

new year, new name, new look!



Norton's News!

2nd October 2026

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Daniel 12:3

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2nd October 2026

A message from Mrs Farren...

As we reach the end of another busy week, I have been reflecting on how much joy there is to be found in the small things around us. With so much to do and so many demands on our attention, it can be easy to hurry through the day without noticing them.

Yet a little autumn sunlight, the changing colours of the leaves or the sound of birds on the walk to school can give us a moment to pause and appreciate where we are. Children are often wonderful at this. A conker, a spider's web sparkling with dew or an unusually shaped leaf can be a source of real fascination. There is something lovely about allowing ourselves to slow down and share that curiosity.

The kindness of strangers can brighten our days too: someone holding a door, offering a friendly smile or taking a moment to help. These gestures may seem small, but they can make us feel noticed and valued. We may never know how much a simple act of kindness means to the person receiving it.

At Norton, we want our children to appreciate the world around them and recognise that they can make it a happier place through their own words and actions. Saying thank you, inviting someone to join a game or noticing when another person needs help all contribute to our caring school community.

This weekend, perhaps take a few moments as a family to notice something beautiful and share something kind. A conversation starter around the dinner table could be: "What small thing made you smile today?"

I hope your weekend brings a little sunshine, time to enjoy nature and plenty of small moments to treasure.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Farren and Team Norton



Class News - 2nd October 2026

This week in **Little Learners** we have continued to explore 2D shapes! This week we learnt about the Triangle, and explored a variety of materials and resources to support us in creating our own Triangles. We have also introduced worship time in Little Learners. We met Jack the Labrador (our puppet) and explored his special book; A child friendly Bible. We have also enjoyed singing number rhymes which has began to support our early mathematic skills. Our rhyme this week was; Five little ducks. We enjoyed exploring our rhyme through different media types and creative activities.

This week in **Reception**, we have been learning about farms. The children explored different farm animals and talked about the jobs that farmers do. We also went on a nature hunt, where the children collected a range of natural items. Afterwards, they used these to create collages to represent their journey.

It has been a lovely week of exploring, creating and learning together.

In **Year 1** this week we have been learning about the number of daylight hours each day throughout the seasons. We collected data about this and created a pictogram. In maths we have counted backwards from 10 and found 1 less than a number (within 10).

This week in **Year 2**, we have been developing our place value knowledge in maths. The children have been super mathematicians, using their understanding of tens and ones to flexibly partition numbers up to 100. They have also been working hard to write number sentences using both words and numerals. We have been incredibly impressed by their enthusiasm, growing confidence and developing mathematical skills. It has been wonderful to see them applying their knowledge and tackling new challenges with such enthusiasm!

Young scientists in **Year 3** have been learning about skeletons over the last few weeks (endoskeletons and exoskeletons). The focus during the last two lessons has been on naming some of the main bones in the human body. The children have really impressed me by remembering what they have already learnt. This week they worked hard to measure images of human bones and record data on a table. Excellent work year 3!



In **Year 4** this week we have made some collages inspired by Beatriz Milhazes using colourful sweet, chocolate and crisp wrappers. They were very unique and individual!



In science, we learnt how to brush our teeth effectively and in maths we have been learning how to round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.

This week, **Year 5** have been publishing their Space Journey Narrative. They have been writing in first person (as Curiosity - the Mars rover) using metaphors, fronted adverbials and parenthesis to create captivating pieces of writing.

Year 6 have had another busy week! We have continued our Rose Blanche diary writing, tackled 4-digit by 2-digit multiplication and classified invertebrates in Science. In Computing, we became code hackers, investigating Scratch programs to work out how the code works. We also got creative designing our own album covers in Art!

PGL PAYMENTS ARE NOW ON PARENTPAY

Important Information Pages

Don't forget to check our Important Information Pages!

You'll find key updates, deadlines and useful information about school life, including details from companies we work with, such as School Trends, catering and music lessons.

Things can change from week to week, so **check back regularly to stay in the loop!**

Thanks everyone!



