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Weekly Newsletter – 3rd October 2025

A message from Mrs Farren...

Keeping your children safe online...



The online world is constantly changing. The benefits are far reaching – we have just about everything we want in an instant and communication is faster than ever. As we know, however, there is a huge down side to this. As a school we update our online safety curriculum annually and we have robust IT systems which block any harmful material.

At home, children have access to the online world through tablets, phones and games. It is crucial that you, as parents and carers, have oversight of what your child/ren are accessing online. There are age restrictions on platforms and games and these restrictions are there to support keeping children safe online.

Norton school is in the process of finalising a date for an expert police online safety Protect and Prevent Officer to speak to parents/carers about digital intelligence (keeping you child/ren safe online). This talk will now be in November and we will get the date to you as soon as we have it confirmed.

I will be presenting an information session 'keeping your children safe online' on Friday 17th October, 2.30-3.30pm. Please, please attend if you can.



Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Farren and Team Norton



Class News – 3rd October 2025

This week in **Little Learners** the children enjoyed making playdough. They took turns measuring, pouring, and mixing the ingredients before exploring through creative play and dough disco!

Our phonics activities focused on helping children tune into sounds around them and develop skills in careful listening and sound discrimination.

On Thursday, Mrs Farren joined **Reception** to experience "A Day in the Life of Reception" – and what a busy and exciting day it was! We had our music lesson, exploring sound discrimination through stories, songs and sounds. Everyone had great fun singing some of our favourites, including "Five Cheeky Monkeys" and "Down in the Jungle." The children enjoyed listening to a wonderful story all about baby animals in the jungle, which was stimulus for lots of animals noises and actions. It was a fantastic day filled with learning, laughter and song – a perfect snapshot of life in Reception!

The **Year 1** children enjoyed carrying out a scientific enquiry this week. They found out whether or not the eldest child in the class had the longest feet! We then went to the field to see if the biggest trees always have the biggest leaves.

In **Year 2** we have been writing diary entries from Paddington. We have learnt to partition 2 digit numbers in different ways in maths. We have learnt about Peru and located it on a world map. We have learnt about famous landmarks, the animals you would find there and about the people who live there.

This week in **Year 3** we have looked at the human diet and even created our own Eatwell Plate. We looked at the importance of each food group and discussed their benefits to the function of the body.

We have also been enjoying our clarinet lessons and have all played the notes D, G and E. In art we have created our own personal wall art and have just finished painting them. They look amazing!

This week in **Year 4** we have been writing our outsider narrative based on the 'Leaf' story. We have been focusing on using fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and prepositions and have created some very imaginative stories! In maths, we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. In science, we observed the egg shells in different liquids - we found that squash had the biggest effect on teeth, staining the eggshell orange and the sugar crystallising on the egg shell!

This week **Year 5** have been looking at different analogies to explain the Trinity in their RE and worldviews lesson. We compared water/ice/steam, jaffa cakes and shamrocks as three ways to explain the Trinity in Christianity. We were very divided on who liked jaffa cakes in class... but I wonder if they could explain the Trinity to you using one of those analogies?

This week in **Year 6** we have been planning our own version of a text named "Paradise Sands". We have explored the feelings of the characters through role play this week, helping us to explore characterisation. In Science, we learnt about microorganisms and how some are helpful and some are harmful. We used some French vocabulary to express feelings towards sport.

COMMUNITY CORNER!

Grainne has started playing football and loves it! Last week she won both player of the match and then she won player of the training session. Well done Grainne, what a super achievement!



Daphne went to a roller skating/dancing competition at the weekend and won one bronze and one silver medal. Check out the picture of her being lifted in the air for the group dance! Wow!



Gus and Winnie have spent their time exploring ancient woodlands and watching autumn come at Silkwood in Westonbirt and Lineover Woods. Winnie loved playing the drums on stones and Gus always finds a walking stick!

They were busy tree spotting - the best discovery so far is the cypress redwoods and their soft bark (the big tree Gus is with >)



You can email any photos and information to go on our page to Mrs Higgins: fhiggins@norton.gloucs.sch.uk with the subject line "newsletter".



