



The Belfry CE VA Primary School

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Monday 20th October 2025

Dear parent/carer

Well, if you blinked, you missed it. The first half term of the year will be finished on Friday and our wonderful children (and staff) have earned their week away from school. Before we break for half term, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our harvest service this week. This is our first church service of the year and the children will be contributing to the service and the celebration of harvest. For those new to the school, all parents, carers and other family are welcome. Children will have their things with them and can be taken home from the church directly. Children not collected, or attending after school clubs, will remain in the care of school staff and will be walked back to school.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it into parents evening last week. The teachers enjoyed meeting you all and sharing how well the children settled into the new school year and, for many, new classes. We hope to see more of you after half term. Our family/learning cafes are taking place weekly, starting with Oak class on the first day back – Monday 3rd November 2025. Again, for the newest members of our school, these are opportunities for you to join your children's classes for an hour at the end of the school day, sharing in their learning. We will provide tea and coffee; you just bring yourselves and a smile.

Whisper it quietly, but we will also be entering the festive season with nativity performances already in the diary, another church service in December and the termly parent assembly and prize giving to follow as well. On top of that, we have a panto visiting in November (oh yes we do!), selected children in key stage 2 representing the school at a cross-country event, Oak class swimming, Ash class and year 1s doing forest school and doubtless a lot, lot more.

So...much to look forward to but, in the meantime, thank you for your support this half term. Have a fantastic two weeks.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

School meals

Our catering provider, Nourish, are running a new menu after half term. A copy is attached. Also attached is a letter from Nourish themselves detailing a price increase £2.80 per meal. The letter states that the price increase is effective from 1st September 2025 but please be assured that this will not be backdated, but will be effective for the Belfry from Monday 3rd November 2025.

Poppy Appeal

With half term quite soon before Remembrance Day, children will be selling poppies & other merchandise this week in school, and again after half term if any stock remains. Suggested amounts are £1 or 50p but anything you give will go to the Royal British Legion to support the work they do.

Reminders

A few reminders:

- **After school club** - Please book in for after school club. For many, there will be regular days that can be booked in advance for the office. For the ad-hoc days, a call or email to the office or letting us know on the gate in the morning is also fine. Knowing how many children we have really helps with our planning.
- **Wet weather gear** - We're well into the autumn now – the days are cooler and wetter. Please ensure that your child has a coat with them every day at school as well as a pair of wellies to stay at school for using the playing field when it's wet.
- **This Friday 24th October** is a 'mufti' day for the children in exchange for a donation of a bottle for the Friends of Belfry's Christmas Fair tombola.
- **School photos** - Have you ordered your child's portrait school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 26th October 2025. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).
- **Harvest donations** – Thank you to those who have already brought in donations for a local foodbank at this time of harvest celebrations. If you are yet to donate and are able to, the foodbank especially needs tinned goods (meat/veg/fruit/soup) and squash.

Attachments for half term and other events from:

- North Walsham Library
- Icen Basketball Club
- Active Education

Out of school success

Congratulations to the following on their fantastic success outside of school:

- Ted M for his player of the match performance for Cromer U10s – go Ted!

Celebration Assembly Winners

Class certificates

- Holly: Willow - for always showing focus and trying hard in every lesson. You always have amazing ideas that you like to share with the class.
- Larch: Oliver- for contributing some really interesting facts when learning about London when learning about the capital cities of the UK.
- Willow: Harriet – you have written a brilliant first-person narrative AND a great non-chronological report. I can't wait to read more of your work.
Emily – you have been a brilliant helper this week, always spotting jobs to be done.
- Ash: Imogen because you always listen carefully, you work carefully, and you try your best all the time. You set a great example to others.
Finley because you have made a massive effort to concentrate, you have been contributing really well and you worked really hard today. Keep it up!
- Oak: Benji – you always work hard, you are kind to others, you are always ready to learn and you are a delight to teach.

Compassion Cultivators

- Holly: Declan – for helping his friends to write graphemes during phonics.
- Larch: Delilah- for always being really helpful and a very kind friend: nominated by Larch class
- Willow Lucy - for reminding a friend about their medical bag for after school club.
- Ash: Jennifer for noticing compassion in others and nominating them for a certificate – treating others as you would like be treated.
- Oak: Florence – for being a kind, positive member of Oak who always helps others.

Forest School

- Bertie Bee goes to Albie for being compassionate and kind looking after his friend who had injured themselves.
- Bella Bee goes to Henry for his super effort today on his forest crafts.

Diary Dates

October 25		
Tuesday 21 st October		Last day for Christmas card and merchandise ordering. Online shop closes at 12 noon.
Tuesday 21 st October		Friends Christmas Fair planning meeting. 7.30 pm White Horse, Overstrand. All welcome!
Wednesday 22 nd October	Y6	Crucial Crew event: Gresham's, Holt. 9.30 – 11.30 am
Wednesday 22 nd October	All families welcome	Harvest Festival, St. Martin's Church, 2-3 pm Families welcome.
Friday 24 th October		Non-Uniform Day! Please donate a bottle for the Friends' Christmas Fair tombola!
November 25		
Monday 3 rd November	Oak Class	Family café: pm
Wednesday 5 th November	Whole School	Coastwise Coastal Erosion Project in school. 11.30 am – 3 pm
Monday 10 th November		MM Theatre Productions: Beauty & the Beast performance in school (for pupils only).
Tuesday 11 th December	Ash Class	Ash Class family café: pm
Thursday 13th November	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
Saturday 22 nd November		Belfry Christmas Fair 11-3 pm
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
Tuesday 16 th December		Christmas Service, St. Martin's Church, 2-3 pm
Wednesday 17 th December		Christmas Lunch!
Friday 19th December		Last day of term
Tuesday 6th January 2026		First day of Spring term 2026