



Head of School Newsletter

Autumn 1 2025



Welcome to the first of my Head of School newsletters for this academic year and what an incredible start to the year we have had! Welcome to all our new starters who have settled quickly into their new classes and routines.

You will continue to receive an Executive Headteacher Newsletter at the start of each term, a class newsletter a couple of weeks into each half term and a Head of School newsletter at the end of each half term.

As always, thank you for your continued support at the infant school, Miss Owen.



A new academic Year!

Well done to all our new Reception children who successfully transitioned from their nursery settings to school. It was extremely beneficial to children that staff were able to visit all of them in their homes, this really supported their transition to school, ensuring strong relationships were built with children from the beginning, helping them to feel valued and safe in their first few weeks at school.



We have all sorts of trips and events coming up in the next few weeks. Reception will be having their night time adventure at school, the first of many annual events in their primary school life, eventually leading up to a short residential trip when they are in Year 2!

Our Spotlight: PINS - Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

We are taking part in a national programme run by the Department for Education that brings specialist health and education professionals and expert parent carers into mainstream primary schools to:

- Provide early interventions at a school level
- Upskill school staff
- Support the strengthening of partnerships between schools and parent carers



We are taking part in the programme to:

- Continue to provide professional learning for staff to strengthen knowledge and skills.
- Improve environments to better meet the needs of all children, as well as children with a neurodivergence.

★ Our Enhanced Offer ★

We have celebrated and recognised a huge range of charities, events and activities this half term. These include:

Jeans for Genes Charity Day
Karate taster
Black History Month
World Mental Health Awareness Day
Show Racism the Red Card
Makaton
Outdoor learning
School council elections
E-Safety Champion elections
Learning circles
Art club
Dance club
Harvest Celebration
Special House assemblies
House captain and vice captain elections
Inter house Cross Country competition

Key Dates



3rd Nov: Return to school & Friends Bake Sale on playground
3rd – 14th Nov: Prospective pupil school tours
3rd Nov: 1st (of 4) Parent workshops – English through illustrated books
8th Nov: Open day for prospective parents 10 – 11am
7th Nov: 1st (of 4) Parent workshops – Maths through games
7th Nov: Exciting stacking cup workshop event for pupils
10th Nov: Odd Socks Day – an anti-bullying campaign
13th Nov: YR Night-Time Garden Adventure
14th Nov: Children in Need Charity Day
29th Nov: Spixworth Christmas lights switch on!
25 & 26th Nov (Tues/Wed): 3.15pm Parent/carers book looks
w/c 1st Dec: Parent/Teacher Progress meetings for Year 1 upwards
17th Dec at 9.15am & 2.30pm: Year 1/2 Christmas performances (Ticketed)
18th Dec at 9.15am: YR Christmas performance (ticketed) & Christmas dinner and charity Christmas jumper day!
19th Dec: Last day of term

The **Just One Norfolk** site has many resources to support you and your child's health -

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>



A huge welcome to our new committee who are working hard to keep the fabulous work of our outgoing committee going, thank you! Your time and dedication is much appreciated. We look forward to all the fundraising events, and the benefits this funding brings to our pupils. More details of their plans were in their recent newsletter and on their Facebook page. Further volunteers are always welcome too!

Staffing Update

Welcome to all the staff who have moved to our school from within The CARE Federation; Mrs Aston, Miss Newstead, Mrs Perry and Miss O'Connor.

Also, a warm welcome to our newest teacher Miss Green, our SENDco Mrs Marshall and HLTA Miss Holm.



Mrs Marshall is our new Federation SENDco. She is an experienced SENDco with a wealth of knowledge to share. If you have not already had the opportunity to meet with Mrs Marshall make sure you look out for information about informal drop-ins and opportunities to meet with her coming soon - everyone is welcome!

We are proud to have you all in our happy school community!

Extra Safety Reminders



Children should **not** be on the play equipment or on the playground on their own bikes/scooters before or after school. This includes the trim trail, theatre and any equipment left out. It can get wet and therefore very slippery. Please ensure your children stand with you when waiting to go into class each morning.

A number of key rings and other novelty toys have started appearing on bookbags. This causes a lot of distraction in the cloakrooms and at other times of the day. Please remove these from book bags from now onwards. This includes toys from home too.



Please remember that all long hair must be tied back at school at all times and in P.E. any stud earrings must be covered, or even better, taken out on P.E. days. No hoodies are allowed in P.E. either.



General Reminders

- Please park considerably to our neighbours and safely for our whole community. **Do not park in Elizabeth Close.**
- 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.



Safeguarding

Online safety is an essential element of safeguarding for all children and adults in the digital world.

Visit our website to view the latest [Knowsley Online Safety Newsletter](#).



Safety Reminders

- Only certain members of staff are allowed to let visitors into the school.
- If you come into school you will be asked to sign in and out at the office.
- Unless otherwise informed, push chairs should normally be left outside school in the buggy park or in the entrance.

House Points

Our totals so far this term... Well done to Chittock! Keep up the good work everyone, it is quite close.



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Attendance Matters!

Well done to **Milky way Class** who have achieved an outstanding 98.18% attendance this half term!

Our whole school has achieved 96.12%, still just exceeding our target of 96%! Well done everyone 😊

