

Termly Newsletter

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Autumn Term, 2nd half

Seasons greetings from Mrs Jarvis

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Christmas lights twinkle and excitement fills the air, we look back on what has been a truly busy, joyful and industrious term for our whole school community. From memorable trips and festive experiences to nativities and carol services, the children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and pride, all while continuing their wonderful learning in classrooms each day.

We would like to begin with a huge thank you to everyone who so kindly donated gifts for the Hope Boxes for the residents of Hartismere Place. The boxes were delivered yesterday and were very gratefully received, bringing lots of smiles and festive cheer. Your generosity and kindness truly reflect the caring spirit of our school community, and we are so proud of the children and families for supporting this special cause.

The term began in a reflective and meaningful way, with some of our pupils attending the Remembrance Parade in Eye, where they had the honour of laying a poppy wreath in memory of those who have fought and served in wars across the world. Since then, we have seen fantastic teamwork and determination at sporting events in hockey and rugby, as well as during our exciting sports enrichment opportunities. Our pupils have worked incredibly hard in their learning and during the Autumn assessments, proudly showing just how much progress they have made. It has also been wonderful to see so many children attending after-school clubs – from art and tennis to coding and more – developing their creativity, skills and interests.

This term also saw our budding rock stars shine in a Rocksteady concert, showcasing their commitment and talent, while Years 3 and 4 have continued to develop their clarinet skills with great dedication. We were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school for our Christmas decoration art and craft open afternoon – a truly heart-warming and festive occasion enjoyed by all.

The festive fun continued with Elf Day, Christmas Jumper Day and the Christmas Jumper Song Competition, filling the school with colour, laughter and Christmas cheer. To round off a magical term, Key Stage 1 shared their delightful nativity performance, while Key Stage 2 led a beautiful Christmas Service at the church with Fr Guy.

All that remains is to wish you and your families a very restful, happy and healthy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Thank you, as always, for your continued support – it truly means so much.

Dates for your diary next term

See below some dates to note, more key dates will follow:

January

Tues 6th First day of Spring 1 term
Fri 9th Year 5 UK Parliament trip

February

Thurs 12th Years 1 and 2 Norwich Puppet Theatre
W/C 9th Parent's Consultations (days TBC)
Fri 13th last day of term

An important and polite reminder for next term

Please ensure extra warm clothes are provided for children next term for Forest School Sessions as we are expecting some wintery weather.

This half term's value has been Trust

Let's Celebrate!



Our pupils have flourished through some enriching experiences this term

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A Victorian Experience for Willows

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse this half term, where they experienced what life was like in Victorian times. The children learnt how the Victorians collected their water and washed their clothes by hand, discovering just how much effort went into everyday tasks. They also had the opportunity to make and taste traditional drop scones, which were a big hit! In a recreated Victorian classroom, pupils experienced the strict routines and discipline of the era before exploring the workhouse to learn about the many different jobs people did there. It was a fascinating and memorable day that brought our history learning to life.



Next half term's value is Perseverance



Year 4 Sew N Sews

Year 4 children have been practising their sewing skills in DT, whilst making Christmas decorations. They took time to use templates to cut fabric to the right size, practised pinning and sewing with a running stitch.

It was Year 4's turn to serve Mass in church this term whilst years 5 and 6 did readings from the bible and delivered prayers.



Love Our Local Library

Our reception children enjoyed a visit to Eye library. They listened to stories being read by the librarian, designed some bunting (which is being display in the library for Christmas), looked through lots of books and even got to select their own book to bring back to school. They practised scanning the card, the book and then stamping it with the return date. They have already enjoyed reading their selections in the classroom!



Christmas Jumper Song

On Thursday 11th December, the whole school watched the premiere of their performance in the Christmas Jumper Song music video! The children enjoyed trying to spot themselves and their friends!

Wind Socks

Year 2 have been busy designing and making windsocks. They spent time learning about the purpose of a windsock before getting stuck into creating their final designs. They discovered that sticking closely to a design can be tricky, but they showed great skill in using their knowledge of materials to produce some fantastic final pieces. Finally, they went outside to test how well they worked. Well done, Year 2!



Maples

Year 5 have had a busy term with a Christmas dinner lesson to help them write persuasive letters to Ebenezer Scrooge, encouraging him to spend Christmas day at his nephew Fred's house. They also got the opportunity to make Christmas decorations and crafts with some local residents at Hartismere Place. It was a true privilege to join generations at this festive time of year.



Hilltop Adventures

Year 6 had a fantastic week at Hilltop for their residential trip! They conquered their fears, made new friends from other schools, and challenged themselves. They worked together well as a team, supporting each other to try new things. The children's highlights included: caving, the tree top trail and high ropes, the Big Zipper and the Super Swing!



'Each of us shall use whatever gift we have received to serve others' Peter 4:10



FESTIVE FAMILY FUN IN SUFFOLK 🎄 Christmas Holidays 2025

👶🌟 Festive Things to Do with Children & Families 🌟👶

Looking for ways to enjoy the Christmas holidays together? Suffolk has plenty of magical, family-friendly activities to help you create special festive memories.

🎁 CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT JIMMY'S FARM

📍 Near Ipswich

- Free festive family event
- Around 100 local stalls from East Anglia
- Live music and delicious local food

🎄 FLATFORD CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET

📍 Flatford

- Handmade Christmas gifts
- Live festive music
- Fun activities for children

🌟 CHRISTMAS AT HELMINGHAM HALL

📍 Helmingham

- Magical illuminated garden trail
- Fairy-lit trees and festive displays
- Seasonal food stalls

🌊 SEASIDE WALKS IN SOUTHWOLD

📍 Southwold

- Winter beach walks
- Hot chocolate by the sea
- Stroll along the iconic pier

👶 CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

- Festive Christmas show
- Mother Christmas' Kitchen
- Christmas crafts for children

🎉 MAKE MAGICAL MEMORIES THIS CHRISTMAS 🎉

A wonderful mix of festive sparkle, outdoor fun, and cosy family moments across Suffolk

❄️ Please check event websites for dates, times, and booking details before visiting. ❄️

🎄 Wishing all our families a joyful and magical Christmas holiday! 🎄



“At Christmas, the greatest gift we hold is the wonder and warmth of our children’s hearts.”