



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12th December 2025

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"Those who are wise will shine like the sky and those who lead others to goodness will shine like the stars forever" *Daniel 12:3*

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A message from Mrs Farren...

Norton children have been enjoying lots of Christmas spirit this week.

The Nativity performances on Tuesday and Thursday were truly wonderful! The children performed their lines with such clarity and confidence, they sang beautifully and worked together to make the performances full of Christmas magic. We are all very proud of them and we are sure you are too! I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work on this as well as the parents who helped with face painting and the PTA for providing refreshments. We have such a positive and united school community and this can only benefit our children.

The PTA has raised a great deal of money to support the school. The outside classroom was completed this week. This is transforming outside learning for Norton pupils! - see page 11 for more photos of the build!



Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Farren and Team Norton



Class News – 12th December 2025

Little Learners have enjoyed a very festive week! We started our week by watching the school Nativity play. We enjoyed watching our older friends as they sang and told the story of the Nativity! On Wednesday, we invited our parents to join us for a festive stay and play. The children were fantastic, sharing our songs that we had been working really hard to learn! We then enjoyed sharing our creative skills with our grown-up's as they helped us create festive decorations. Thank you to all Grown-up's in supporting our stay play! We have also been busy exploring 'My happy mind', and engaging in lots of festive themed learning activities!

Reminder: Friday 19th December is our last session of the term. Gates will open from 1.20pm, and all children must be collected by 1.30pm. Thank you

The **Reception, year 1** and **year 2** children are certainly feeling excited about Christmas this week! We've all had a fun week of nativity performances, learning about the Christmas story and lots more! We're extremely proud of all the children for how they performed in the Nativity.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the nativity performance, please see information on your class dojo pages or look at page 7!

This week in **Year 3** we enjoyed our very own Le Réveillon! We tasted a variety of delicious French foods and learned all about how Christmas is celebrated in France. We also completed our fantastic pneumatic toys. The children were so proud of their creative designs and demonstrated great teamwork skills.

Year 4 went on a walk around the village on Wednesday afternoon as part of our geography lesson. We were looking for different human and physical features ready to put onto a map that we will create in our next lesson. We finished our walk in the new outdoor shelter (thank you to the PTA for funding this) and drew symbols for the different features we spotted.



This week **Year 5** have been doing their interim assessments. Well done for all of their hard work.

This week in **Year 6** we have been collecting ideas for our diary writing and looking at writing structures which can be used in more informal texts. In Maths, we have been looking at ratio and the link between ratio 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!



UNIFORM



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

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

Any **unnamed** lost property left on Friday 19th December will be donated to the PTA or disposed of.

SCHOOL TRENDS

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FAQ'S

Christmas Delivery Times

Order Dispatch & Delivery Schedule
Our last collection date before Christmas will be Friday 19th December.

For orders placed from December 24th onwards, we aim to dispatch all orders **within 15 business days** from reopening week commencing 5th January.

Our Christmas & New Year Closure

- **Last Business Day:** Friday December 24th, 2025.
- **Closed:** Thursday December 25th, 2025
- **Re-open:** Monday January 2nd, 2026.

Please note while you can continue to place orders on our website during the closure, our team will not be processing or dispatching them until we re-open on January 2nd, 2026.

Merry Christmas!



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Is your child under the weather?

We value good attendance, and while illness can't always be avoided, please think carefully about whether your child is well enough to attend school before keeping them at home.

A quick reminder: if your child has been sick or had a vomiting bug, they need to stay off school for 48 hours after the final episode to help keep everyone healthy.





