

Summer Term Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

Eco-Council News

We were proud to be one of 30 schools across Norfolk selected to take part in the RWE Mini Cop 2025—a brand-new sustainability initiative for primary schools. This exciting programme was launched at the Royal Norfolk Show, where two of our pupils, Matilda and Alice, represented our school at a special afternoon event. They took part in a variety of workshops focused on what sustainability means to young people and how we can all make positive changes in our schools and communities.

As part of the initiative, our Eco Council created a pledge video, which was shared with all participating schools during the event. We also designed a sustainability poster, which was transformed into a flag and proudly displayed at the Mini COP. The day featured inspiring speakers who encouraged children to speak up and take action for a greener future. It was a truly meaningful experience, and we're so proud of the way our pupils represented the school and shared their ideas.

Sports Day

Our Sports day this year will be on Thursday 17th July at Norwich High School for Girls on Newmarket Road. As with previous years, EYFS and KS1 will be participating in the morning and KS2 will be in the afternoon. The morning events will start at 9:45 and the afternoon will start at 1:30. For parents who are feeling athletic, we will be having a parents' race too so bring your trainers!

As with previous years, you will be able to take your children home in the afternoon if you wish (please sign them out with the class teacher before you leave). Children not taken from Sports day will be walked back to school to end the day as normal.

Residential Trip

It has been very quiet this week without Year 6 who are in the Isle of Wight. By the looks of things, they have had a fantastic time, visiting Osbourne House and Carisbrooke Castle, watching glass blowing, tree climbing, playing crazy golf and going to the theatre and a theme park amongst other things. As I write, they are on their way back so I am guessing they will all be sleeping very well tonight!

Year 2 Lunar Landing!

This week Year 2 have taken part in Moon Landing Coding Adventure run by the Department for Transport. The adventure taught children how to design, write, test and debug algorithms and challenged them with a mission to program AL the Robot to get her safely onto a Saturn V rocket, ready to launch her to the moon. I'm happy to say that everyone was successful and all children returned safely back to Earth!

Playground

It is very exciting to think that in the next few months we will be starting work on the new playground equipment! This week we had the final pre-installation meeting with Kompan to

ensure that everything runs smoothly. All being well, installation will be taking place in the two weeks that we are closed over the summer.

The Free School Norwich PTFA News

We're looking for volunteers to help run games at the Summer Fete on Thursday, 24th July, from 1:15–4:15 pm to help set up and take down. Parents, grandparents, friends – everyone's welcome!

Raffle tickets are going home with pupils today and this year there's a class competition! The class that sells the most will win a non-uniform day and an ice cream for their class. Please return your tickets **with the correct money by Monday 14th July** for them to be counted in the competition. Tickets cannot be purchased by under-16-year-olds.

Non-Uniform Day – Tuesday 8th July. In return for wearing non-uniform, we're asking for donations to help stock our **Fete Tombola**. Donation ideas include: a bottle of bubble bath, a packet of biscuits, a preloved toy in good condition, or a bar of chocolate...

A huge thank you to Bidwells, Steve and Mary Hall, and the Alderman Norman Charity for their generous donations towards improving our playground spaces – it's going to make a real difference!

Gymnastics Success!

Freya Powers, Year 4, has been doing gymnastics at Spring Gymnastics for a little over a year. Last summer, she took part in her first competition and won Bronze on Vault and Floor.

This past weekend (29 June) she took part in her second competition and won Gold in Trampette for her Straddle, 180-degree turn, and Pike jumps. She placed with Silver in Tumbling.

Freya was also recognised for the poster she made with her number for competition. She was number 84 and created the 8 as a basketball and her 4 as an American Football goal. She won a blue rosette for this work and was the first called for this part of the competition.

Freya has an ambition to be in the Olympics and she's learned how much dedication it takes to compete. Freya is a diligent and studious gymnast and continues to amaze her family and friends every time she gets on an apparatus!

Well done Freya! It is great to see we have another aspiring gymnast in school!



Useful Dates:
Thursday 17th July – Sports Day at Norwich High School for Girls
Thursday 24th July – Art show and School Fete

Kind regards,
Darren

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