OF THE WEEK

We've decided to stick to an internet safety theme.. your challenge this weekend is to sit down as a family with ALL your devices and go through our checklist together... Your goal is to be able to tick off every box!

INTERNET SAFETY



I have a Safety Network.



My accounts are set to private.

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login

I have strong passwords which are hard for someone to guess.



I know not to give out private details such as my address, phone number, date of birth or my school's name to anyone online.



I have switched off location on my devices.



I only use my device in public spaces.



I only accept friend requests from people I know.



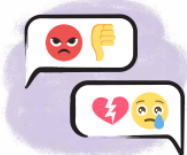
My trusted adults know who I am chatting with online.



I don't meet people from online in real life without my safe adult knowing and coming with me.



I know to tell a trusted adult if I see something unsafe online, someone asks me to keep a secret or asks for private pictures of me.



I don't post harmful or mean content and I am always respectful online.



I ask for a person's consent before I post or share about them.



I would not care if the whole school knew what I posted or shared.



I have a safe adult I can talk to if anything online or offline makes me feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

A checklist sheet for each picture is on the next page...

INTERNET SAFETY CHECKLIST

Just like in real life, it is important to make sure you are safe online.
Read this list of online safety tips with one of your trusted adults.
What things do you do already? Are there some things that you don't do?

- ☐ I have a Safety Network.
- ☐ My accounts are set to private.
- ☐ I have switched off location on my devices.
- ☐ I have strong passwords.
- ☐ I know not to give out private details such as my address, phone number, date of birth or my school's name to anyone online.
- ☐ I only use my device in public spaces.
- ☐ I don't post harmful or mean content and I am always respectful online.
- ☐ I ask for a person's consent before I post or share about them.
- ☐ I would not care if the whole school knew what I posted or shared.
- ☐ I only accept friend requests from people I know.
- ☐ My trusted adults know who I am chatting with online.
- ☐ I don't meet people from online in real life without my safe adult knowing and coming with me.
- ☐ I know to tell one of my trusted adults if I see something unsafe online, someone asks me to keep a secret or asks for private pictures of me.
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Sign: _____ Date: _____

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parent/guardian



Healthy recipe of the week!



Each week we'll be sharing a healthy recipe to try... don't forget to send us pictures of your snacks, we'd love to share them on the newsletter!



Toaster pitta pockets

Serves 1

Easy

Prep: 5 mins

Plus toasting

Ingredients

1 mini pitta bread

1 tbsp soft cheese

1 tbsp [grated cheddar](#)

[your favourite fillings](#) - ham, tomatoes, sweetcorn
ready-roasted peppers from a jar and tuna are good

If your kids can't wait until their next meal, these little pittas will keep them going in the meantime

Method

Step 1

Pop the pitta into the toaster for 30 secs- 1 min, until just puffed but not crisp. Meanwhile, mix together the cheeses.

Step 2

Slice an opening at one end of the pitta and use a teaspoon or a knife to spread the cheese mixture in. Push in some of your favourite fillings, gently squash the pitta closed between your hands, then put back in the toaster - cut-side up. Toast for 1-2 mins until golden and crisp.

Email any pictures of your creations to: fhiggins@norton.gloucs.sch.uk to be included in our newsletter!

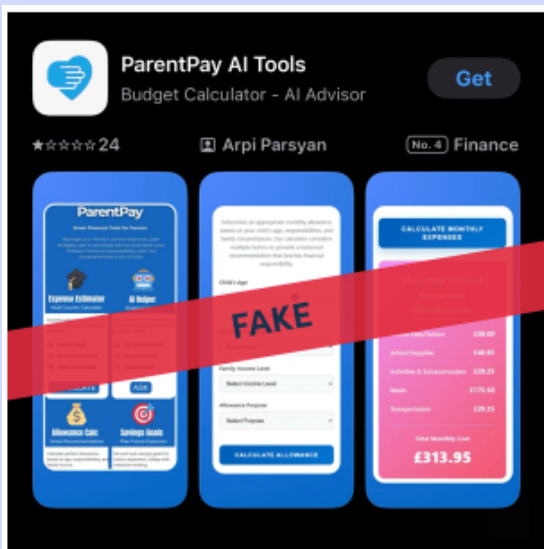
Important information, please read:

Parking Safety Concerns

We have been made aware that some people have been parking on the yellow lines at the front of school. This is extremely dangerous as it restricts visibility and could cause a serious accident. You must park in the allocated spaces in the car park or in a legal space in the village. We will be monitoring this situation.



Please ensure you are parking in the designated parking spaces in the car park.
 You must only use the disabled parking bays if you hold a current disability badge.



URGENT PARENTPAY WARNING

We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding.

Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group, and we took swift action to report the app and are working closely with Apple to have it removed.

To date, we have recorded only 2 cases of affected parents.

Please be aware:

- ParentPay does not have an app available for download from any app stores
- To use ParentPay, parents should visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> from a mobile phone or computer
- After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen



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Important information, please read:

After school sports clubs changes

To ensure gymnastics club doesn't get cancelled weekly with our upcoming football match season, this is being moved to a Wednesday after school. Junior football will move to a Monday after school and Infant football is being cancelled due to a nearly empty uptake!

Any questions please see Mr Spencer.



HELP!!! We're seeing a lot of unnamed school jumpers/cardigans being left around school.

Please ensure ALL uniform is named, especially jumpers/cardigans!

Anything unnamed, and left in school, at the end of each term will be disposed of.

If you would like to check lost property at the start or end of any school day, it's located just to the left inside the junior corridor.

Yearly forms we need in ASAP please:

Thank you to those who have completed and sent forms in this week. Please ensure you have completed and handed in the following forms:

- Single consent form
- Offsite visit form

These must be completed for **all** children, every academic year.

Paper copies can be found in the front entrance.

Important information, please read:

Harvest food bank collection week will be from Monday 20th October.

This Harvest, we are the...

TINNED SOUP CHAMPION

For our collection, in support of Gloucester Foodbank's emergency food parcel service.

We can accept all brands/flavours/sizes, please ensure all items are in date and unopened.

Please support our work this Harvest by donating this item to help continue supporting Gloucester's residents facing financial crisis.



School Harvest Guide



Hello from Gloucester Foodbank!

As Harvest approaches, we're reaching out to schools across the city to ask for your support. The need for food support in our community continues to grow, and Harvest is one of the most important times of year for us to restock and support local families in crisis.

With your help, we can make sure no one in Gloucester goes hungry this autumn.



Why Your Support Matters:

In the last year alone, Gloucester Foodbank provided over 17,000 emergency food parcels to local people, 1/3 of them to children. Every tin, every pound, and every act of kindness makes a difference.

By supporting us at Harvest time, your school can help:

- Provide emergency food to families in need
- Raise awareness about food poverty and compassion
- Teach pupils the power of community and giving

This harvest guide includes the following:

- Collection point poster
- Shopping lists & donations guide

The following resources are also available on request:

- Assembly presentation - A foodbank spokesperson could be booked depending on availability & demand
- Quiz for schools (blank quiz sheets provided separately)
- Bake sale fundraising poster
- 'Harvest your pennies' class fundraising challenge poster
- Blank fundraising events poster
- Other educational project guidelines such as PSHE formats etc.

If you require additional resources or support, please reach out to us on info@gloucester.foodbank.org.uk

Thank You



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Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share that we have once again invited the Education Group to deliver two exciting cultural workshops for the children this October:

✦ Diya Painting Workshop – Monday 20th October 2025

🎭 Indian Dance Workshop – Tuesday 21st October 2025

These activities link directly with our Religious and Worldviews teaching across the school and provide a wonderful opportunity for pupils to explore and celebrate different cultures. We are very passionate about giving our children these enriching experiences.

The children took part in these workshops last year and thoroughly enjoyed them, which is why we are so pleased to bring them back again this year.

Unfortunately, we are unable to fund the workshops through school this year, so we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £9.50 per child. While this contribution is voluntary, we will be unable to run the workshops without sufficient funds, so we are very grateful for your support.

Please make payment by sending in cash/cheque in a named envelope or paying through parentpay.

Thank you for helping us to provide such memorable learning opportunities for our pupils.

Many thanks
Team Norton



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Dates for your diary for October:

Thursday 9th October

Friday 10th October

- School photographer in (individual and sibling photographs from 8:30)

- KS2 Cheltenham literature festival

Tuesday 14th October

Friday 17th October

- EYFS & KS1 Cheltenham literature festival

- 2:30pm-3:30pm. Keeping your children safe online, talk for parents in the village hall. *No sharing assembly this day.*

Monday 20th October

- Harvest collection week for Gloucester foodbank.

You can drop off donations to the designated drop off point in school all week.

Tuesday 21st October

- Whole school Diwali workshops

Wednesday 22nd October

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- Silent disco *See PTA page for full information.*

Friday 24th October

- Harvest assembly 9:30am. All welcome. *There will be no afternoon*

sharing assembly this day.

- Final day for donations for the foodbank must be in by 9am.

- Finish for half term at normal time

Half term: 27th - 31st October.

Next week's diary - 6th October 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School: <i>All teacher clubs run from 3:30 - 4:15</i>	Lunch Menu (week 3)
Monday		Mindful colouring Dance club Junior football (years 4-6)	Bean burger in a bun with new potatoes Creamy curry with rice Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Tuesday		Infant gymnastics	Green thai chicken curry with rice Vegan bolognese with garlic bread Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna Baguette & Ham /Cheese /Tuna
Wednesday		Junior gymnastics Lego & K'NEX Fitness	Roast gammon & roast potatoes Vegan quorn & roast potatoes Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Thursday	Photographer in Football match @ Norton	Board games Colour & play Gardening	Greek chicken pitta with rice and tzatziki Vegan meatballs with rice Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna Baguette & Ham /Cheese /Tuna
Friday	KS2 Cheltenham literacy festival trip Sharing assembly 2:45 in the village hall		Battered fish with chips Spinach and cheese whirl Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna



GOVERNOR NEWS

Governor Information

The governors have a strategic role supporting and challenging the Head Teacher. Governors work as a team, in the best interests of the children and the school, actively support the school in achieving an excellent standard of education.

More specifically, they:

- Appoint the Head Teacher, who has day to day responsibility for everything that happens in a school and is accountable to them.
- Agree how the school's money is allocated.
- Agree policies about the way the governing body and the school work.
- Ensure new initiatives and guidelines from the Department for Education and the education authority are put in place.

The governors do their main work in three committees, which are listed below. All committees meet regularly throughout the year and report back on their progress and matters arising at the full governors meetings. The full governing body formally meets about five times a year.

The Instrument of Government comprises of the following:

- 3 x Parent governors
- 1 x LA governor
- 1 x Staff governors
- 1 x Head Teacher
- 3 x Foundation governor
- 3 x Co-Opted governors

All governor positions term of office is 4 years.

The Governing Body endeavours to take a strategic role, act as a critical friend to the School and be accountable for its decisions.

Committees

Standards & Curriculum

Meet to ensure quality provision, challenging and supporting the teaching and learning in school so that pupils can make the best possible progress.

Ethos & Strategic Planning

Monitors and reviews policies and procedures and ensures the school is acting in accordance with statutory regulations together with planning for the future.

Resources & Compliance

Supports and challenges the school to ensure that resources (both physical and human) are of high quality and are implemented in accordance with the financial regulations.



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Upcoming Events

Dates for your diaries:

- Hot Chocolate Fridays (as it gets colder!)
- Headphone disco – Wed 22nd Oct
- Non-uniform day (for bottle donations) – Fri 21st Nov
- Christmas Fair – Sat 29th Nov
- Raffle draw – Fri 12th Dec



NORTON HEADPHONE DIS-GLO IS BACK!

GLITTER TATTOOS

GLO-STICKS

SWEETS

LIGHT-UP TOYS

PIZZA & HOTDOGS

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER
5-6:30PM
NORTON VILLAGE HALL
TICKET £4 - ONE HEADSET

TICKETS ON SALE
AFTER SCHOOL
FRIDAY 10TH & 17TH OCTOBER

AND
ORDER FORMS IN BOOK BAGS
MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER

PLAYLISTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY
PARENTS AND OLDER SIBLINGS
WELCOME!

INFANT PARENTS MUST STAY
JUNIORS MUST BE SIGNED IN/OUT

JUNIORS MAY COME STRAIGHT FROM AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - PARENT PHONE NUMBERS REQUIRED

Norton Christmas Fair

Saturday 29th November 2025
1:30-4pm
Norton Village Hall

Norton PTA would like to invite local businesses and crafters to join our Christmas Fair.

- £10 per stall (plus a raffle prize donation)
- Up to 2.5 hours for sales
- Supporting fundraising for our school
- Email: Norton.sch.pta@gmail.com



Having a party?

Try our reusable party kit, rather than buying disposable.

Help support our school's sustainability efforts and PTA fundraising too!

*collection from, and return to, Norton
Contact: Norton.sch.pta@gmail.com



£10 per hire*

30 place settings
5 Jugs
6 Serving Platters



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We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.
If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



SIR THOMAS RICH'S
GLOUCESTER

OPEN DAY & EVENING

Thursday 16 October

We warmly invite Year 4, 5 and 6 boys and their parents to join us at the School (Oakleaze GL2 0LF, info@strs.org.uk) for our Open Day and Evening on Thursday 16 October. Hear from current pupils, the Head and key staff about life and study at Rich's; including the transition from Year 6 and our induction programme, pastoral care, the curriculum, extracurricular activities and the admissions process.

Information talks and tours - 9.30am, 12pm, 6pm and 7pm

Register online - www.strschool.co.uk/admissions/opendays



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October Half-Term 2025 Swimming Crash Courses



Tewkesbury Academy Sports Centre



Dates: 28th - 31st October (4 days)
Age: school reception age and above

Info:

Stage 1 (beginner) classes and 1-2-1 (any stage) lessons available
30-minute classes between 9.30-11.45am
Experienced Level 2 teachers Karen and Jo will be teaching the sessions
Group classes will have a maximum of 4 children

Costs:

Classes: £40 for the 4 days
1-2-1s: £110 for the 4 days

CONTACT US



swimminglessons@ta.clf.uk



Learn to Swim
Programme

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A Halloween-themed poster for an active camp. The background is a dark teal sky with a large, bright yellow full moon in the center. At the bottom, there are black silhouettes of haunted houses with yellow-lit windows and several jack-o'-lanterns with glowing faces. The text is arranged in a central column. At the top, 'HALLOWEEN' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, 'ACTIVE CAMP!' is in smaller, bold, black letters. On either side of the moon, the words 'Progressive Active Camps' are written in a stylized font, with 'Progressive' in blue and 'Active Camps' in pink. Below the moon, the text 'KINGSHOLM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL GLOUCESTER' is in bold, black letters. Then, 'MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER UNTIL FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER' is in bold, black letters. Below that, '9.30AM UNTIL 4.30PM' and 'EARLY DROP OFF AT 8.30AM AVAILABLE!' are in bold, black letters. Then, 'ENROLMY.COM/PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS-NORTH-GLOUCESTERSHIRE' is in bold, black letters. At the bottom, a purple rectangular box contains the text 'FROM £22.50 PER DAY!' in bold, black letters.

HALLOWEEN

ACTIVE CAMP!

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**KINGSHOLM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
GLOUCESTER**

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER UNTIL FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

9.30AM UNTIL 4.30PM
EARLY DROP OFF AT 8.30AM AVAILABLE!

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COMMUNITY MUSIC NOW & NEXT

DATE :
**SATURDAY
18 OCT 2025**

MAIN EVENT
10:30 - 16:30



VENUE :
**THE MUSIC WORKS,
GLOUCESTER
GL1 1RP**

FOCUSING ON INCLUSION, EMBRACING DIFFERENCES AND EXPLORING WHAT IT
MEANS TO BE A COMMUNITY MUSICIAN IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