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What's Happening

Please see below the prices for extended services from 1st January 2026

B&A Club

Before School Club	- £1.84 per session
After School Club until 5pm	- £5.47 per child per session
After School Club until 5:30pm	- £6.80 per child per session
Late Fee	- £6.93 per 15 minutes

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Full day:	£40.15 (6 hours)
Session:	£20.85 (3 hours)
Hourly:	£7.20
Late fee:	£4.56 per 15 minutes
Snack:	39p per day
School dinners:	£2.89 per meal
<i>(provided by an external company and must be ordered by 9am each day)</i>	
After school club:	£1.74 (3:15pm – 3:30pm when using the After school club)
Extra 30 mins (2:45-3:15pm):	£2.97



Norton Infant Nativity – “Hushaby Nativity”

Filmed on Thursday 11th December 2025

Video available to purchase - **£6 per download**



If you would like a copy of the video, please email Norton.sch.pta@gmail.com with your child's name and year group (this is important so that we send the link to the right email address) and send your money in to school. Orders must be received by **Monday 15th December** so that we can email the link before the end of term.



Text Message System Upgrade!

We're still using Teachers to Parents - the same system you're familiar with - but the company has released a major upgrade with a brand-new look. As we get used to the updated layout, there may be a few small teething problems. Thank you for your patience while we find our way around the new system!

Any messages from school should come from this number: +447860051628



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Please complete the booking form for before and after school club.

You are welcome to start sending in forms for next term if you know when you need it!

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 6th January until 13th February 2026

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

Term 3	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 5th Jan	INSET				Mon 26th Jan			
Tue 6th Jan			Closed		Tue 27th Jan			Closed
Wed 7th Jan			Closed		Wed 28th Jan			Closed
Thur 8th Jan					Thur 29th Jan			
Fri 9th Jan		Closed			Fri 30th Jan		Closed	
Mon 12th Jan					Mon 2nd Feb			
Tue 13th Jan			Closed		Tue 3rd Feb			Closed
Wed 14th Jan			Closed		Wed 4th Feb			Closed
Thur 15th Jan					Thur 5th Feb			
Fri 16th Jan		Closed			Fri 6th Feb		Closed	
Mon 19th Jan					Mon 9th Feb			
Tue 20th Jan			Closed		Tue 10th Feb			Closed
Wed 21st Jan			Closed		Wed 11th Feb			Closed
Thur 22nd Jan					Thur 12th Feb			
Fri 23rd Jan		Closed			Fri 13th Feb		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.



Dates for your diary for December/January:

Thursday 18th December - Festive celebration assembly at 2:30. All welcome!

Friday 19th December - Finish for the Christmas holidays (gates open from 1:20pm)

Spring term: 5th January 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026

Monday 5th January - inset day

Tuesday 6th January - first day back for children

Wednesday 14th January - young voices concert (years 4/5/6) *Letters will go out early next week for this.*

Next week's diary - 15th December 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School clubs:	Lunch Menu (week 1)
Monday		<i>Brand new teacher led clubs will be back in the new year!</i>	Cheese and tomato pizza with new potatoes Vegetable pasta bake Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna
Tuesday			Meatballs in tomato sauce with rice Vegan burger in a bun with potato wedges Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna Baguette & Ham/Cheese/Tuna
Wednesday			Roast gammon with roast potatoes Roast quorn fillets with roast potatoes Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna
Thursday	Festive celebration assembly 2:30		Curried chicken with rice Macaroni cheese Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna Baguette & Ham/Cheese/Tuna
Friday	Finish early: gates open 1:20-1:30		Fish fingers with chips Cheese whirl with chips Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna



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Thank you to the PTA for funding the new school shelter

(part of the cost was obtained through two grants)



Waiting for a roof!



Gardening Club and Forest School are looking forward to sheltering from the rain or having some shade from the sun.



There are benches too!



We're harvesting rainwater from the roof of the shelter via a gutter into the two white IBC units so that we can store water and use it in the drier months to water the flowers and vegetables.



Thank you also to parents for supporting the PTA as without your purchases and spending the children wouldn't have this.





