

February Newsletter

As ever, school life is very busy! This term's 'Inquiries' are in full swing now. Reception children have been so enthusiastic about the 'egg' that has arrived in their classroom and have been full of wonder about what could have laid the egg and how it got there. Soon it will hatch and I know they can't wait to find out what's inside!

Year 1 children have been helping the Three Little Pigs and the wolf to solve some problems. They met a pig who was very distressed because his brother's house had been blown down and they helped him find the missing objects from his house and thought about what they were made from. They are trying to help the pig and the wolf solve their problems. Maybe the wolf isn't such a baddie after all?!

Meanwhile, in Year 2 children have been extremely busy trying to solve a mystery. Detective Amelia Foldhart has been asking for their help with a crime scene in which they found some tree branches, an axe, some logs and a paw print. The children have been busy collating evidence and working out who could have been involved. They have a few suspects they are considering! I have been so impressed with the children's amazing clay sculptures that they have made of woodland animals linked to the inquiry and I know several children have asked to be taken to the sculpture park at UEA having been inspired by their learning in school.

It's so wonderful to see the amazing imaginative learning that is going on in all classes.

I have also been loving teaching the songs to the Year 2 children for their trip to the cathedral later this month. They're sounding beautiful already and it's going to be a very special event.

Sarah Spears
Head of School

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RACHAEL AITKEN – FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER (FSW)

As you may know, we are lucky to have the support of a Family Support Worker (FSW) in school. We thought it would be helpful to let you know a little about Rachael's role as we know that family life can be challenging for all at times and so we want to provide as much help as we can when families need it. Rachael's role as FSW acts as a bridge between home and school, providing practical advice and emotional support to families to ensure children can thrive academically and socially. Rachael is here to provide a "listening ear" for parents and carers, offering advice on parenting, managing challenging behaviour at home, and establishing daily routines. Rachael has a great wealth of knowledge of organisations that she can signpost you to for things like; wellbeing support, parenting support, bereavement, financial support and much more. Rachael can also offer support to families who have other agencies involved and can act as the link between them, home and school. If you have any concerns about your child or family, please don't hesitate to contact Rachael, which you can do via the office in the first instance.

SEN SUPPORT IN SCHOOL

Shelley Leggett continues to be our SENCO in school as well as supporting our other schools of Garrick Green and Arden Grove. She is usually in school two days a week but can be contacted via email throughout the week on senco@lodge.lane.norfolk.sch.uk

If you have any concerns around your child's learning and development your first point of call is always your child's class teacher, however they liaise closely with Shelley and will discuss concerns so that Shelley can then offer further support when necessary.

As part of our commitment to working closely with families, Shelley will be available during our parents evening on Thursday 12th March if you would like to meet her or chat through any concerns, you are welcome to make an appointment or just pop in. Appointments will also be made available for all parents with children on our SEN list to review and talk through current support plans.

Alongside the support that can be offered in school the 'Just One Norfolk' website <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/> has a wealth of information that can be accessed if you have concerns around your child's health, development and emotional wellbeing. Please do take a look if you have any initial concerns.

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NSPCC NUMBER DAY

We're looking forward to celebrating NSPCC Number Day on Friday 6th February. I know teachers have been busy planning lots of lovely number-based activities for the children which I'm sure they'll enjoy. It would be lovely to hear what you have been up to at home to promote maths and celebrate a love of numbers too. We will share some of what the children have been up to on Friday on our Facebook page.

OPEN AFTERNOONS

As you will see from the diary dates, we have some Open Afternoons coming up at the end of term.

These are an opportunity for you to come in and look at your child's books with them, and at the displays of work in the classroom. This time we have also added some activities that you can do with your child so that you can see the sorts of learning we do in school and have some ideas for how to support your child at home. This term, the activities will focus on maths. Sign up will be via a Google form and there will be a limited number of places each day. Belinda will send the sign-up forms out via email on Monday 2nd February 2026 at 4pm.

Children whose parents are attending will not go to assembly so that they are free to share their books with you. All sessions are from 2.20-2.50pm. If you have more than one child in school then of course you can split the session across two classes if you can't come twice.



PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

These are coming up for all year groups after half term. ***Please note these dates have changed from those previously on the calendar at the start of the year.*** These will go live on Scopay on Friday 6th February at 4pm. Belinda will send you an email to remind you when the booking system goes live.

Shelley Leggett our SENDCO will be available on the Thursday evening session if anyone would like to speak with her.

