

## Weekly News – 25th October 2024

### *A message from Mrs Farren...*

Team Norton would like to thank you for all your support this term. We are incredibly fortunate to work with such well behaved and entertaining children! We monitor all children's progress carefully and it is incredible how far they've all come in such a short space of time.

This week, we have had an exciting few days learning about Diwali with local experts teaching the children diya lamp painting as well as Indian dancing. The children seemed to really enjoy these activities.

We hope you have a great half term. Keep being active and enjoy the simple pleasures that nature and family bring.

Mrs Farren and Team Norton

In **Little Learners**, we started our food week by celebrating Apple Day, where we baked delicious spiced apple cupcakes, explored apple scented cloud dough and created an apple picture. Throughout the week we've enjoyed the Very Hungry Caterpillar story and learning some new songs!

And like that, the first half term of **Reception** has finished! They have had a brilliant term and we are really proud of the progress they have made, both with their learning and with their independence and resilience. At the beginning of the week we were really fortunate to have two workshops: Diya pottery and Indian dance. The children listened really well and followed the instructions. The Diya's were beautiful and the dance was brilliant. After half we will continue to explore the festival of light: Diwali.

What a busy last week the children have had. From Diwali crafts and dancing, to learning about Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison, to ordering numbers and amounts! So much fun learning has been had by all. We are all incredibly proud of the progress the children have made so far this term, they have settled into **Year 1** so well.



In History, **Year 2** have been learning about how London was rebuilt after the Great Fire and the reasons for this. In Art, we have created our first Pointillism painting using a template. We have put a set of instructions back together in English.

This week in **Year 3**, we have been doing some three digit subtraction with exchanging. We have been using our inference skills in our guided reading and then use the instruction writing skills we practised last week to write instructions based on our guided reading book. In Art, we planned our final cave painting piece and in French we learnt to say hello and to ask "how are you?"

This week in **Year 4** we have finished our class book called 'Secrets of a Sun King'. We have started using the column method for addition in maths and using our knowledge of addition to solve word problems. We have also planned and written our own newspaper reports which will be on display on our English board in the classroom.

This week **Year 5** have completed their fantastic graffiti tags, inspired by Banksy!



This week **Year 6** have completed their aboriginal and indigenous art work. They have used the skills of cross-hatching and pointillism in their designs, tweaking them to make them their own. The art they have produced looks brilliant.

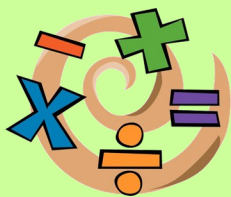
Just look at these creative pieces of work!

# COMMUNITY CORNER!

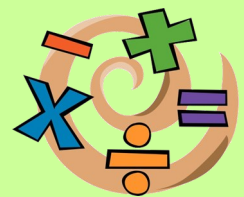
Our school community are incredible at living out our Christian values. We love this artwork from Seren in year 4 which shows and celebrates all of our Christian values - she's taken time away from her screen to create this, well done Seren!



Here is one of the newest members of our Norton community with her two big sisters! Welcome baby Lilly - you've helped your big sisters put down the xbox controllers and tablets to give you lots of cuddles and help with some feeding too!



## Maths challenge of the week!



Our school vision is for all of our children to shine like stars... something that you might see shining a lot over half term are the lights inside pumpkins...

How many pumpkins can you count over half term?  
What is the easiest way to know how many you've seen in total?

*A tally? A chart? Just counting and trying to remember?*





# Head teachers worship challenge!



Thank you to everyone who entered the logo design challenge - you all made it very hard to decide on a winner with the quality of entries!

A huge congratulations to Gracie in Y4 - we are so pleased with our new courage logo!



*Maybe you could get a head start on next term by designing a logo for friendship over half term..*

## Football stars!

Thursday's boys football match saw us win 9-0!

They played so well as a team. We know they're proud of their achievement because they provided us with a list of who scored and assisted for each goal to share before school even started this morning!

| Goal | Scored by | Assist                                                   |
|------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Luke      | Owen Su                                                  |
| 2    | Owen St   | Jack                                                     |
| 3    | Owen Su   | Tackled and scored!                                      |
| 4    | Jack      | Luke                                                     |
| 5    | Frankie   | Luke                                                     |
| 6    | Owen Su   | George (the goal keeper at the other end of the pitch..) |
| 7    | Owen St   | Luke                                                     |
| 8    | Dennis    | Luke                                                     |
| 9    | Dennis    | Owen Su                                                  |



We are incredibly proud of all of our sports stars in Norton but our football team have shone especially brightly this week - well done boys!