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION!**

Parents Please Park Safely at School

Keep our
children safe



Your parking choices make a big difference.

Please follow these simple guidelines to keep our children, families and community safe.



DO NOT
park on the pavements



Parking on the pavement forces pedestrians, including children and pushchairs, into the road.



DO NOT
park on zig zag lines



Zig zag lines must be kept clear at all times. They are there to give children a safe view and a safe place to cross the road.



DO
park safely and considerately

- ✓ Use the designated parking areas (where available).
- ✓ Keep the pavements clear.
- ✓ Stay away from zig zag lines and school entrances.
- ✓ Allow time for a safe and calm drop-off and pick-up.



Thank you for parking safely
and helping to keep our school community safe!

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What's Happening

WHERE'S THE CRAZIEST PLACE YOU CAN READ?

AUTUMN 2026

We want to see just how creative and adventurous
you can be with your reading!

Find the craziest, funniest or most unusual place
you can read your favourite book. 📖

Could you read in a tree? 🌳

Under the table?

In the garden? 🌻

Or somewhere even CRAZIER?!

📷 Take a photo of yourself reading in your unusual
place and send it to us

We can't wait to see where your imagination takes
you! 🌻





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Offsite visit and single consent

Please complete the form below and return to the school office.

Copies to download are available on dojo or the school website. Paper copies are available on the wall to the left of the office window.

Other forms that can be found here include:

- Medicine
- Term time absence form
- Change of pupil information
- Before and after school club form
- Teacher club forms (coming soon...)

Parental Consent Form for Offsite Visits, Sporting and Extra Curriculum Activities.

Data Protection: The information provided will be used by Norton C of E Primary School to administer and organise school visits and activities. Information will be kept securely and only shared where necessary, such as in an emergency or with the relevant Local Authority.

Please inform the school of any changes to your contact details or your child's relevant medical information.

Contact Information

Pupil's Full Name: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F
Date of Birth: _____
Home Address: _____
Home Telephone Number: _____ Post Code: _____
Emergency Contact Name & No: _____

Emergency Information

Name of Doctor & Surgery: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Please detail any medical problems that we should be aware of and if necessary procedures to be taken in an emergency: _____

Disability Information

Is your child on the Disability Equality Register: ☐ YES ☐ NO
Please detail any disability problems that we should be aware of and if necessary procedure to be taken in an emergency: _____

Personal Information Please give details requested below or personal information which may be relevant

Does he/she suffer from allergies, Diabetes, migraine, Epilepsy or any other illness or disability? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES give details: _____

Is he/she allergic to anything (eg. Antibiotics, sticking plasters, any medicines or particular food, etc.) ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES give details: _____

Is he/she actively sensitive to pencil? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Is he/she receiving any medical treatment at present? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES give details of illness/disability and treatment: _____

Does he/she have any special dietary needs? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES give details: _____

Can he/she swim 50 metres? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Parent Consent

(i) I agree to my son/daughter taking part in all offsite, sporting and extra curriculum activities.
(ii) I understand that the staff responsible for the activities will take reasonable care of participants.
(iii) I consent to any emergency treatment necessary. I therefore authorise the party leader(s) to sign, on my behalf, any written form of consent required by the hospital authorities should medical treatment (a surgical operation or injection) be deemed necessary, provided that the delay required to obtain my signature might be considered, in the opinion of the doctor or surgeon concerned, likely to endanger my child's health or safety.

I wish to withhold my consent for the following activities - please give details: _____

Signature: _____ (Please print your name alongside your signature)
Date form completed: _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF FORM
ALL FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED PER INDIVIDUAL CHILD AND RETURNED BY FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Single Consent Form - Personal Information (PI) & Consent for services and medical/first aid

Dear Parent/Carer,
Norton C of E Primary School holds and uses personal information about you and your child to support their education and communicate with you. Details of how this information is used are provided in our Privacy Notice. For some additional school services and medical/first aid reasons, we require your specific consent. This consent may be withdrawn at any time. Where consent is not given, we will be unable to provide the relevant service.

