



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to December and the final month of the Autumn term. The children and staff have worked so hard this term in so many ways. It has been a pleasure for Mrs Payne, Miss Owen and myself to show many visitors around our schools this term including prospective parents, other headteachers and invited professionals. The feedback we have had has been overwhelmingly positive. We are proud of our schools and continue to do all we can to offer the very best experience to our children and families. Read on to find out more about our offer including those very important Christmas plans!

Ms Jordan

Reminder – We are Nut Free Schools

People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life threatening allergic reaction. Nuts do not always have to be eaten for a reaction to happen, just touching a contaminated surface can be enough.

Our staff are trained in how to respond to incidents including how to use Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which are required immediately if a reaction begins.

Please help us to keep everyone safe in school. If you provide a snack or packed lunch for your child, please ensure you do not include any items that contain nuts.

Thank you



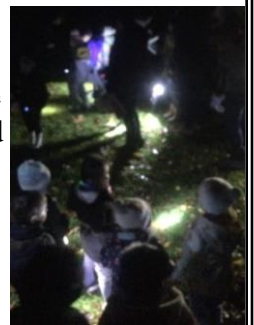
Year 2 Big Sleepover

26 Year 2 children had a fantastic sleepover experience at school last month followed by a special Year 2 only day! Well done to all the children and a huge thank you to all the staff for such a successful event.



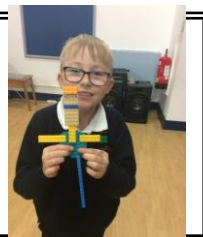
Reception Dark Experience

Our Reception children came back to school after hours for a Dark Experience that included night time walk, star gazing, hot chocolate and bedtime stories. A great time was had by all! Thank you to all children, families and staff for your support.



Lego Teambuilding Days

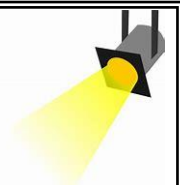
Bricks McGee delivered 2 brilliant days of teambuilding and wellbeing through Lego for every year group. Self-portraits, tower challenges and hybrid animals created fun and friendship for all!



A Spotlight on Young Minds

You have recently been sent a Countdown Calendar for the Christmas period and also links to supportive guides and blogs by Young Minds. Please check your email or our website if you haven't seen these yet.

The Young Minds website offers support for children and parents on a wide range of mental health related issues with resources such as an A-Z of mental health for parents and how to cope with feelings for children. To find out more visit: [YoungMinds](#) | [Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People](#) | [YoungMinds](#)



MIND – A Partner School

Our Federation School Council have met with representatives from MIND. The Council found out more about emotions and the sort of support available for children. The Council were also able to provide feedback to the MIND team that will be used to develop new resources and information for children across Norfolk as part of the next Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week.

Staffing Update



It is with sadness and gratitude that we say farewell to Mr Brooker at the end of this term as he follows personal pursuits into retirement. Mr Brooker has been a fantastic teacher and colleague for many years. We thank him wholeheartedly and we all wish him every happiness.

We also say good luck to Mrs Watson and thank her for her commitment whilst Mrs Patterson has been recovering. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Patterson back 2 days per week from January.

Safeguarding



Christmas can be an amazing time of year. It can also be a stressful or lonely time of year. If you, or someone you know is struggling, please reach out.

Search: Spixworth Helping Hands on Facebook
The Samaritans: 116 123

National Domestic Abuse helpline:
0808 2000 247

Report a concern about a child: 0344 800 8020

Attendance

Our school data shows attendance for girls is much higher than for boys so far this term. How does this fit with your child’s attendance?

Look out for termly attendance awards on Marvellous Me, as well as certificates for excellence attendance. Notification of concern and letters of support will also be shared at the end of term.

School Matters!



General Reminders



- Please park considerately to our neighbours and safely for our whole community.
- All children should have their own, named, water bottle in school everyday
- Please name all your child’s items.
- Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed over the holiday.
- Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by the kitchen.

Christmas Plans

Classroom Christmas doors – an in-school class decorating competition, just for fun!
Christmas cards – these can be posted in school on Mondays and Tuesdays for delivery on Fridays
Christmas dinner (pre-booked only) and Eco-Christmas jumper day
Christmas performances – Two performances per day. Entry with tickets only



Key Dates for this Half Term

Please note a full list of key dates for the year was sent in July and is available on our website.

Christmas Dinner/Jumper: 7th Dec

Christmas performances: 12th Dec (Y3&4); 13th Dec (Y5&6); 14th Dec (YR); 15th Dec (Y1&2)

Last day of term: 16th Dec. School reopens: 4th Jan

Y6 parents SATs Information meeting: 10th Jan 2.30pm

