



The Belfry CE VA Primary School

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Tuesday 30th September 2025

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, threadworms 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

Out of school success

Keep messaging or sending children to see me with news of their successes outside of school. I love to hear about them all and to give the children a boost by sharing them here.

Celebration Assembly Winners

Class certificates

Holly: Louis – for showing focus during phonics and working hard to write his sounds.

Larch: Skye - for her amazing handwriting and brilliant writing in literacy this week.

Willow: Albie – you have completely turned it around in the last week and it has been wonderful to see just how passionate and hard working you can be. I can't wait to see you continue to progress.

Beau – you have joined a new school on quite an unusual day and you have handled it really well! I can see how resilient you are already.

- Ash: Carrie - because you are working really hard, you join in really well and you are keen and enthusiastic. We've been very impressed.
Charlotte - because you always work really hard and give 100 percent. You are much more confident and your English work is really detailed. We've been so impressed with your attitude and achievements.
- Oak: Mabel – because this has been a great start for you at The Belfry: you have made new friends and impressed me with your beautiful writing and excellent learning behaviour.

Compassion Cultivators

- Holly: Freya - for showing perseverance through challenges that starting school presents.
- Larch: Isaac - nominated by Edward for being really kind to him and looking after him when he first started school
- Willow Holly – you gave a tissue to two friends when they were in need for different reasons.
- Ash: Nora - for always being kind and helpful and supporting others.
- Oak: Jhayden – for always being a good friend and supporting our newest member of Oak Class.

Forest School

Bertie Bee goes to Florence H for her super effort to try everything at forest school: she always has a great attitude and willingness to learn new things.

Bella Bee goes to Audrey H for her enthusiasm for looking for and learning about the different leaves and the fruits and nuts from the trees they came from.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 30th September	All parents	The Friends AGM, White Horse, Overstrand 7pm
October 25		
Friday 3rd October	Yr R & Parents	Peep Talk (Speech & Language) session. 1.45 - 2.45 pm
W/C Monday 6 th October	Y5/6	Bikeability for those Yr 5 & 6 that pre-booked last term
Monday 6 th October		Friends Cake Sale in school. Donations on the day please. Cakes 50p or 30p. Children may purchase in the afternoon, parents from 3.15 pm
Thursday 9th October	Whole School	Tempest Photography: Individual pupil portraits. Siblings invited at 8.30 am
Friday 10th October	Yr R & Parents	Peep Talk CANCELLED
Wednesday 15th October		Parents evening 3.30 to 5.30 pm
Thursday 16th October		Parents evening 3.30 to 7 pm
Friday 17th October	Yr R & Parents	Peep Talk (Speech & Language) last session. 1.45 - 2.45 pm
Wednesday 22nd October	Y6	Crucial Crew event: Gresham's, Holt. 9.30 – 11.30 am
November 25		
Monday 3rd November	Oak Class	Family café: pm

Monday 10th November	Whole School	MM Theatre Productions: Beauty & the Beast performance in school (for pupils only). Ash Class café to be rescheduled.
Thursday 13 th October	New Yr R	Open day for prospective new parents and their children. 11 am or 1.30 pm
Monday 17 th November	Willow Class	Family café: pm
Thursday 20 th November	Whole school	Flu immunisations, 1 st visit
Monday 24 th November	Larch Class	Family café: pm
Thursday 27 th November	Whole School	Flu immunisations, 2 nd & final visit
December 25		
Monday 1 st December	Holly Class	Family café: pm
Monday 8 th December	KS2	Christmas performance dress rehearsal: pm
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1	Christmas performance dress rehearsal: 9 am
Wednesday 10 th December	KS2	Performances at 9 am & 6.30 pm
Thursday 11 th December	KS1	Performance at 9 am
Friday 12 th December	KS1	Performance at 9 am
Friday 12 th December	Y4 parents	Friendship workshop for parents 1-2 pm
Wednesday 17 th December		Christmas Lunch!
Friday 19th December		Last day of term
Tuesday 6th January 2026		First day of Spring term 2026