Please complete and return this consent form. (Please circle the consent option for each element)

Text Message Service (Teachers2Parents)

Data Shared	Purpose	Consent
Pupil name / year group Parenter mobile numbers	To keep parents/carers updated about school events, changes to arrangements, student achievements, absences, and other important information.	Yes ☐ No ☐

Pupil tracking and assessment systems (EVFS-Y6: Insight Tracker)

Data Shared	Purpose	Consent
Pupil ID held on SIMS (taken from entry form submitted by parents) Pupil assessment data submitted by teachers.	To track each child's academic progress and share accurate, relevant updates with parents (in school reports or individual parent meetings, only ever for your child). Pupil information is securely transferred from SIMS and stored in encrypted cloud systems. This is only accessed by Norton staff.	Yes ☐ No ☐

School website

Data Shared	Purpose	Consent
Pupil images (no specific identification of individuals)	To share information regarding school activities, events and services with parents/carers and key stakeholders.	Yes ☐ No ☐

Photos

Data Shared	Purpose	Consent
Pupil images on their class dojo pages only	To share images regarding class activities / events pupils have taken part in with their class parents/carers only	Yes ☐ No ☐
Pupil images on whole school dojo page	To share images regarding activities / events pupils have taken part in with parents/carers for the whole school	Yes ☐ No ☐
Pupil images taken by Norton staff on Norton (eg. on trips or doing work in class)	May be used to go in books to support learning or put on classroom displays to support learning/showcase a topic.	Yes ☐ No ☐
Pupil images taken by external agencies	Photographs taken by external agencies we've gone on a trip with (for example: sports trips images taken by Gloucester school sports network)	Yes ☐ No ☐

Photos used in classrooms / shared areas (entrance hall, main hall, corridors etc.)

Data Shared	Purpose	Consent
Pupil images in sports teams, School Council, work/activity linked images etc. (pupils may be named)	To support learning, to showcase pupils' work and activities they've took part in, to celebrate success and to share information regarding roles and responsibilities.	Yes ☐ No ☐

Newsletter (includes online version posted on the school website)

Data Shared	Purpose	Consent
Pupil images (no specific identification of individuals)	To share information regarding school events, pupil achievement and to share key information with stakeholders	Yes ☐ No ☐

Promotional publications (e.g. annual prospectus, new parent information leaflets etc.) (includes online versions posted on the school website)

Data Shared	Purpose	Consent
Pupil images (no specific identification of individuals)	To share information regarding the school's facilities, performance and activities with prospective parents.	Yes ☐ No ☐

Medical consent for:

Reason	Consent	
Administration of age appropriate pain in line with the instructions on the box.	Yes ☐ No ☐	
Use of plasters in first aid	Are you happy for Norton staff to use a plaster on your child when administering first aid?	Yes ☐ No ☐

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MUSIC

Piano Lessons Available from September

Our piano teacher Rosie Blackwood will have some availability for new pupils from September.

Lessons are available for children in Year 2 and above. Pupils will need access to a piano or keyboard at home for practice.

If your child is interested in learning the piano, please contact our piano teacher directly via email for further information and availability.

Email: rosieblackwood@mymusiclessons.co.uk



MUSIC LESSONS FOR PRIMARY CHILDREN
AGED 4-11

MUSIC LESSONS

THROUGH MUSIC!

BE
CONFIDENT.
BE CREATIVE.
BE YOU.

RECORDER
RECEPTION TO YEAR 6



FLUTE
YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6



CLARINET
YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6



ALTO SAXOPHONE
YEAR 5 TO YEAR 6

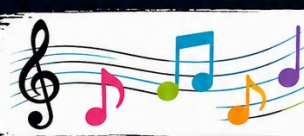


SOPRANO SAXOPHONE
YEAR 5 TO YEAR 6



SINGING LESSONS





BEGINNER MUSIC THEORY
LEARN THE BASICS





WEEKLY LESSONS



ALL LEVELS WELCOME



BUILD SKILLS & CONFIDENCE



ENJOY MUSIC FOR LIFE



PROGRESS AT YOUR PACE

INTERESTED?
EMAIL: phoebewilsonflute@outlook.com



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SCHOOL

Uniform

LOST PROPERTY!!!

