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What a wonderful week we have had!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Book Look and Reading Café this week. It was lovely to see so many of you in school sharing in the children's learning. Congratulations to our Year 4 pupils for successfully undertaking their Bikeability training and well done to those who took part in our swimming gala, we are very proud of them!

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generosity with the cake donations. The Student Council are looking forward to sharing how much has been raised, with funds being allocated to school projects for FOLS and their chosen charity.
We wish you all a wonderful and relaxing half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **23rd February**.

Thinking Day / Founder's Day – Monday 23rd February

Over recent years, it has become a lovely tradition for children who are members of Girlguiding (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) to wear their uniforms to school to celebrate Thinking Day, which is held annually on 22nd February. This special day marks the joint birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, founders of the Scouting and Guiding movements over 100 years ago.

As Thinking Day falls during the half-term break this year, we are inviting children to wear their Guiding or Scouting uniforms to school on Monday 23rd February, which is the closest school day.

Thinking Day is celebrated by over 10 million girls across more than 150 countries worldwide, recognising friendship, community, and the shared values of the Guiding and Scouting movements. Guiding and Scouting remain very popular locally, and we are always proud to celebrate the many children who are involved in these organisations.

If your child is a member of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Scouts or a related group, they are very welcome to wear their uniform to school on this day.

Devices on School Premises- Guidance from Norfolk EYFS

Please may we share guidance and politely remind all parents that when attending school-based activities such as Reading Cafes and parent workshops, mobile phones and smart watches should not be used.

This is in line with our Safeguarding Policy and we thank you for your support with helping keep our children safe whilst on school premises.

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Thanks….

Thanks must go to Sophia & George's Mum who has successfully applied for a grant from the Norfolk Gardens Trust on behalf of the school. They have awarded us £150 to spend on gardening activities which is fantastic news.

Thank you also to two of our parents for donations of toys for Cherry Class and books for the school library. We are immensely grateful.

Supporting Young Carers at Lyng

We are committed to ensuring that all students get the support they need to have a positive school experience, are happy in school and can achieve their full potential.

We know that for some students, factors outside of school can have a big impact on this, particularly if there is someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction. Data shows that in every class there could be as many as 2 pupils who are helping to support someone because of one of these factors – we call these students young carers.

Students can be young carers for lots of different reasons, this can include providing physical and/or emotional support. Some young carers might be doing lots of caring, others just a small amount but are impacted by the situation at home for example by worrying about the person with the health condition, or needing to do more things for themselves compared to other students. For example, if a sibling has SEND this may have a big impact on them.

We are currently working alongside Carers Matter Norfolk and The Benjamin Foundation to better improve the Young Carers support we provide in our school.
This will include assemblies, PSHE lessons around this topic and more opportunities for Young Carers to talk to a member of staff and a regular group.

Outside of school, there are many support services available in the local area:
- Carers Matter Norfolk – 1-1 and family support
- The Benjamin Foundation (Watton) – Boom! groups – evening groups and trips (see flyer for details).

If you think that any of the above applies to your child, and that they might possibly be a young carer then please complete the questionnaire via the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSegZrrMuf6MG_Ahj3FEdQahwANRl6Idrxt1IsHCAatxWbeVow/viewform?usp=header

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Safer Internet Day 2026 – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI

This week, our school joined others nationwide to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2026, the largest global online safety campaign. This year's theme, 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI,' focuses on teaching children and young people the skills to use AI technology safely and responsibly, and highlights available support. From voice assistants, to chatbots, to algorithms, AI technology is playing an increasingly large role in all our lives. It is important that we find time to discuss these tools and the impact they can have on our own and our families' online experiences, including:

- the news and content we see,
- the way we work, including using AI for homework or studies,
- the risk of misuse of AI.

We encourage you to join us in celebrating by continuing the conversation about AI technology at home. Here are some helpful resources:

- You can complete the UK Safer Internet Centre's quizzes with your child here: https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026-quizzes
- You can share the UK Safer Internet Centre's top tips for children and young people with your child: https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-young-people
- Read the UK Safer Internet Centre's top tips for parents and carers: https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers

You may also like to use one of these prompts to start a conversation with your child:

- What's your favourite thing to do online?
- Have you ever used an AI tool? How did it make you feel?
- What do you like about AI technology?
- Do you have any worries about AI technology?
- What advice would you give to your friends about using AI?
- Who would you talk to if you saw something worrying online?
- What more can I do to help you feel safe online?

A key part of protecting children and young people from online harms is through preventative education. By talking about this in school and at home, we can all work towards keeping children safe when they are online. Celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for you to re-emphasise the online safety messages we

deliver throughout the year. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or our Designated Safeguarding Person/Lead.

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Shining Lights

Cherry Class – Year R
Rupert is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of creativity. Rupert is a great inventor and storyteller; we love to watch him be creative in class!

Willow Class – Year 1
Ruby has worked hard this half term to demonstrate creativity through art, music and writing.

Willow Class – Year 2
Sylvie has consistently worked hard with her creative writing in English this half term. You created a lovely chapter of 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'

Rowan Class – Year 3
Rupert is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of Creativity. He has a very creative mind and displays this in all areas of the curriculum, especially art and D.T. He loves sharing all his creative projects from home too.

Rowan Class – Year 4
William is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of Creativity. He has a fantastically creative mind and displays this in all areas of the curriculum, especially art and D.T.

Oak Class – Year 5
Whether with his writing, his artwork in maths or during PE, Bodie has shown excellent creativity across the curriculum. The thought and due care he takes with his work is admirable, always looking for different ways to create and solve.

Oak Class – Year 6
Jessica has shown creativity in all aspects of her learning, both this half term and in general. Whether it's with her wonderfully creative writing or her artwork, she stops at nothing to be creative at every opportunity, often seen with her head deep in a book or creating her next masterpiece in her sketch pad.

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WOW MOMENTS!

Ailish (Yr 2) has achieved the highest level in Rainbows and was awarded her gold badge! Ailish now has over 45 badges and can't wait to be a Brownie!

George (Yr 2) has recently played in his first rugby match and was awarded "Player of the Match" for his brilliant efforts.

Nancy (Yr 6) took part in the East Anglia Dance Competition on Saturday. It was the first time the junior team performed their new contemporary dance and they got first place out of a very large category.

Please continue to send in your "Wow" moments for achievements out of school using the link below:

https://forms.gle/q6MZXdmzvtNHvJp19

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 93.7%

The award for the best year group attendance goes to Year 6. Well done!

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Diary Dates 2025-26

Half term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

23rd Children return to school
Thinking Day – Rainbows / Brownies / Guides come to school in their uniforms
26th Chinese New Year Lunch

March

2nd Author Visit (Keith Hatton) Y1 - 4
5th World Book Day – dress as a book character
9th FOLS Mother's Day Shop (YR & KS1)
13th FOLS Mother's Day Shop (KS2)
18th Parents Evening
19th Parents Evening
20th Y5 Bikeability Training part 1
24th Easter Service 2.00pm
25th Y5 & 6 to Gressenhall for Crucial Crew
27th Y5 Bikeability Training part 2
27th Break up for Easter

Easter Holiday Monday 30th March – Monday 13th April

April

14th Children return to school

May

1st Willow Class Parent Maths Café 2.30 – 3.00pm
4th Bank Holiday – school closed
11th Y6 SATS start
22nd Break up for half term

Half Term Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June

June

1st SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING
2nd Children return to school

July

13th – 15th Y6 to Eaton Vale
17th Break up for summer – **school finishes at 12pm**