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Dear parent/carer

The warmest of welcomes to our new school year. I hope that you and yours enjoyed the long summer break and that your children are rested, recharged and raring to go for this new school year. It was lovely to see them all again (and to meet our newest students) last week – schools are meant to have children in them, and it was lovely to have them fill our school with smiles and laughter once again.

Over the coming days and weeks, we will be populating class pages on our website with each class's timetables and curriculum coverage for the coming half term, as well as our diary dates for the term, including parents' evenings, learning cafes, church services, trips and more.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

After School Clubs

I am delighted to be able to offer the following after school clubs this half term, all based at school. As with previous years, we endeavour to provide a range of clubs over the year, catering for different interests and ages.

Skateboarding will alternate between years 5 and 4 across the year. Our fantastic choir, who performed so well at the music festival last year, will re-form in January.

Monday	Tennis for years 1-3 (starts Monday 22 nd Sept)
Wednesday	Netball for year 3-6
Thursday	Dance for years 1-6
Friday	Skateboarding for year 5 (starts this Friday 12 th Sept – no club on Fri 26 th Sept)

Unless otherwise stated, clubs start next week (week beginning 15th September), run for six weeks and run after school until 4.15pm. All clubs are charged at a low subsidised rate of £10 per half term.

All school clubs will be visible on Parent Pay from tomorrow afternoon when you will be able to log on, search for payment items, book by ticking the consent button, and pay in the usual way. If you do not already have a login to ParentPay, please collect your login from the school office tomorrow morning.

Places will be limited. (If you cannot see the club, this may mean the club is full, but please contact the school office to double check). We will confirm your child's place via text message. After school club remains available Monday to Friday until 4.15 or 5.15pm.

Summer Reading Challenge

If any of your children have been taking part in the summer reading challenge run by Norfolk Library Service, they have until this Saturday 13th September to finish their six books, and claim their certificate and medal. Well done to

all of those taking part – I adore reading and the summer holidays afforded me the time to get through nearly two books, for which I was very grateful.

PE and Forest School

Further to the recent email, find below details of each class/year group's PE and forest school provision this half term.

Reception	PE on Mondays
Year 1	PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 2	PE on Tuesdays and forest school on Thursday afternoons
Willow	PE and forest school on alternating Thursdays (an email has been sent confirming dates)
Ash	PE on Thursdays
Oak	PE on Wednesdays and skateboarding on Fridays

As with last year, all year groups/classes are scheduled to have two half terms of forest school across the year, aimed at providing that experience in different seasons to provide some contrast.

Out of school success

A reminder as we start the new school year that I love to hear about and share the children's success outside of school. That could be a swimming hat, karate belt, brownie badge or a litter pick – anything that they have done outside of school that we can celebrate and make them feel proud!

Celebration Assembly Winners

For the parents new to our school, every Friday sees our celebration assembly in school, with children nominated to be recognised for their excellent work. Typically, we have nominees from each class for:

- Demonstrating one of our five school values (kindness, respect, ambition, curiosity, resilience)
- Demonstrating our worship value (which is compassion this half term)
- Fantastic work in forest school

We will have our first celebration assembly this Friday, with the winners' details published in the newsletter at the start of the following week.

Each term, we also have a parent assembly to celebrate the achievements of children who have earned 10 blue cars, who have shown strong ambition and progress, and who have been fantastic role models.