Head of School Newsletter
Autumn 1 2026

Welcome to my half termly Head of School newsletter and what a brilliant 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 fabulous 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/childcare settings to school. I would also like to welcome our new pupils in Jeffer's class too. It was extremely beneficial to children that staff were able to visit 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!

Thank you also to the wonderful 'library fairies' and class volunteers who come into school each week helping to keep our library organised and tidy – we are all very appreciative. Volunteers both regular and infrequent are very welcome to help in school with the library, in class or listening to readers. If you are interested, please speak to your child's class teacher for more information.

⭐ 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
Black History Month
World Mental Health Awareness Day
Show Racism the Red Card
Outdoor learning
School council elections
Eco council elections
E-Safety Champion elections
Drawing club
Harvest Celebration
Special House assemblies
House captain and vice captain elections
Inter house Cross Country competition

Key Dates



2nd Nov: Return to school
2nd – 13th Nov: Prospective pupil school tours
Saturday 7th Nov: Open day for prospective parents 10 – 11am
9th Nov: Odd Socks Day – an anti-bullying campaign
10th Nov: Friend's Family Bingo at Woodland View from 5.30pm
12th Nov: YR Night-Time Garden Adventure
20th Nov: Children in Need Charity Day
24th Nov: SEN café
29th Nov: Spixworth Christmas lights switch on!
26th & 27th Nov (Thurs/Fri): 3.15pm Parent/carer book looks
w/c 30th Nov: Parent/Teacher Progress meetings for Year 1 upwards
10th Dec: Friend's Christmas Fayre from 3.15pm at Woodland View
16th Dec at 9.15pm: YR Christmas performance (ticketed)
17th Dec at 9.15am & 2.30pm: Year 1/2 Christmas Singing performances (Ticketed)
18th 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 thank you to our fabulous committee who have been working hard to plan events to raise funds for our school. Already they have organised the Wonka bars with golden tickets, Christmas cards and a very successful infant disco. Further events coming up soon include the half term pumpkin trail, family bingo and a Christmas Fayre. Thank you. Your time, energy 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 are on their social media pages. Further volunteers are always welcome too – Please do join the AGM at 2.30pm on 4th Nov to find out more!

Staffing Update



Welcome to the new staff who have moved to our school from within The CARE Federation; Mrs Corder and Ms Utting.

Also, a warm welcome to our newest teachers Mr McCluskey and Miss Morton.

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

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!





Are you a keen gardener?
Are you handy with tools?
Do you like to fix things?
Or willing to do some (reasonably) heavy lifting?

We need your help to complete some projects within our school grounds; such as helping lay some paving, fix some raised beds, sweep, dig or move things.

Maybe helping out with a gardening club may suit you better?

Any family member is welcome; parents, grandparents, enthusiastic aunts and uncles!!

If you are interested, we would be very pleased, do get in touch with the school office or Head of School for more information.

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 considerately 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

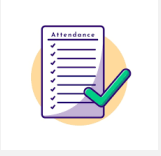
Our totals so far this term… Well done to Longe! Keep up the good work everyone, it is quite close.



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Attendance Matters!

Well done to **Miss Green's Rosen Class** who have achieved an outstanding 98.79% attendance this half term!



Our whole school percentage is a fantastic 97%!!