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Monday 5th October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

All schools are required to have a daily assembly (or collective worship), which can be in class or as a whole year/key stage/school. We explore different values in our assemblies/worship and, as a church school, do so through the lens of bible stories and other Christian teachings. We also organise for visitors and children themselves to lead these sessions.

This half term, we have been looking at the value of compassion – the idea that this is more specific than kindness in that it involves helping people in need. More specifically, we have explored the challenge of showing compassion when it is less easy, perhaps because the person in need is not our friend or because we ourselves might be on the receiving end of the same unkind behaviour if we intervene. I encourage you to talk to your children about compassion, highlighting examples of it in their lives outside school and reinforcing the learning that we're doing in school.

More information about our collective worship in school can be found here ([The Belfry CE VA Primary School - Collective Worship](#)) or you can speak to me on the gate with any thoughts or questions.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Notices

- **Parents Evening** – we are experiencing problems with the booking links and invitations. We raised this issue with our website provider, Juniper, last Wednesday and continue to follow up with this. We hope to have this resolved ASAP and will let you know as soon as it is.
- **Tennis** - Please see the flyer for details of tennis sessions available during October half term.

Out of school success:

With apologies if I've missed anyone, I don't recall any from this week. Keep working hard outside of school – I love to hear about your successes and to share them with our school community.

OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY JUNIOR FUN TENNIS
at Cromer Tennis & Racket Sports Club
Fun Tennis for all ages/No experience needed!

FOR 6-10YR OLDS
9.30AM - MIDDAY
Monday 26th October
Tuesday 27th October
Thursday 29th October

FOR 11-16YR OLDS
1-3.30PM
Wednesday 28th October

£20 PER DAY (JUNIOR MEMBERS)
£25 PER DAY (NON-MEMBERS)

An introductory offer for anyone **NEW to Tennis** £20 per session
Plus we offer discounts for multiple bookings!

Places can be booked daily | We have rackets available to use

To book your child's place or places please contact **Andy** (Head Coach) on
07956450194 | **awm730802@outlook.com**

Celebration Certificates (25.09.26)

Class certificates

- Holly: Jack – for showing a positive attitude towards school and showing excellent listening.
- Larch: Leo - for his amazing skipping rope skills in PE.
- Willow: Albie – for being super hardworking all the time and sharing your thoughts and ideas with the class.
Gus – I have seen a huge boost in your confidence so far this year. You put huge amounts of effort into your work and are a fantastic role model. Keep it up!
- Ash: Bertie – for setting a brilliant example all the time, for working hard and always being willing to share your ideas.
Emily because you work really hard, even when you sometimes find things a bit trickier. You are willing to ask for help – which is how you learn – and you do learn from the help. Well done.
- Oak: Raffety – This week you have tried really hard to overcome your difficulties and pushed yourself to achieve as much as you can.

Compassion

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

- Holly: Teddy – for your patience and understanding towards your friends.
- Larch: Declan - for always being kind and playing with other children who haven't got anyone to play with.
- Willow: Ted – for four different reasons! Such as helping someone put their belongings in their tray and tapping someone on the back when they had a cough! You are such a kind and helpful boy.
- Ash: Audrey for being kind to someone at breaktime when they were feeling sad.
- Oak: Lenny – for always thinking of others and helping when you see a need.

Tackling Tables

100% - Emily, Hunter, Christopher, Ted Y, Edward, Isla, Isaac H, Holly, Oakley, Max

Blue star – Audrey BD, Holly, Oakley, Max

Forest School

Bertie Bee goes to Zebby for trying new things to do at Forest School even when he wasn't sure about them. Well done for your positive attitude and for giving all things a go.

A big thank you to Libby and Skye for their super effort watering the pumpkins and creative lion leaf prints 🍂

Emily made an amazing village for her autumn forest fairy.

Niall and Oliver made a wonderful habitat for the spiders, newt and woodlouse that they found.

We also looked at an incredible hedgerow nest that was lined with the softest wool, that Oliver brought in to show us. Thank you.

Bella Bee goes to Aadhiya for following the recipe cards to make some wonderful creations in the forest school mud kitchen.

Thank you also to Mrs. Babbage and Linda for helping us today in the forest.





Diary Dates

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 14 th October 12 noon	Christmas Shop	Friends' class fundraising shop closes at 12 noon today. Order now for maximum commission for the Friends
Wednesday 14 th October		Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm
Thursday 15 th October		Parents Evening 3.30 – 7 pm
Friday 16 th October		Belfry School non-uniform day. Bring a bottle for the Friends' Christmas Fair tombola!
Monday 19 th October	Y6	Crucial Crew visit to Gresham's Prep
Tuesday 20th October		Harvest Festival, St. Martin's Church, Overstrand. 2-3 pm. All welcome!
Wednesday 21 st October		Last day Autumn term 1
November		
Monday 2 nd November		Back to school. Start of Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 4th November	New YR	Open morning for new pupils 2027, 11 am
Friday 6 th November		Friends' Autumn Disco Holly & Larch Classes (KS1): 5.45 – 6.45 pm Willow, Ash & Oak (KS2): 7-8 pm
Monday 9 th November		Pantomime in school for the pupils: Sleeping Beauty by M&M Productions
Thursday 12 th November		1 st visit: Pupil flu immunisations in school. Parent consent required
Saturday 14th November		Belfry Christmas Fair: 11 am - 2 pm

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