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Monday 24th November 2025

Dear parent/carer

I mentioned the arctic blast last week and some days really were bitter – I hope that you and yours managed to stay warm and dry.

Not much from me this week, but I did want to say a massive THANK YOU to the Friends of Belfry School for all their efforts in putting on the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. As we approach Christmas and many of us are thinking about the gifts we can give (or perhaps would like to receive), I do believe that *time* is the most valuable gift we can give. So, thank you to the committee and to all of the other volunteers for giving up your time to make it happen and to support the school's work.

Have a fantastic week.

With kind regards

Steven Boast

Executive Deputy Headteacher
North Star Federation

Salvation Army Appeal

A reminder, following Mrs Lee's recent letter and to further our school vision of hope, that we are collecting children's toys for the Salvation Army to distribute to children this Christmas who otherwise might go without. We have a table set up in the hall to collect the donations. Final day for donations is next Tuesday 2nd December 2025.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for all your support for the Poppy appeal. I copy below a note from the local organiser.

Good morning,

We've completed the count of donations for this year's Poppy Appeal. The school, once again, did so well with the collections and this year raised £213.49, which is just over £100 more than last year! I have attached a 'thank you' which you may like to display in the school.

As I have already mentioned, this is my last year as a Poppy Appeal Organiser. After fifteen years, supporting the annual appeal, I am retiring or to quote in official terms, standing down! Hopefully, over the coming months, between myself and the County's Poppy Appeal Manger, we will be able to recruit a replacement, at which time I will pass them your contact details.

Thank you for all the support provided by the school.

Kind regards

Janet

Overstrand Poppy Appeal Organiser

Car Park

A reminder that the school/staff car park is not for parent/carer use at drop off and pick up times. At these busiest times of the day, we'd much rather you waited for a parking space on the roadside and were a few minutes later than planned than risk injury. For drop offs at breakfast club (before 8.15am) and from after school clubs (after 3.30pm), parents can use the car park to drop or collect children. Thanks in advance for your support in keeping our children safe.

Out of school success

None that I'm aware of this week but do keep them coming in. I love reading them and sharing them with you all.

Celebration Assembly Winners

Class certificates

- Holly: Ophelia – for sharing great ideas during lesson time this week.
- Larch: Khaziah- for working really hard this week on your social stories with Miss Ward and for taking great pride in your work.
- Willow: Ben – you have worked really hard on your joined up handwriting this week.
- Ash: Rupert because you worked really hard on writing your myth this week. You had great ideas and you made a huge effort with your writing. Super job!
- Oak: Stanley whose curiosity, ambition and enthusiasm for learning have shone through and set a fantastic example.

Perseverance Pioneers

- Holly: Willow – for your perseverance in phonics and with your handwriting.
- Larch: Henry - nominated by Delilah for persevering in your Maths when you have found it tricky.
- Willow Kelly – despite having broken fingers, you have carried on with your work, using your left hand instead. You haven't made a fuss or complained once.
- Ash: Carrie – for showing perseverance in your maths work – it was great seeing you understand it.
- Oak: Isla for her perseverance in maths, showing a willingness to stick at multi-step problems and complete all steps needed to find an answer.

Forest School:

Bella Bee goes to Aadhiya for her eagerness playing the predator and prey games at Forest School and her perseverance making her willow star.

Bertie Bee goes to Alesandra for the care taken creating her beautiful Autumn leaf magnet and her bulb lasagna planting.

Diary Dates

November 25		
Wednesday 26 th November REVISED DATE!	Whole School	Flu immunisations, 2 nd & final visit
December 25		
Monday 1 st December	Y R	NHS National Child Measurement Programme: Height/Weight and Vision/Hearing checks in school
Monday 1 st December	Y6	NHS National Child Measurement Programme: Height/Weight checks in school
Monday 1 st December	Holly Class	Family café: 2-3 pm
Tuesday 2 nd December		Last day for Salvation Army toy appeal
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