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MEDICAL AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

We understand that it is not always easy to make medical and other appointments out of school time but, if your child has to attend an appointment, please let the office know and send evidence of the appointment to office@lodge lane.norfolk.sch.uk



PARKING OPPOSITE THE SCHOOL GATES

Since the monitoring visit from the police, the parking issues have been better but we have noticed the same cars still parking opposite the school gates and on the speed humps near the gates on a daily basis. This is despite the fact they have arrived early and there are safer spaces further along the road. Parking opposite the gates causes an obstruction, which makes driving and crossing the road more dangerous. We need to make the entrance to school as safe as possible. Please help us by not parking opposite the gate or on the yellow zigzag lines. Please also remember the car park is for staff only, unless you have permission from the school.

LUNAR NEW YEAR – MENU CHANGE

Aspens are offering the following menus on Thursday 12th February 2026 to celebrate Lunar New Year.



NORWICH SCIENCE FESTIVAL

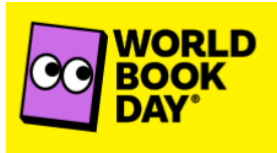
The Norwich Science Festival is taking place during half term from 14th to 21st February. Follow this link below for the events calendar to see what's on and book tickets.

<https://norwichsciencefestival.co.uk/whats-on>



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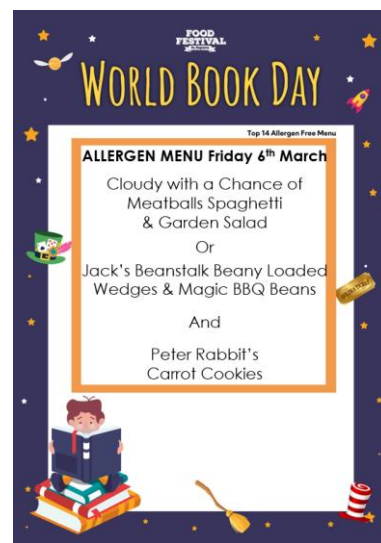
BOOK WEEK

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and we will be celebrating for the whole week doing lots of activities to celebrate books and reading.

We are busy working on our plans but wanted to give you some advance warning of anything special you need to know. The theme this year will be Winnie the Pooh as it is the 100th Anniversary this year of the publication of the first Winnie the Pooh story. This will give us lots of scope for some lovely reading, writing, drama, history and art ideas around the theme.

We will be asking children to come to school dressed up on **FRIDAY 6TH MARCH. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!** It is easier to do all dress up days on a Friday. Children can wear Winnie the Pooh themed dress up if they would like to which can be really simple – wear yellow for Winnie the Pooh, wear stripes for Tigger or wear something pink for Piglet. Or, if children really want to come as a character from a book, then that is fine too. We do ask that the dress up isn't just from a film as the idea is to promote reading and books.

On the 6th March we will have a special World Book Day lunch. Menus are below.



Your child will bring home a £1 book token which can be exchanged for a World Book Day Book from participating booksellers. There are lots of lovely books to choose from and children usually love to go and choose the book they would like. If you haven't been, Bookbugs and Dragontales is a wonderful children's bookshop on Timberhill in Norwich and they will be stocking a wide range of books for the children to use their vouchers on. Please do consider taking your child and helping us promote reading. Alternatively, it can be used to get £1 off a book of your choice.

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HALF-TERM AND EASTER

We finish for half-term on Friday 13th February at 3.00pm and school starts again on **Monday 23rd February.**

We finish for Easter on Friday 27th March at 3pm and school starts again on **Tuesday 14th April.**



FEBRUARY			
6 th	NSPCC Number Day		
11 th	Y2 Spring Awakening – Norwich Cathedral trip		
12 th	Lunar New Year – Menu change (see above)		
13 th	School closes for half-term		
23 rd	School re-opens		
24 th	Parent open afternoon	2.20-2.50pm	Sign up emailed
25 th	Parent open afternoon	2.20-2.50pm	
26 th	Parent open afternoon	2.20-2.50pm	
MARCH			
2 nd - 6 th	Book Week – Winnie the Pooh theme		
6 th	Dress Up Day for Book Week – as Winnie the Pooh character or character from favourite book (no donation needed)		
6 th	World Book Day menu change (see above)		
6 th	Friends of Mother’s Day shop		
Week commencing 9 th	Parent/Teacher meetings	Go live on Scopay Friday 6 th February at 4pm.	

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20 th	Comic Relief	
23 rd	Y2 Duxford trip	
25 th / 26 th	World Poetry Day – come into class at 2:45 and listen to the class’s performance of a poem. (More details to follow in March newsletter.)	25 th March Reception and Y2 classes
		26 th March Y1 and Y2 classes
27 th	Friends of Easter Egg Hunt – After School on Field.	
27 th	School Closes for Easter holiday	
APRIL		
14 th	School re-opens	
24 th	Class photos	

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