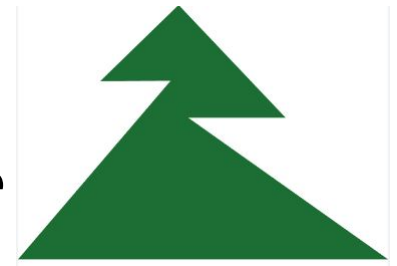


*Become the best that you can
be: for learning, for life, for future
success.*



Firside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 24 October 2025

We are part of...

WENSUM TRUST

FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

A message from the Leadership Team

Although we only sent our last newsletter last week, we wanted to end the term with an extra one, especially as it includes some key diary dates.

What a fantastic start to the new academic year we've had! We, the leadership team, want to extend a huge thank you and a massive well done to all of our pupils. It's been inspiring to see how quickly and enthusiastically everyone has settled back into the routine of school life, particularly those who are new to Firside this year. Your hard work in class every day—from diving into new subjects to collaborating on projects—has been truly brilliant. This half term has been full of energy, and we've already had the pleasure of celebrating so many wonderful achievements, both big and small, in the classroom and beyond.

This half term has been a whirlwind of activity in school. Our children have represented the school with pride in numerous sporting events, including competitive football matches and enjoyable WNDSSP sporting fixtures. Many of our pupils also enjoyed trying something new during their karate taster sessions. Our partnership with Friend in Deed saw some of our pupils make heartwarming visits to Redlands care home, fostering wonderful intergenerational connections. Meanwhile, Year 4 were captivated by a special visit from the Hawk and Owl Trust. These experiences enrich our curriculum and create lasting memories for our children.

We are now looking forward to an equally busy and exciting next half term! We have some great fundraising events planned in partnership with our wonderful Friends of Firside (FOF), including a fun disco and our highly anticipated 50/50 Firside Run event with the Community Sports Foundation. Our Year 3 and 4 students also have enriching trips planned. The festive season will bring a flurry of performances, with Christmas performances for Year 3 and 4 and a Christmas carol concert at HHS as well as usual festive fun with Christmas lunches and end of term celebrations to look forward to. It's set to be a jam-packed and wonderful term, and we can't wait to share it all with you!

Mrs Robinson (Executive Head Teacher)

Mr O'Malley (Head of School)

Mrs Seagrave (Assistant Head of School)

We are part of...

WENSON TRUST

FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Dates for your diary

Mon 3 Nov First day of new term

Year 3 Time and Tide trip - half of 3B

Tues 4 Nov Year 3 Time and Tide trip - 3L, 3MD and half of 3B

Wed 5 Nov Run Firside event all pupils

Sparkle spectacular special lunch

Fri 14 Nov Children in Need

Fri 21 Nov FOF Xmas hamper non uniform - more info below

Thurs 27 Nov School discos - more info to follow soon

Fri 5 Dec Year 4 Castle Museum trip

Sun 7 Dec HHS carol concert

Wed 10 Dec Y5/6 Christmas lunch day

Thurs 11 Dec Y3/4 Christmas lunch day

Mon 15 Dec Y3/4 Dress rehearsals

Tues 16 Dec Y3 Christmas performance 9:30am

Y4 Christmas performance 1:30pm

Wed 17 Dec Y4 Christmas performance 9:30am

Y3 Christmas performance 1:30pm

Fri 19 Dec Last day of term

Free non-uniform day - Xmas jumpers optional

Tues 6 Jan First day of new term

WENSUM TRUST

Friends of Firside Christmas hampers

Friends of Firside are already preparing for their popular Christmas hamper raffle. This is always a great fundraiser for FOF and we appreciate all of their support with this.

On Friday 21st November, children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform. Their payment for this should be an item for the Christmas hampers.

This year, they would like to do a rainbow hamper, therefore the children in each year group should bring an item for the hampers in their year group colour (see below). Items for the hampers could include: smellies, candles, chocolates, biscuits, Christmas snacks and any other suitable gift.

Year 3: red or orange gifts

Year 4: yellow or green gifts

Year 5: green or blue gifts

Year 6: purple or pink gifts



Raffle tickets will be coming home in November - please support FOF!

WENSUM TRUST

PE / Games lessons

PE timetable week commencing 3rd November

	PE	Games	Swimming
Monday	3MD		5A
Tuesday	3B (for those not on trip) 6P and 6B		
Wednesday		Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (RUN FIRSIDE EVENT)	
Thursday	4T, 4RL		5A
Friday	4L, 5W, 5T, 6C		

PE timetable week commencing 10th November

	PE	Games	Swimming
Monday	3MD	Year 5	5A
Tuesday	3B, 3L, 6P and 6B		
Wednesday		Year 3, 4 and 6	
Thursday	4T, 4RL		5A
Friday	4L, 5W, 5T, 6C		

Performances

As we did last year, we are excited to offer more of a variety of performance opportunities throughout the year rather than only at Christmas. As we did last year, only Year 3 and 4 will be performing a play at Christmas. Year 5 will be performing at the end of the Spring term, and Year 6 will be focusing on their performance at the end of the Summer term. This is to allow increased rehearsal space for all year groups and provide exposure to alternative genres of performance as part of our music curriculum.