Lost property is now located in the library near the front entrance.

All lost property left at the end of term will be removed and recycled!.



CLEARANCE SALE

CLEARANCE FURTHER REDUCTIONS!

LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE

Grab a bargain before they're gone!

GREAT SAVINGS
ON SCHOOL UNIFORM & WORKWEAR

A WIDE RANGE
SIZES & COLOURS AVAILABLE

ONCE THEY'RE GONE,
THEY WON'T BE BACK AT THESE PRICES!

QUALITY UNIFORM FOR LESS

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Please see on the next page the forms for term 1 and 2. This is also available on the school website to download and complete.

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.



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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING FORM 26/27

Please indicate which session you would like to book from 3rd September until 23rd October 2026

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

Times	Before	After	
	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Tue 1st Sept	INSET		
Wed 2nd Sept	INSET		
Thur 3rd Sept			
Fri 4th Sept		Closed	
Mon 7th Sept			
Tue 8th Sept			Closed
Wed 9th Sept			Closed
Thur 10th Sept			
Fri 11th Sept		Closed	
Mon 14th Sept			
Tue 15th Sept			Closed
Wed 16th Sept			Closed
Thur 17th Sept			
Fri 18th Sept		Closed	
Mon 21st Sept			
Tue 22nd Sept			Closed
Wed 23rd Sept			Closed
Thur 24th Sept			
Fri 25th Sept		Closed	

Times	Before	After	
	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 28th Sept			
Tue 29th Sept			Closed
Wed 30th Sept			Closed
Thur 1st Oct			
Fri 2nd Oct		Closed	
Mon 5th Oct			
Tue 6th Oct			Closed
Wed 7th Oct			Closed
Thur 8th Oct			
Fri 9th Oct		Closed	
Mon 12th Oct			
Tue 13th Oct			Closed
Wed 14th Oct			Closed
Thur 15th Oct			
Fri 16th Oct		Closed	
Mon 19th Oct			
Tue 20th Oct			Closed
Wed 21st Oct			Closed
Thur 22nd Oct			
Fri 23rd Oct		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 26/27

Please indicate which session you would like to book from 2nd November until 18th December 2026

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

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

Times	Before	After	
	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 30th Nov			
Tue 1st Dec			Closed
Wed 2nd Dec			Closed
Thur 3rd Dec			
Fri 4th Dec		Closed	
Mon 7th Dec			
Tue 8th Dec			Closed
Wed 9th Dec			Closed
Thur 10th Dec			
Fri 11th Dec		Closed	
Mon 14th Dec			
Tue 15th Dec			Closed
Wed 16th Dec			Closed
Thur 17th Dec			
Fri 18th Dec		Closed	

Name of Child/ren: _____

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Signed: _____



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TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Diwali workshops - whole school activities!



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Friday 2nd October 2026

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 November:

✦ Diya Painting Workshop – Tuesday 3rd November 2026

✦ Indian Dance Workshop – Tuesday 4th November 2026

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



Strive Think Act Respect Shine

Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TG



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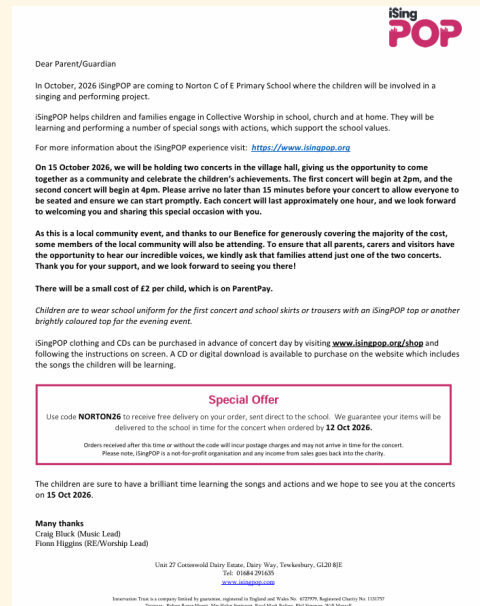
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TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

iSingPOP - whole school activity!

