

Christmas Term Newsletter 3

Dear Parents,

Reception Children's Christmas Show
Yesterday, children in Reception performed their first Christmas show to the rest of the school and to their parents. They received a resounding round of applause in both performances and I think we have already seen some stars of the future!

Year 6 Choir singing at John Lewis

Yesterday, our Year 6 choir gave a wonderful performance at John Lewis after school. Positioned on the balcony by the Benugo café, they sang a beautiful selection of Christmas songs for shoppers and parents. Their strong voices truly shone through, and despite a few nerves at the start, they performed brilliantly. This was fantastic preparation for next week's performance outside the Forum. Well done, Year 6!

Virtual Hockey Success
Fantastic news from this term's Virtual Sports event! This term's sport was Hockey, and our pupils competed against other Norfolk schools to achieve the fastest relay times. We are thrilled to share that Year 2 finished third overall, earning an exciting prize: an enrichment morning featuring Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball next term!

Well done, Year 2 – what an amazing achievement!

Earrings in school
A number of children are coming into school wearing hoops or dangly earrings. While pretty, these can cause injury if they get caught during play. If your child wears earrings, please ensure that these are studs while in school. If not, your child may be asked to take them out for safety reasons.

Children playing round cars
You may have noticed we've recently been trying to reduce the number of cars on the forecourt! Please could we ask that you do not allow your children to play around the cars or climb on the front railings during drop off in the morning to make sure that everyone is safe! Thank you with your support for this.

Norfolk Steps Online Training
Over the past year, staff in school have been increasing their understanding of trauma informed behaviour management and de-escalation techniques with Norfolk Steps. Norfolk Steps has been supporting schools to promote positive behaviour through evidence-based principles for 15 years supporting early intervention and prevention through a whole-school or setting approach, including managing behaviours that challenge or may risk harm.

Step On is based on sound evidence-based principles which promote positive behaviour strategies such as consistency, de-escalation, behaviour analysis and differentiated planning.

Alongside this school training, Norfolk Steps also provides support for parents, based on the same principles. These are presented as five short videos which you can access at home through the following link:
https://padlet.com/PSC_Training/norfolk-steps-family-e-session-videos-t887l47mu50guj2e

These videos cover topics such as:

- Recognising that behaviour is communication
- Looking at a range of strategies to promote positive behaviour including positivity, consistency, boundaries, co-regulation, sharing feelings and praise
- Practical responses which families can use if behaviours start to challenge
- How families and schools can work together to support behaviour

All staff in school have agreed that this course has been really beneficial and the strategies staff have been taught are incorporated into our Behaviour Policy.

We are also looking to run some drop-in behaviour cafes during the Winter term to help support you if you are having concerns about your child's behaviour. These will run on a Thursday mornings at 9:00am and will be an opportunity to learn about the Norfolk Steps methodology as well as speak to other parents to find out you are not alone!

There are three sessions planned:

- Behaviour as communication – Thursday 22nd January
- Strategies for positive behaviour – Thursday 29th January
- Challenging behaviour – Thursday 5th February

If you would be interested in taking part in these sessions please notify the main office to book your place.

Merry Christmas!

This is the final newsletter before the Christmas holiday. May we wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope that you all enjoy the holiday period. We start the Winter term on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Useful Dates:
Tuesday 16th December – 11:30am Years 5 and 6 singing at the Forum
Friday 19th December – Last day of Christmas Term
Tuesday 6th January 2026 – First day of Winter Term

Kind regards,
Darren

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