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Dear parent/carer

A belated but very warm welcome back to school and to the new half term.

Already this half term we have had a team of cross-country runners representing our school with distinction (more on them below) and panto in the school hall this afternoon (oh yes we have!). Last week also saw the visit of a team from Coastwise and JBA Consultants to talk about coastal erosion and local wildlife.

To come this week, we look forward to seeing lots of Ash parents/families at our second learning café of the year on Tuesday. It's an opportunity to join your child in class for an hour, with refreshments on us! Arrive in time for a 2pm start. We'll finish around 3pm, allowing us time to tidy away before home time at 3.15pm. Holly class are also visiting the library tomorrow, while Oak are at the church for the Remembrance Service. Finally, It's Children in Need this **Friday 14th November**, so we will be having a non-uniform, wear spots day. More details below.

Looking further ahead, learning cafes continue each week and we'll also all start getting very excited about Christmas. Check the diary dates below for details of the KS1 and KS2 performances, as well as our Christmas lunch and jumper day, and our Christmas church service. Finally, we will have our termly parent assembly on the last day of term – Friday 19th December at 2pm. If your child has won either the role model or ambition and progress trophy, we will contact you. In any event, come along if you can to support our children and celebrate their gold and blue card successes.

With so much to look forward to, it will, as ever, be a busy half term.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Morning Drop Off

The school doors open at 8.30am. You are very welcome to arrive prior to that time and wait outside the doors near Holly class. If you do, please stay with your children or arrange for another adult to be with them and responsible for them until 8.30 when you hand them over into our care.

Harvest

Thank you for all your harvest donations for the local foodbank before half term and for joining us for our church service. We hope that you enjoyed the service and know that your donations will go to families who need it and who appreciate your generosity.



Children in Need 2025

Children in Need is this **Friday 14th November 2025** so we're going to have a 'dress spotty' day. Very much like other mufti days – wear non-uniform in exchange for £1 to go to Children in Need – but spots are requested if at all possible, to link in with Pudsey's own headband. It doesn't have to be all spots – could be socks, a hairband, a belt or even a head/wristband made at home from a strip of paper and some coloured pens. We look forward to seeing everyone on the day and making our own little contribution to this fantastic cause.

Cross Country

We took over 20 runners from Key Stage 2 to Stalham last week to compete in cross-country races. Year 3 and 4 children ran 1,100m, while year 5 and 6 children ran 1,500m. All of the children tried their hardest and represented the school with distinction. Of the many schools/federations that took part, The Belfry came a commendable 11th. Full finishing positions below and well done to absolutely everyone!

Margot – 17 th	Lulu – 26 th	Martha – 6 th	Florence – 15 th
Rose A – 34 th	Imogen – 27 th	Charlotte – 20 th	Alice – 16 th
	Bertie – 7 th	Rose – 35 th	Agatha – 18 th
	George – 17 th	Ted – 14 th	Hugo – 6 th
	Harry – 31 st	Finley – 23 rd	Stanley – 18 th
		Rupert – 30 th	Raff – 19 th
		Barnaby – 32 nd	Thomas – 13 th

If your child finished in the top 10, they are invited to take part in a cross-country event early in January and I attach a flyer with more information. As this is on a weekend, we will not be able to support with transport etc, but we would love to hear of anyone who takes part and how they get on.

Friends Update

A big thank you for your support at the last disco. A total of £229 was raised.

Our attention now turns to our upcoming Christmas Fair being held on **22nd November**. If anyone has any raffle or tombola prizes to donate, please could these be dropped off at the office no later than Wednesday 19th November. Raffle tickets will also be on sale during the week leading up to the Fair.

If anyone else can offer their time on the day of the event please get in touch with one of the Friends Committee.

Out of school success

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

- Jenny and Carrie who both completed their Stage 6 swimming and earned their 100 metre swimming badge – well done, girls!

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: Freddie - for being a really kind and caring friend towards another child when they needed some support.

Willow: Zebby – you continue to be a very polite and caring boy.

Livvy – you are a great role model in willow class, always ready to learn and willing to help anyone that needs it.

Ash: Ada because you have a brilliant attitude. You work really hard and it has been lovely to see you grow in confidence. Well done.

Lenny because you have really taken charge of your learning. You made a really mature decision about where to sit and you are working hard. Well done.

Oak: Leo – for showing a better attitude towards his learning.

Perseverance Pioneers

Holly: Declan – for helping his friends to write graphemes during phonics.

Larch: Walter- for always persevering in maths when he finds it tricky.

Willow Hunter – sticking with your reading book and getting a brilliant score.

Ash: Rose for showing perseverance in all areas in school. When you find something difficult, you just keep trying and don't give up. Well done.

Oak: Amelie – for persevering in her work and on the monkey bars during playtime.

Diary Dates

November 25		
Tuesday 11 th November	Ash Class	Ash Class family café: 2-3 pm
Thursday 13th November	New Yr R	Open day for prospective new parents and their children. 11 am or 1.30 pm
Friday 14 th November		Children In Need day. Wear something spotty!
Monday 17 th November	Willow Class	Family café: 2–3 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: 2-3 pm
Thursday 27 th November	Whole School	Flu immunisations, 2 nd & final visit
December 25		
Monday 1 st December	Holly Class	Family café: 2-3 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 and Christmas Jumper Day!

Friday 19th December		Last day of term & Parent Assembly 2.15 in school. All welcome!
Tuesday 6th January 2026		First day of Spring term 2026