A clear image of this letter is available on the whole school dojo page.



FAQs:

Is this for the whole school?

Yes! We'd love as many of our children as possible to stay on for the later concert. The 2pm concert will feature children from across the whole school, as this takes place during the school day.

Which concert can I attend?

We'd love as many parents/carers and members of our local community as possible to come and enjoy watching our talented children perform! To help us make space for everyone, we ask that families choose just one of the two concerts to attend and let their teacher know which one via a dojo post going up next week.

Can younger siblings watch?

Absolutely! The more the merrier! It's going to be a really upbeat and joyful celebration, and joining in with the dance moves is very much encouraged!

Will my child stay in school for the 4pm concert?

Yes, please! We'll send out the finer details closer to the time, but we're asking as many children as possible to stay on for the 4pm concert. Please send your child in with an extra snack, and we'll have some downtime together before getting ready for the second concert, which starts at 4pm, and will finish no later than 5pm.



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Cheltenham Literature Festival - Infants



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18th September 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Cheltenham Literature Festival – RECEPTION & YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

October is nearly upon us and it's time for the Cheltenham literature festival trip! We have managed to book tickets for all of the infant children to see 'Jim Beckett' on Thursday 15th October in Cheltenham.

We will leave school at 9.15am and return at 11am. Children will need a coat depending on the weather. We will be back at school for lunchtime so they are able to order school dinners if they normally have one.

The cost of this trip is £12.50 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. Over previous years 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 if you are unable to contribute to this trip, as we are here to support you.

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:

- Payment received on ParentPay can be taken as consent as you have to tick a box to get to the payment window. Please send in your voluntary contribution in a clearly named envelope (cash or cheque), or pay using ParentPay.
- 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
Miss Eaton and Mrs Cooper
English Reading/Writing Leads



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Cheltenham Literature Festival - Years 3 and 4



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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Cheltenham Literature Festival – Year 3 & Year 4

October is nearly upon us and it's time for the Cheltenham literature festival trip! We have managed to book tickets for all of the year 3 and 4 children to see 'Mc Grammar & Michael Rosen' on Friday 16th October in Cheltenham.

We will leave school at 12pm and return at 1:45pm. Children will need a coat depending on the weather. All children will need a packed lunch, which we will eat before going on the trip.

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Cheltenham Literature Festival - Years 5 and 6



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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Cheltenham Literature Festival – Year 5 & Year 6

October is nearly upon us and it's time for the Cheltenham literature festival trip! We have managed to book tickets for all of the year 5 and 6 children to see 'Katherine Rundell' on Thursday 15th October in Cheltenham.

We will leave school at 9.45am and return at 11:30am. Children will need a coat depending on the weather. We will be back at school for lunchtime so they are able to order school dinners if they normally have one.

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Dates for your diary for October:

- Thursday 8th October - Individual and sibling photographer in
- w/c 12th October - Isingpop workshops and concert - *see page 13*
- Thursday 15th October - Cheltenham Literature Festival (infants, y5/6)
- Friday 16th October - Cheltenham Literature Festival (y3/4)
- Tuesday 20th - (9am) Thursday 22nd October - Harvest food collections
- Wednesday 21st October - Harvest assembly
- Friday 23rd October - Last day of term, finish normal time.

