoebe for giving up your time to help someone who was sad.
- Oak: Thea – for being kind and considerate to everyone in school, especially Oak.

Forest School

Bella Bee is awarded to Khaziah for his effort and patience making his wooden car and noticing how the saw dust looked like parmesan cheese on the grass 🐝

Bertie Bee is awarded to Olive for enjoying the calmness of the forest and for being a big sister, helping others to enjoy playing and discovering pond creatures.

Diary Dates

September 2026		
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		
Thursday 1st October		Special school dinner. Order on the day. Sandwiches also available.
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
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