

Weekly Newsletter – 29th November 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

Thank you very much to everyone who was able to attend parent meetings this week. We hope you found this and the interim reports, useful.

Please remember that our website details what your child will be learning in each year group as well as other useful resources including online safety (under the 'information' tab as and guidance on health and well being (also under the 'information' tab).

Please check the "important information" section of the newsletter regarding snacks and uniform.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Farren and Team Norton

In **Little Learners** there has been a buzz of excitement as we started to decorate for Christmas. Following the children's curiosity about the cold weather, we have continued to explore the wonders of ice and talking about which animals live in cold places. We have also been practicing maths skills, with counting, positional language and shapes.

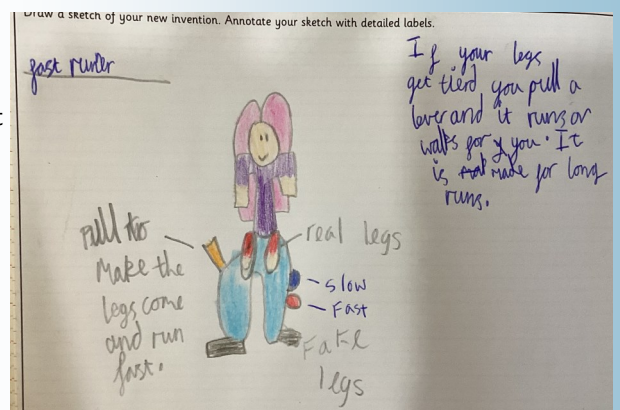
This week has flown by! We have been so busy! We have been blown away by their progress and positive attitude in phonics this week in **Reception** Class. It is so lovely to see how confident they are with their known phonemes and now using them blend and segment with increasing independent. They are all so much more resilient when forming letters and learning that it's ok to make mistakes, as long as we try. Please make sure you use the online reading books on Oxford reading buddy, lots of books to use their phonic skills.

Recently in Science, we have been learning all about Autumn. What changes we see during this season, what we need to wear and noticing how the weather changes. Over the last week **Year 1** have been recording what the weather is like every morning and afternoon. We also measured how much water we collected in our rain catcher over the last week and will compare this against rainfall in Winter, Spring and Summer throughout the year.

Year 2 have had a busy week practising their songs and lines for our infant nativity. In Maths, we have been using our number bonds to 10 to work out number bonds to 20 and multiples of ten to 100. In English, we have been working hard to edit our work by checking if it makes sense and making improvements.

This week, in **Year 3**, we have been writing our stories in best. In maths, we have moved on from addition and subtraction and have started on multiplication and division. In French we have been learning to count to 10 and in history, we looked at housing in the Neolithic period.

This week in **Year 4** we have been learning about compass directions in geography. We used the directions we learnt to navigate around a map. In English, we have been exploring and learning about explanation texts. We have started planning our own inventions after looking at Wallace and Gromit Cracking Contraptions for examples. This is Mia's creation; the fast runner!



This week **Year 5** have been learning videography skills in Computing and have been enjoying practising the junior Christmas songs for the carol service- we have some catchy ones this year!

This week **Year 6** have finished part one of our reading for pleasure book, Holes. We have absolutely loved this story so far and are slowly piecing together all of the clues, allowing us to predict where the story might be going.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... Everywhere you go...

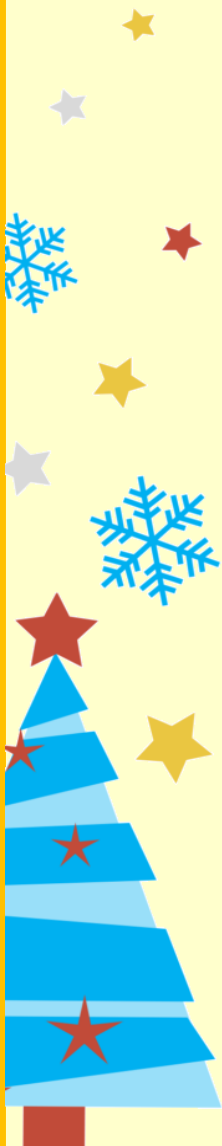
...Especially in school! Have you spotted any of the decorations that our Norton elves have put up to make the school feel festive and bright?

It's a time of year where family and community really feel even more special, so we've found these lovely ideas that you could do over advent if you like...

Advent Calendar Activities that focus on family and kindness

1. Read Christmas books by the (TV) fire
2. Make Christmas cards for some neighbours
3. Choose some too small or never worn clothes to donate
4. Have a fancy hot chocolate party
5. Do a Christmas scavenger hunt
6. Pick a toy or book (or both) to donate
7. Help someone today
8. Have a Christmas music dance party
9. Go for a walk to spot Christmas lights
10. Make something for a grownup you live with
11. Make salt dough ornaments
12. Bake cookies
13. Make something for a sibling/cousin/friend
14. Sing some Christmas songs or carols together
15. Say/do something nice to/for someone at school
16. Christmas craft activity - *can you make a Christmas tree out of playdough?*
17. Send a video message to a family member you don't live with
18. Paint snowy scenes on black paper
19. Play a board game together
20. Christmas movie night
21. Have waffles or pancakes for dinner (with fun toppings!)
22. Make a recycled Christmas craft
23. Make marshmallow snowmen on a stick
24. Cuddle up in some cosy new Christmas pyjamas
25. Merry Christmas!