COMMUNITY CORNER

Thomas Labdon received the "Best Attitude" award after his football match last Saturday. He plays for Churchdown Panthers. Thomas plays Left Back and worked hard throughout the match to assist the forwards in his team with several brilliant passes down the line. Well done Thomas!

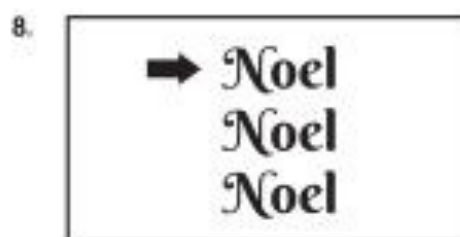
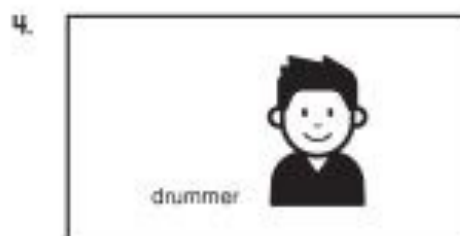
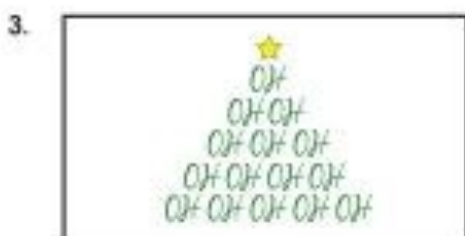
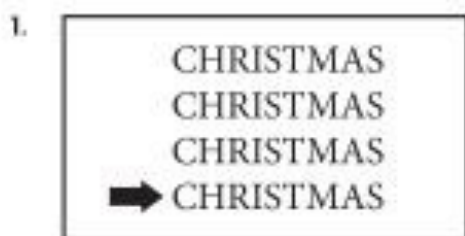


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OF THE WEEK

Can you solve these images to find the Christmas songs...





Healthy recipe of the week!



Check out these fun Christmas tree inspired snack ideas!

Ingredients

- 3 large apples (2 green and 1 red)
- 1 carrot slice
- 3-4 breadsticks
- Handful of blueberries

Method

1. Cut your apples into 1cm thick wedges.
2. Create a tree trunk by placing the bread sticks side by side on a large plate.
3. Place your apple wedges in a tree shape alternating layers between red and green apple from the top of the breadsticks to approximately two thirds of the way down, leaving the bottom section of breadsticks to form a trunk.
4. Cut the carrot slice using a star-shaped cookie cutter and place the star on top of your tree and decorate the apple wedges with blueberries.



Ingredients

- 1 large carrot
- 1 whole cucumber
- Toothpicks

Method

1. Peel the carrot, discarding the top and bottom.
2. From the thicker end of the carrot, cut eight rounds (roughly half a cm thick) and use a mini star-shaped cutter to make the stars.
3. Divide and cut the remaining piece of carrot into eight pieces, which will form the trunks of your cucumber trees.
4. Set the carrot stars and trunk pieces aside.
5. Using a vegetable peeler, peel long strips from the cucumber (the whole length).
6. Starting at the smallest end, carefully fold a strip of cucumber back and forth, starting with small folds and getting gradually bigger as you go, until you have created a tree shape.
7. Push the folds together and secure them with a toothpick.
8. Push the toothpick into one of the carrot trunk pieces with the thicker end on the trunk and the narrow end at the top.
9. Add a carrot star to the other end of the toothpick.
10. Carefully separate the folds so the cucumber fills the space between the trunk and star.



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At GHCT we are working on some new initiatives to support our local churches with the Nationally felt decline in church attendance. With this we are looking to encourage families and young people to get back into churches, to enjoy the heritage and beauty these buildings have to offer. I have attached a copy of our free printable Festive Scavenger Hunt, which is a completely free resource, that gives people the option of a free festive activity to do in their own time.

Link to Downloadable Resource: <https://ghct.org.uk/free-festive-church-scavenger-hunt>



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