### Important notices:

- ⇒ **DANCE CLUB IS BACK!** Starting Monday 4th November, fill out a club form available on the website to join - let's get ready for our Christmas performance!
- ⇒ **Please check parent pay and settle any dinner accounts.**
- ⇒ **B&A invoices for October will be out by 5th November.**
- ⇒ **Please fill out before and after school club forms for next term 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 November:

- Tuesday 5th November - Christmas card order deadline
- Wednesday 6th November - shoebox appeal deadline  
- Book fair arriving for a week!
- Thursday 7th November - Worship workshop with Reverend Joe for all the juniors and a worship 'crafternoon' for the infants.
- Wednesday 13th November - Y4 Egyptian day
- Friday 15th November - children in need  
- Girls football workshop (years 4, 5 and 6)
- Monday 18th November - girls football match at Elmbridge
- Monday 25th November - reports out

## First week after half term's diary:

| 4th November 24 | The School Day                                                             | After School                                                                                                       | Lunch Menu (week 1)                                                                               |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday          |                                                                            | Reading 3:30 - 4:00<br>Fitness 3:30 - 4:15<br>Dance 3:30 - 4:15<br>Infant football 3:30 - 4:15                     | Tomato pasta<br>Mexican fajitas with rice<br>Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna             |
| Tuesday         | Christmas card order deadline                                              | Junior football 3:30 - 4:15                                                                                        | Sausage with mash and gravy<br>Creamy curry with rice<br>Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna |
| Wednesday       | Shoebox deadline<br>Book fair arriving in school for a week.               | Lego 3:30 - 4:00<br>Choir 3:30 - 4:00<br>Infant gymnastics 3:30 - 4:15                                             | Roast chicken<br>Vegetable roast<br>Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna                      |
| Thursday        | Juniors worship workshop with Reverend Joe<br>Infant worship 'crafternoon' | Junior gymnastics 3:30 - 4:15<br>Board games 3:30 - 4:00<br>Craft & colouring 3:30 - 4:00<br>Gardening 3:30 - 4:15 | Beef pasta bake<br>Baked bean hot pot<br>Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna                 |
| Friday          | Sharing assembly 2:45pm in the village hall. All welcome.                  |                                                                                                                    | Fish fingers<br>Mexican bean roll<br>Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna                     |



# PTA NEWS



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came to our very first  
silent disco!



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## NORTON'S NON UNIFORM DAY

Friday 8th November



**Bottle donations please\***



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## Norton Christmas fayre

Sunday 24th November 2pm - 4pm @ Norton  
Village Hall

Elfridges  
Shop

Raffle

Games

Stalls

Sweets

Tombola

Get ahead and buy some gifts, play  
Face some games and get into the  
Painting Christmas spirit!  
Plus Refreshments available



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FOR YOUR  
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# Local benefice news



## tracks

faith : hope : landscape

15-17th November 2024 in Seven Towers Benefice

### tracks:festival | 15th-17th November 2024

a weekend of creativity, action, and inspiration celebrating place and belonging in the natural world

Friday 15th  
7.30pm:

**'Early Bird & Nightfulness'** : an evening of songs and poetry with priest, author and musician Dan Pierce.  
The Leigh church, £5 suggested donation, refreshments and books available.

Saturday 16th  
10-4pm  
1pm-4pm:  
7pm:

**'When I in Awesome Wonder : Photography Exhibition'** : Down Hatherley Church  
**'Getting Creative'** : in Nature in Art education centre. Donations welcome.  
**Film Festival** : an evening of short films reflecting on our place on earth.  
Boddington Church. Refreshments available. Donations welcome.

Sunday 17th  
3pm:

**'Open Mic' Storytelling** : for all ages and Autumnal Afternoon Tea.  
Sandhurst Church. Donations Welcome.

Taking submissions for poems and short stories (no more than 500 words) celebrating local places and communities, past, present and hope for. All ages welcome. Winners will be invited to perform during the afternoon.  
Submissions, with subject 'Open Mic Story', including name and age to be sent to [admin@seventowers.org.uk](mailto:admin@seventowers.org.uk) before 1st November, 2024

Sunday 17th is what we're asking Norton children (and parents/grandparents/carers/aunts/uncles etc...) to enter! See above information on how to enter.

We're asking for stories or poems, no more than 500 words, that celebrate our local places - past, present or hoped for. It's a broad theme, and could be fiction or non fiction, but something that shows how special it is to be where you are.

If anyone 'wins' they will be asked if they want to read their piece on the Sunday afternoon tea event in Sandhurst church (but they don't have to, it will be read out by someone else if they can't attend or you'd rather not talk in front of others.)

## Children's Christmas Party



Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

To book a place call

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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

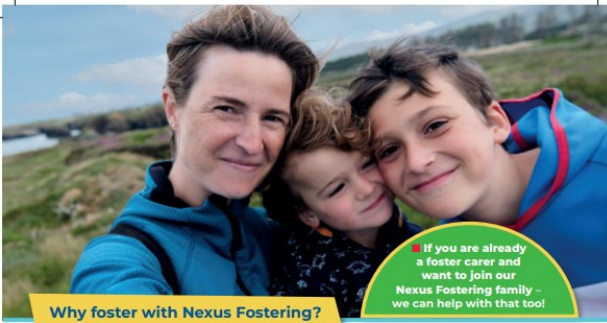
### FIREWORK DISPLAYS IN GLOUCESTER

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.

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