Don't forget to send us any photos, we love to see and share activities like this on the newsletter!





Head teacher's worship challenge!

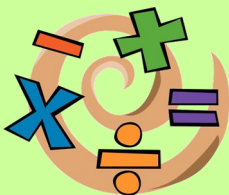


Design a new logo for our Christian value this term: **FRIENDSHIP**



Please send/give any entries to Mrs Farren by Friday 13th December, ready for the teachers to judge, and a winner will be announced in the last assembly before half term.

Please ensure your full name and class are on the back (so we can judge without names showing!)



Important reminders:

Snacks

A healthy diet is crucial for a healthy lifestyle. Only healthy snacks are allowed in school for break time. Healthy snacks include: fruit, veg, cheese, crackers, yoghurt, plain pop- corn (no nuts please - please check packaged food labels carefully).

NO sweets, crisps or chocolate!



Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school. Jewellery such as necklaces should **not** be worn in school. This is because they can be dangerous when the child is being active and also because there is a high risk they will be lost!



Lost property

Please ensure all uniform is named. Lost property is located in the junior corridor, please check if your child has lost anything this term. All items left at the end of the term will be disposed of.

Parent pay

Please check parent pay and settle any outstanding dinner accounts. School dinners can only be paid for through parent pay, this includes the Christmas dinner.

Before and after school club

Please fill out before and after school club forms for January and return to the office.

Forms can be found on the website. **NO FORM = NO CLUB!**



Strive

Think

Act

Respect

Dates for your diary for the rest of the term:

Monday 2nd December - last week for teacher led clubs for this term*

* Dance club will continue till the last week of term because of the dance festival

Monday 9th December - Nativity dress rehearsal

Tuesday 10th December - Nativity performance - 10am (the performance will be filmed this day)

Thursday 12th December - Nativity performance - 2pm

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas dinner day. If you haven't ordered you must bring in a lunchbox.

Friday 13th December - A Christmas sharing assembly - see the benefice page for more info!

Wednesday 18th December - Norton school carol service in the village hall - 2pm

- dance festival at Ribston

Thursday 19th December - sharing assembly 2:45pm

Friday 20th December - last day of term - collection between 1:15pm - 1:30pm

Next week's diary:

2nd December 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 2)
Monday	Last week of teacher led clubs (dance will continue till the end of term due to dance festival)	Reading 3:30 - 4:00 Fitness 3:30 - 4:15 Dance 3:30 - 4:15 Infant football 3:30 - 4:15	Cheese and tomato pizza Caribbean stew with rice Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Tuesday		Junior football 3:30 - 4:15	Meatballs in tomato sauce with rice Cheesy pasta with garlic bread Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Wednesday	Last Y5 swimming lesson	Lego 3:30 - 4:00 Choir 3:30 - 4:00 Infant gymnastics 3:30 - 4:15	Roast gammon Vegan sausage Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Thursday		Junior gymnastics 3:30 - 4:15 Board games 3:30 - 4:00 Craft & colouring 3:30 - 4:00 Gardening 3:30 - 4:15	Chicken tikka masala with rice Mild Mexican chilli with rice Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Friday	Sharing assembly 2:45pm in the village hall. All welcome.		Fish fingers Cheese and tomato quiche Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna



PTA NEWS



Thank you from
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Thank you to everyone
who supported our
Christmas Fair.

Together we raised
over £700!





Local benefice news



The nativity is coming to Norton!

We are having a special Christmas sharing assembly... where the Norton children will be helping to complete the local community stable!

After our normal sharing assembly in the hall, we will all follow the star outside to share in a very special Christmas worship together. This will include songs from the nativity, the school choir and the whole school!

We hope you'll join us on Friday 13th December at 2pm in the Village hall.



Children's Christmas Party



To book a place call

Sunday 8th December
2-4 p.m.
Sandhurst Village Hall

For all children in Sandhurst
Norton, Twigworth, The Leigh
Down Hatherley, Boddington
Staverton.

Games, crafts, song, story
food, drink + surprise gift.

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FIND HALF TERM FUN



Gloucester Rocks is built especially to help families find low-cost activities to do with the kids.

We have over 100 ideas of things to do in Gloucester on our website to help keep boredom at bay this October half term.

Quick links:

- > [Half term fun](#)
- > [Parks and walks](#)
- > [Free things to do in Gloucester](#)

HOLIDAY CLUBS IN GLOUCESTER

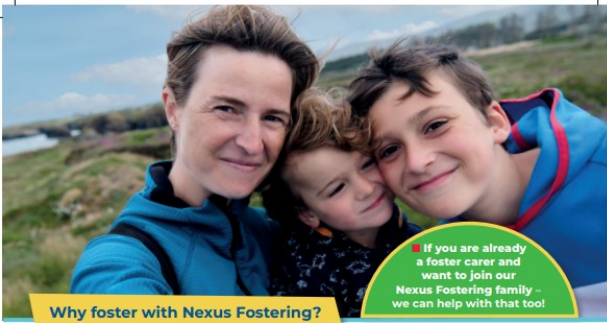
FIREWORK DISPLAYS IN GLOUCESTER

It's time to wrap up warm and head outside to enjoy some spectacular firework displays! Gloucester is playing host to a sparkling selection of Bonfire Night festivities, guaranteed to wow the crowds and amaze the whole family! Browse displays happening around Gloucester in our guide.

[Read more](#)



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