We look forward to welcoming Year 3 and 4 parents, carers and families to our Christmas performances at the end of the autumn term. This year we are excited to be holding two performances for each of the Year 3 and 4 shows. This is not only to provide the opportunity for our pupils to perform to an audience more than once, but also to offer more opportunities for families to attend their children's performances.

Year 3 Performances will be held:

Tuesday 16th December 9:30am

Wednesday 17th December 1:30pm

Year 4 Performances will be held:

Tuesday 16th December 1:30pm

Wednesday 17th December 9:30pm

We will be sending out information closer to the time to parents of Year 3 and 4 regarding timings for the Christmas performances and how to book your space in the audience for one of the performances.

We will keep parents of Year 5 and 6 informed later in the year regarding dates for their performances.

We look forward to you celebrating our pupils' performances throughout the year with us.

TENSUM TRUST

RUN FIRSIDE - WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

On **Wednesday 5 November**, we are excited to host our very own **Run Firside**. This is being brought to us by the **Community Sports Foundation (CSF)** as part of their **Run Norwich 50/50 fundraiser**.

It will be a fun, school-based running event where the proceeds raised through sponsorship are shared 50/50 between our school and the Foundation. We will be raising sponsorship for not only the Foundation to support their vital work throughout Norfolk, but also to help our Friends of Firside fund a class set of iPads to be used for everyday learning within the school.

All children and staff now have a sponsorship form and envelope in which they can collect their sponsorship money. All money and forms must be returned to school by Wednesday 19 November with your child's name, class and amount raised on the front.

Once all the sponsorship money has been collected in, CSF will award their prizes.

We are part of...

WENSUMTRUST

FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Name Labels

Named items of clothing are always far more likely to be able to be reunited with their owners. When items are clearly labelled, it makes it so much easier for us to make sure children have all their belongings!

If you buy name labels, please consider using [My Nametags](#) using our school ID: 67290

If you purchase through their website (using our school ID) 24% of your total purchase will go back to the Friends of Firside. This is another way that we can support FOF with their fundraising efforts!

Thank you

We are part of...

FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES




NO MORE LOST ITEMS!

Our nametags are perfect to label all of your child's possessions. From clothing to shoes, stationery, toys - everything is identified!



4.8/5 ON TRUSTPILOT

 STICKERS STAY ON IN THE WASH!

 NO SEWING REQUIRED

 QUEEN'S AWARD WINNER

 UK MARKET LEADER FOR 20 YEARS



School ID: 67290

Uniform reminders

Thank you to everyone for looking so smart on their return to school. A reminder that we do expect the children to be wearing their school ties now. Summer dresses and shorts can be worn until October half term.

A reminder that PE kit should include black shorts / jogging bottoms, a **white** logo PE polo top or plain **white** polo shirt (old style logo t-shirts are also allowed) and a black jumper / hooded top or green / black logo fleece. A full uniform and kit list is available [on our website](#).

We know that lots of the girls prefer to wear cycling shorts for PE but please can we ask parents to ensure that cycling shorts cover thighs.

Please be aware that games lessons are usually outside unless particularly wet. We recommend jogging bottoms and fleeces / hoodies on this day. A spare pair of socks is also useful.

As always, with 350 identical, or very similar items of clothing, it is vital that all items of clothing are named clearly.

Wensum part of...

WENSUMTRUST

FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

We are nut free

A reminder to all families that we aim to be a nut free school. This is due to severe allergies in some children in our school. Please help us to keep them safe by refraining from including nut products in your child's lunchbox or snack. Nut products might include: whole nuts, nuts in cereal bars, peanut butter and Nutella.

We ask that all parents follow this guidance as food allergies can be very serious. Thank you.



We are part of...

WENSUM TRUST

FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Second-hand uniform shop

We have a uniform sale permanently in the School Office where we have a range of second-hand and new uniform for sale.

If you need any pieces, please do pop by the office to see what we have. All items are just £1.

We are always looking for donations of second-hand uniform in good condition. Particularly jumpers, cardigans, ties and PE fleeces. All the money raised from our uniform sales go back into buying things for the school.

We do have a few second-hand coats and shoes available too.

Thank you.

We are part of...

WENSUM TRUST

FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Contacting teachers

If you need to speak with your child's teacher about anything, please do get in touch. Our first open classroom event is coming up soon where you will be able to find out about how your child has settled in the first few weeks. If you need to speak with your child's teacher before this date then you can leave a message with the the school office or email office@firside.norfolk.sch.uk and we can pass these on to the relevant teacher. Often teachers will be able to have a quick chat on the playground however please be aware that in the mornings especially, the teachers are busy preparing for lessons.

We are part of...

WENSUM TRUST

FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Useful extras...

Make sure you follow us on Facebook. We'll be sharing regular updates about what we get up to in school on there. If your child has full photo consent they might feature on our page! You can find our page by [clicking here](#) - make sure you like and follow us!

The Friends of Facebook (FOF) also have a page where they post about their fundraising efforts. You can find their group by [clicking here](#).

There is also a parent group on Facebook which you might find helpful for asking questions. You can find the group by [clicking here](#).

We are part of...

WENSUM TRUST

FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES