



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27th February 2026

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A message from Mrs Farren...

It has been an exciting first week back after half term. We had two finalists competing in the 'Look Who's Talking' competition. Artie Balding (in year 4) and William Carter (in year 1) did us proud with their two minute talks on 'Rollercoasters' and 'The Titanic'. Both children were competing against all the other finalists from across the 30 Tewkesbury schools and had to speak in front of lots of headteachers and parents from other schools. We are incredibly proud of both of them. Artie won his heat and is now one of only 7 finalists from across the whole county! Public speaking is challenging at any age so a huge well done to both boys.

Challenging ourselves is important in life. It is very easy to stick to what we know but when we step out of our comfort zones, we learn and we grow. How will you step out of your comfort zone this week?

At Norton, we are proud to offer trips and activities that enrich your children's learning and provide valuable experiences.

This week, **please read page 7** carefully for an important message about trip and activity payments. Since September alone, the school is owed thousands of pounds in unpaid contributions. If you are able to, we kindly ask that you pay for any trips or activities your child has taken part in this year (full details are on page 7) and contributions can still be made via ParentPay. As these activities rely on parental contributions, we must receive sufficient payments in order for them to go ahead. Due to rising transport and provider costs, the school is unable to cover any shortfall. We are very grateful for your continued support, however without sufficient contributions, we may have to cancel future trips and activities.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Farren and Team Norton

Class News – 6th February 2026

This week in **Little Learners**, we have introduced our new learning theme; How does a garden grow? The children have enjoyed exploring the curiosity cube which reflects this theme, as we are caring for our daffodils that are beginning to grow. The children are enjoying observing the changes! We have also enjoyed celebrating the children's ideas in play; this week the children have enjoyed making bridges and rivers outdoors, negotiating space well, and sharing ideas to problem solve! Great work little learners!

A reminder- Parent evening slots are still available for booking. Please message Vicky or Jess to book a slot.

Mothers day stay and play will be on Wednesday 11th March 1.45pm-2.45pm (please respond to the class dojo post if you would like to attend).

Our **Reception** class has been busy exploring exciting new maths concepts! This week, the children have been learning about odd and even numbers, using practical resources to deepen their understanding.

Using ten frames, the children worked carefully to find pairs and spot patterns in numbers. They discovered that even numbers can be shared into equal pairs, while odd numbers always have one left over. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they used new mathematical vocabulary such as odd, even, pair, and equal in their discussions.

The class has also begun doubling numbers up to 8, using counters and ten frames to help them visualise their thinking. The children enjoyed seeing how doubling means "adding the same amount again" and were excited to recognise doubles such as $2 + 2$, $3 + 3$, and $4 + 4$. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, engagement, and positivity when learning new vocabulary and mathematical concepts. They have shown fantastic teamwork, resilience, and a real love of learning. Well done, Reception!



This term our writing is focused around the text 'The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig'.



The **Year 1** children did a great job at writing predictions about what the story might be about, adding suffixes to words and creating 'freeze frames' based on the pictures.

This week in **Year 2** we have been exploring the properties of 2d shapes and built our own 2d shapes using lolly pop sticks. We have been looking at the effects of exercise on our body and enjoyed a fitness session in the playground.

This week, **Year 3** have been exploring the topic of light. As part of our learning, we carried out an experiment where we looked inside a box with no light to see if we could spot the hidden objects. We discovered that we couldn't see anything at all. From this, we learned that light reflects off objects and travels into our eyes, allowing us to see them.

In **Year 4** this week we have started looking at our new Vehicle Text in English, 'The Journey'. In science, we started to look at food chains and the vocabulary of 'prey' and 'predator'. In geography we compared physical and human features between Gloucester and Manaus in Brazil.

This week, within Guided Reading, **Year 5** looked at a non-fiction text about the impacts of having wild animals as pets. This text encouraged some brilliant conversation.

This week in **Year 6** we conducted an experiment using light. We were investigating how the distance of a light source from an object affects the size of its shadow. In English, we have been working on writing effective dialogue between characters. In maths, we have been looking at fractions, percentages and fractions.

Important Information Pages

Hi everyone!

Just a quick reminder to keep an eye on our Important Information Pages. These pages include everything you need to know about what's happening in school — from deadlines and updates to details about companies we work with, like School Trends, catering and music lessons.

Things can change week to week, so it's worth checking back regularly to stay up to date. Thanks for keeping in the loop!



INFANT NEWS

Reading information session

Important Date - Changes to reading at Norton

We would like to invite parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to a reading information meeting.

Where: The Village Hall

Date: Friday 6th March 2026

Time: 2:45-3:10pm

There will be no sharing assembly that day.

It is really important that as many parents as possible attend this as we will be sharing key information which will significantly impact your child's reading at home.

Mrs Cooper and the rest of the team



INFANT NEWS





TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Supporting Trips and Enrichment Activities at Norton

At Norton, we feel incredibly fortunate to be able to organise a wide range of trips, workshops and activities that enhance your children's learning. These experiences provide valuable knowledge, broaden horizons and create lasting memories during their time at our school.

In order to offer these opportunities, we do ask families for financial contributions. As these contributions are voluntary, we cannot demand payment. However, if we do not receive sufficient contributions to cover the cost of a trip or activity, we will unfortunately have no choice but to cancel it moving forward.

The cost of coaches, entrance fees, and external providers visiting school continues to rise. Regrettably, the school budget is not able to absorb these increasing costs. We are extremely grateful to our PTA for the support they provide; however, they are not able to fully fund every activity we organise. This is why parental contributions remain essential.

We are mindful of the financial pressures on families and carefully limit the number of trips and activities across the year to avoid frequent requests for contributions. Our aim is always to provide enriching experiences without placing unnecessary burden on parents. However, we would much rather continue offering these opportunities than cancel them altogether.

For example, for the Diwali workshops that took place in November, we received only 56% of the total. This meant the school had to cover the remaining £613.50.

All trips and activities are available on ParentPay, and if you are in a position to do so, you are still able to contribute towards any events that have taken place earlier this academic year. We can accept cash, cheques or you can pay through the parentpay app or at a parentpay paypoint (if you would like details of a paypoint please ask the office)

We are truly grateful for your continued support in helping us provide these valuable experiences for your children. Without sufficient contributions, we will regrettably need to begin cancelling future trips and activities. If you are unable to pay for a trip/activity please call Mrs Farren as we are here to support you.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.



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TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

DRAMA WORKSHOP Years 1 & 2

Due to transport issues the date of this is now Thursday 5th March

Payment for this activity is on parentpay, or we can accept cash/cheques at the school office.



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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Drama Workshop

Instead of a trip out this term, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in a Drama Workshop in school. This will support their learning in class and will take place during the morning of Thursday 26th February.

The workshop will be delivered by the company 'Divergent Drama'. During this fun filled workshop Year 1 children will take part in activities around the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' where they will meet the fairy tale characters and help them solve their problems.

In Year 2, the children will be exploring the topic of 'The Great Fire of London' which relates to their learning in History.

The cost of this workshop would be a voluntary contribution of £12.00 per child. Please let us know if this causes any real difficulty, as no child will be refused a place because of non-payment. (Obviously, however, if we do not receive sufficient contributions we will be unable to proceed with the workshop).

To help reduce the amount of paper we use in school, we kindly ask that you do the following instead of returning printed reply slips:

- Send your voluntary contribution in a clearly named envelope (cash), or pay using ParentPay.
- To confirm that your child has permission to take part, please comment on the pinned post on your ClassDojo page, or let your child's teacher know in person so they can mark this on the class list.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Cooper
Year 2 Teacher



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Reception, Year 1, Year 2 trip letter

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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Easter Multi-Skills

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have been invited to attend an Easter Multi-Skills Event at Barnwood Park on Wednesday 18th March. The children will take part in physical activities with an Easter theme.

We will be leaving Norton school at 12:00pm and will return back to school for 3:00pm. Children will need to have a water bottle to take with them. Children will also need a packed lunch which will be eaten before we leave. Please send your child into school wearing their correct school PE kit.

The cost of this trip is £4 per pupil. Although this is a voluntary contribution, we rely on parental payments to cover the full cost of the visit. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions, we may have to cancel the trip. This year the school has not been receiving sufficient funds to pay for trips.

Payment is now available on ParentPay and can be made via the app; alternatively, cash or cheques can be sent to the school office in a clearly named envelope. Please contact Mrs Farren know if you are unable to contribute to this trip, as we are here to support you.

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- Comment on the pinned post on your ClassDojo page, or let your child's teacher or the office know in person so they can mark this on the class list.

Yours sincerely
Mr Spencer
PE lead



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TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Year 4 trip letter

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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: All things wild

On Thursday 19th March 2026, Year 4 have an exciting trip to 'All Things Wild'. This links in with our geography topic about rainforests as well as our science topic on living things. During the day we have two workshops booked, a rainforest workshop and an animal encounters workshop where we get to experience living things up close! We will also walk around the site exploring lots of different living things, from camels to macaws!

We will leave school at 9am and return by home time at 3:15pm. Children will need a packed lunch, water bottle, suitable footwear and coat (we will be outside for the majority of the day).

The cost of this trip is £22 per pupil. Although this is a voluntary contribution, we rely on parental payments to cover the full cost of the visit. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions, we may have to cancel the trip. This year the school has not been receiving sufficient funds to pay for trips.

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Yours sincerely
Alice Mannings
Year 4 Teacher

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Did you know we have milk in school for snack time? This is supplied by coolmilk..
Please see the letter below if you'd like your child to be a part of this scheme, sign
up using the QR code!



Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/parents. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

Cool Milk

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☐ : www.coolmilk.com



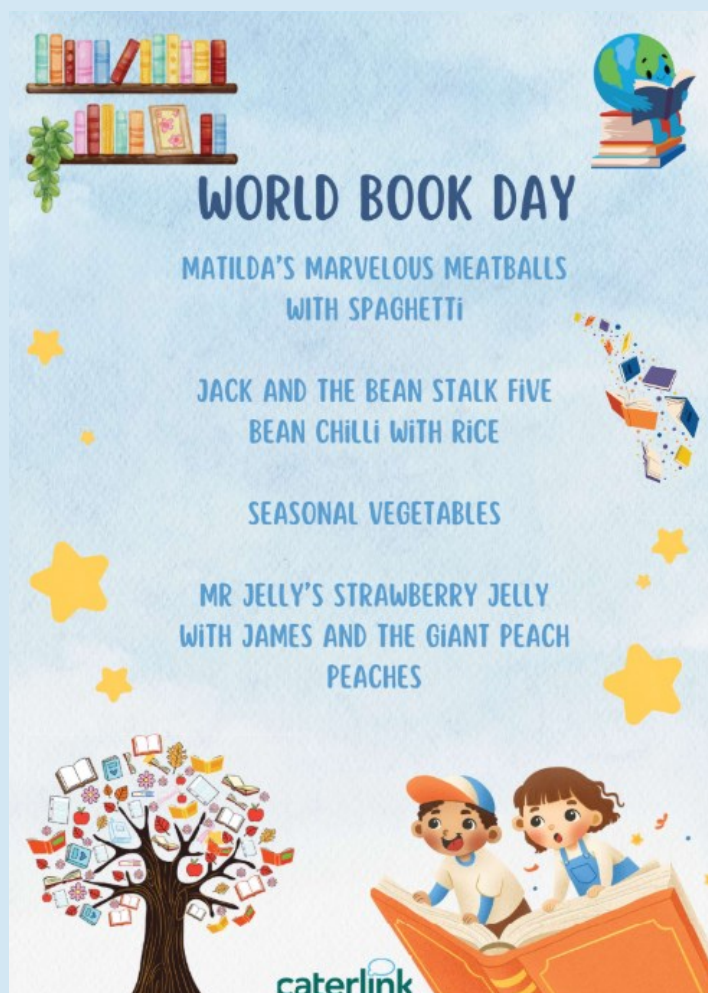
SCAN TO REGISTER

*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

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LUNCHES

NEXT WEEK!!!



**SEE THE NEXT PAGES FOR MORE WORLD BOOK DAY INFORMATION
AND A CATERLINK COMPETITION!**

School Meals Payment Reminder

Please note that all school lunches are paid for via ParentPay and must be settled through the app or at a PayPoint. We are unable to accept cash for lunches.

We are currently seeing a significant number of accounts with outstanding dinner balances. Parents and carers are expected to ensure their ParentPay accounts remain in credit at all times. If you are experiencing difficulties accessing ParentPay or locating a PayPoint, please contact the school office without delay.

For information regarding preschool dinner payments please see preschool class dojo page.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

5 MARCH 2026

NEXT THURSDAY - 5TH MARCH**WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS AT
NORTON:**

Get ready to turn the page on an exciting adventure! World Book Day is happening on Thursday 5th March, and we have lots of fun planned!

Instead of fancy dress, we are asking you to come in wearing just non-uniform. The children are invited to bring in a plain white T-shirt along with their favourite book. During the day they'll transform their T-shirt into a creative masterpiece, to wear over their non-uniform, inspired by their chosen story - decorating it with characters, quotes, and colourful designs that celebrate their love of reading. We can't wait to see all the wonderful book-inspired creations come to life!





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5 MARCH 2026

NEXT THURSDAY - 5TH MARCH

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS AT NORTON:



The fun doesn't stop there! That evening, from 5:30–6:00 pm, staff will be hosting a special bedtime story event. Children are invited to come back to school in their pyjamas, bringing along their favourite teddy or cosy blanket. They'll enjoy a relaxing bedtime story, a biscuit, and a drink before heading home ready for sweet dreams. There will be a £1 charge per child for this event. We're looking forward to a magical day and a snug, story-filled evening!

Please sign up on your class dojo page so we can know rough numbers for this fun evening activity.

Drop-off and collections:

Please drop your child off at the front entrance of school at 5:20pm. If you would like your child to stay on from after school club please talk directly to your class teacher so they can ensure they're added to the evening registers and let the appropriate staff know.

Staff will sign them in and direct them to the bedtime story sessions.

Collection for all children will be at 6:05pm from the junior corridor, please come into the playground via the normal gate to the carpark.



Please see below the booking form for term 4 (and on the next page for term 5 and 6 if you're being super organized!)

Due to the high number of children using this service we need to ensure we have the correct number of staff to cover it, so all children attending this club **must** have a form filled out.

NO FORM = NO CLUB!

We accept this form by handing in a physical copy or emailing it to admin@norton.gloucs.sch.uk

Many thanks.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING FORM 25/26

Please indicate which session you would like to book from 23rd February until 27th March 2026

Please indicate with a tick or with a child's name which before/after school club you would like to book

Term 4	Before	After			Before	After	
Times	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm	Times	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 23rd Feb				Mon 16th Mar			
Tue 24th Feb			Closed	Tue 17th Mar			Closed
Wed 25th Feb			Closed	Wed 18th Mar			Closed
Thur 26th Feb				Thur 19th Mar			
Fri 27th Feb		Closed		Fri 20th Mar		Closed	
Mon 2nd Mar				Mon 23rd Mar			
Tue 3rd Mar			Closed	Tue 24th Mar			Closed
Wed 4th Mar			Closed	Wed 25th Mar			Closed
Thur 5th Mar				Thur 26th Mar			
Fri 6th Mar		Closed		Fri 27th Mar		Closed	
Mon 9th Mar							
Tue 10th Mar			Closed				
Wed 11th Mar			Closed				
Thur 12th Mar							
Fri 13th Mar		Closed					

Name of Child/ren: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions on the website for the before and after school club.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING FORM 25/26

Please indicate which session you would like to book from 14th April until 22nd May 2026

Please indicate with a tick or with a child's name which before/after school club you would like to book

Term 5

Times	Before	After	
	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 13th Apr	INSET DAY		
Tue 14th Apr			Closed
Wed 15th Apr			Closed
Thur 16th Apr			
Fri 17th Apr		Closed	
Mon 20th Apr			
Tue 21st Apr			Closed
Wed 22nd Apr			Closed
Thur 23rd Apr			
Fri 24th Apr		Closed	
Mon 27th Apr			
Tue 28th Apr			Closed
Wed 29th Apr			Closed
Thur 30th Apr			
Fri 1st May		Closed	

Times	Before	After	
	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 4th May	BANK HOLIDAY		
Tue 5th May			Closed
Wed 6th May			Closed
Thur 7th May			
Fri 8th May		Closed	
Mon 11th May			
Tue 12th May			Closed
Wed 13th May			Closed
Thur 14th May			
Fri 15th May		Closed	
Mon 18th May			
Tue 19th May			Closed
Wed 20th May			Closed
Thur 21st May			
Fri 22nd May		Closed	

Name of Child/ren: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions on the website for the before and after school club.

Signed: _____

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING FORM 25/26

Please indicate which session you would like to book from 1st June until 17th July 2026

Please indicate with a tick or with a child's name which before/after school club you would like to book

Term 6

Times	Before	After	
	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 1st Jun			
Tue 2nd Jun			Closed
Wed 3rd Jun			Closed
Thur 4th Jun			
Fri 5th Jun		Closed	
Mon 8th Jun			
Tue 9th Jun			Closed
Wed 10th Jun			Closed
Thur 11th Jun			
Fri 12th Jun		Closed	
Mon 15th Jun			
Tue 16th Jun			Closed
Wed 17th Jun			Closed
Thur 18th Jun			
Fri 19th Jun		Closed	
Mon 22nd Jun			
Tue 23rd Jun			Closed
Wed 24th Jun			Closed
Thur 25th Jun			
Fri 26th Jun		Closed	

Times	Before	After	
	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 29th Jun			
Tue 30th Jun			Closed
Wed 1st Jul			Closed
Thur 2nd Jul			
Fri 3rd Jul		Closed	
Mon 6th Jul			
Tue 7th Jul			Closed
Wed 8th Jul			Closed
Thur 9th Jul			
Fri 10th Jul		Closed	
Mon 13th Jul			
Tue 14th Jul			Closed
Wed 15th Jul			Closed
Thur 16th Jul			
Fri 17th Jul		Closed	

Name of Child/ren: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions on the website for the



Dates for your diary for March:

- 2nd & 3rd March - Puzzle man activities in classes
- Thursday 5th March - World book day *see pages 12-14*
- Friday 6th March - changes to reading information session EYFS/KS1 *see page 5*
- Thursday 12th March - EYFS/KS1 Mother's day morning *see page 6*
- Tuesday 17th March - parent consultations *Contact your class teacher or the office to book*
- Wednesday 18th March - EYFS/KS1 multiskills *see page 9*
- Thursday 19th March - Y4 class trip *see page 10*
- Tuesday 24th March - parent consultations *Contact your class teacher or the office to book*
- Thursday 26th March - Easter service in the village hall at 2:30pm
- Friday 27th March - Potato rolling
- Last day of term, finish at 1:20pm.

Easter holidays: 30th March to 10th April

Next week's diary - 2nd March 2026:

Day:	The School Day:	After School clubs: 3:30 - 4:15pm	Lunch Menu (week 3)
Monday	Puzzle man activities in class	Fitness Infant bench ball	Cheese and bean pasty with new potatoes Tomato pasta Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna
Tuesday	Puzzle man activities in class	Junior bench ball	Beef burger with cheese in a bun with wedges Creamy coconut curry with rice Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna Baguette & Ham/Cheese/Tuna
Wednesday		Football (Y2,Y3,Y4) Mindful colouring Book club	Roast chicken with roast potatoes Vegan sausage with roast potatoes Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna
Thursday	WORLD BOOK DAY! See pages 12-14 for full info! 5:30pm bedtime story time!	Football (Y5,Y6) Gardening Outdoor learning cancelled due to staff training	<u>World book day menu:</u> Matilda's marvelous meatballs with spaghetti Jack and the beanstalk five bean chilli with rice Baguettes with Ham/Cheese/Tuna <u>Desert:</u> see page 12!
Friday	Reading information session for Reception, year 1 & year 2 parents. Village hall. 2:30pm. No sharing assembly. See page 5 for full information.		Battered fish with chips Mexican bean roll with chips Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna

COMMUNITY CORNER

While visiting grandparents over half term, Lydia and Louis helped the environment by filling a whole bag with rubbish from the beach. They were shocked to find so much fishing line and bits of net caught up in seaweed so the next day they sorted it into recycling, rubbish and natural items that could then be returned back to the beach. Lydia also enjoyed getting creative making her own sculpture with natural items she found.



What an incredible way to spend your time enjoying the beach but also helping out our environment - we are so proud of you for taking care of our planet in such a thoughtful way, especially sorting into what can be recycled so it doesn't all end up in landfill. Well done team Speedy!



CORNER

Thomas had great fun when he attended a Bikeability course run by Gloucester County Council during half term. He got his Level 2 certificate. There will be another 2 day course at Skill Zone in Quedgeley in the summer. We would recommend it.



What a super skill to perfect in your holidays - we're glad you enjoyed it!



CORNER

Josie enjoyed being outside & getting ready for Spring!



We love a spring clean... looks like you've made the most of the snippets of sunshine we had Josie! we're excited to get some photos when your seeds have grown later in the year...

If you'd like to share anything you've been up to outside of school, please email Mrs Higgins with the subjectline 'newsletter' - fhiggins@norton.gloucs.sch.uk



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PTA News



What a HIT! Thank you to everyone who came along. It was lovely to see so many of you, as well as teachers and their families too.

Together we raised over

£480!



Coming up....

- Easter Village trail (Sun 29th March & Easter hols)
- World Earth Day plant sale (Fri 24th April)
- Car Boot Sale (Sun 10th May)
- Colour Run (TBC)
- Norton School's 150th Birthday Celebration

Norton PTA - Easyfundraising



Get FREE donations whenever you shop online via Easyfundraising

- ✓ NO cost to you
- ✓ Over 8000 retailers
- ✓ Use the donation reminder so you never forget to claim
- ✓ Over £570 received from easyfundraising so far



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



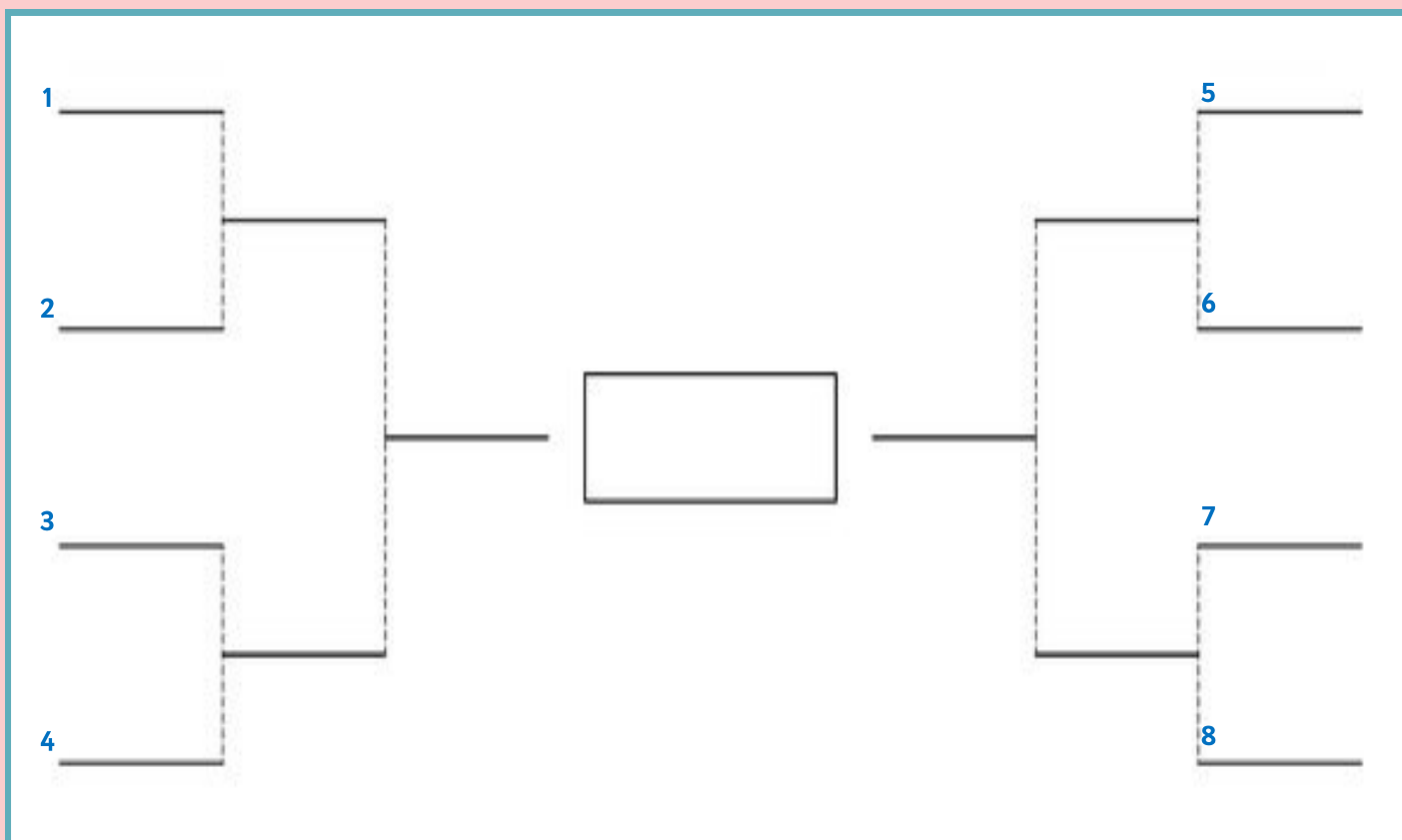


OF THE WEEK

We're sticking with a book theme for our next challenge... we challenge you to **BATTLE YOUR BOOKS!**

How to play:

- ◇ You must read two books a week...
- ◇ After each book add them to a space on the chart below.
- ◇ At the end of the month it's time to battle!
- ◇ Choose your favourite book from each battle and move it onto the next step... keep going till there is only one left!
- ◇ Then you have your winner!



Print off the table and stick it up somewhere so you can add your books as you go!



Healthy plate of the week!



Next Thursday is world book day... why not try this fun storybook snack...

Snake's Logpile House

You can make two kinds of celery snack and stack them up to make your very own logpile house.
This recipe is designed for adults to follow, but children can help too when you see a JOIN IN! Gruffalo paw.

It looks like there are ants on the logs!

Makes 12 logs

You will need:

- 4 sticks of celery
- 6 tablespoons peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons raisins
- 6 tablespoons cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon poppy seeds
- A butter knife

What to do:

- 1 Cut each celery stick into three so you have twelve equal-sized pieces.
- 2 Take six of the pieces and lay them down so the hollow side is facing up.
- 3 Put a tablespoon of peanut butter on each piece.
- 4 Use the butter knife to smear the peanut butter across the celery until it fills up the hollow part.
- 5 Put a few raisins on each celery log. Press them gently into the peanut butter with your finger so they don't fall off.
- 6 Now take the other six pieces of celery and lay them down hollow-side up.
- 7 Put a tablespoon of cream cheese on each piece.
- 8 Smear the cream cheese over the celery to fill the hollow, just like you did with the peanut butter.
- 9 Sprinkle the poppy seeds all over the cheese.
- 10 Here's the tricky bit! Try stacking up your logs to make a house – or you could just eat them as they are.





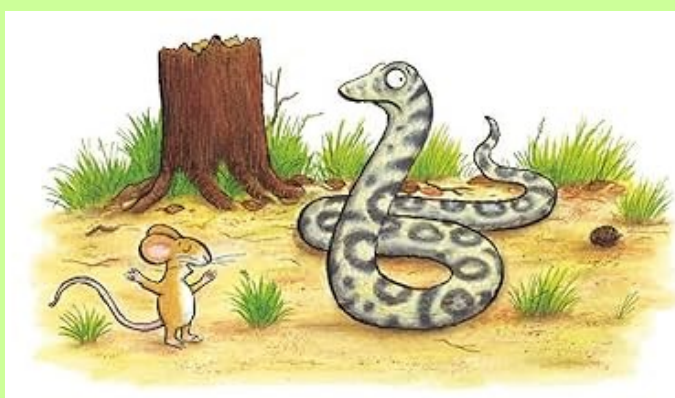
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- Can you think of anything else that you could fill the celery with?
- If your logs are slipping and sliding when you're trying to stack them up, you can put a small blob of peanut butter or cream cheese on the bottom to stick them in place.





On went the mouse through the deep dark wood.
A snake saw the mouse and the mouse looked good.
"Where are you going to, little brown mouse?
Come for a feast in my logpile house."
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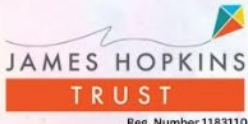
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