Half term: Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

Next week's diary - 5th October 2026:

Day:	The School Day:	After school clubs (all clubs finish at 4pm)	Lunch Menu (week 2)
Monday		Football (Y1/2) Lego (Y3-6) Dance (Y2-6) Art (Y1-6)	Vegan meatballs with spaghetti Cheese & tomato pizza with new potatoes Jacket potato with beans/cheese/tuna
Tuesday		Football (Y3/4) Gardening (Y1-6)	Beef burger with cheese in a bun with potato wedges Sweet potato curry with rice Jacket potato with beans/cheese/tuna Baguette with ham/cheese/tuna
Wednesday		Football (Y5/6) Storytime Squad (Y1/2)	Roast gammon with roast potatoes Roast quorn with roast potatoes Jacket potato with beans/cheese/tuna
Thursday	Individual and sibling photographer	Gymnastics (Y1-6) Board&Card Games (Y4-6) Cross Country (Y3-6) Mindful Colouring (Y1-6)	Peri-peri chicken with herby rice, sweetcorn and cucumber salsa Macaroni cheese Jacket potato with beans/cheese/tuna Baguette with ham/cheese/tuna
Friday	Sharing assembly 2:45 - all welcome		Fish fingers with chips Vegan sausage with chips Jacket potato with beans/cheese/tuna



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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

STRIVE - THINK - ACT - RESPECT



COMMUNITY CORNER

We love our community corner - it's a space for you to send us any pictures or news you'd like to share for the week! It could be anything from sporting achievements, no screen time activities you've got up to, a community event you went to/ helped at, anything at all that you're excited to share with our school community!

If you'd like to share anything in this space please email Mrs Higgins with the subjectline 'community corner' - fhiggins@norton.gloucs.sch.uk

COMMUNITY CORNER



Daphne went to a roller skating dance competition at the weekend - she came second with her 'Matilda' freedance and the whole skating club came second with their group 'Grease' dance, so she came home with two silver medals! So was very happy.



Well done Daphne - we know from chatting to mum that you showed great resilience this weekend, we are so proud of you! What incredible achievements for you and for your team!

COMMUNITY CORNER



At the weekend Ioan was in charge of making blackberry jam with a bit of help from me! He's been asking to this for a long time as the berries have been in the freezer so we finally did it! The jam is lovely!

Wow Ioan - what a super thing to have a go at making... if you ever need taste testers I'm sure your teachers would oblige!



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Norton PTA Events Calendar



October

23- Break the rules day



November

20- Raffle tickets on sale
27- Non-uniform day (bottle donations)



December

4- Christmas Fair
11- Raffle Draw



January

Collect unwanted gifts and sort out for Jumble sale



February

27- Jumble Sale



March

24- Spring Disco



April

Easter Holidays



May

21- Colour Run



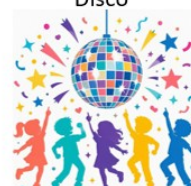
June

TBC- Summer Fete



July

16- End of year Disco



PTA have some great events planned this year (more details nearer each event), but we need your support to be able to run them. If you are able to spare an hour of your time to help at one of these events please get in touch: norton.sch.pta@gmail.com

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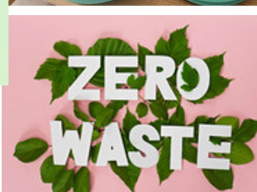
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£10 per hire*

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NORTON'S BRAIN BOOST...

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This weekend, perhaps take a few moments as a family to notice something beautiful and share something kind.

A CONVERSATION STARTER
AROUND THE DINNER TABLE COULD BE:

“What small thing
made you smile today?”

NORTON'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

THE £5 FAMILY FEAST

A fun food challenge for the whole family!

1



Everyone gets
£5 to spend
at a supermarket
of your choice.

2



Choose whatever
you like!
A favourite food,
a new ingredient,
something surprising,
or something inspired
by a story.

3



Bring your choices
home and turn them
into a made-up feast
to enjoy together
at tea time.

4



Sit down, share
your feast and
enjoy it together -
just like your
favourite stories!



Be creative.
Be curious.
Try something new.

Look on the previous page
for this week's Brain Boost!

Relating to our brain boost challenge... this would be a great family activity to do together before you use the conversation starter!

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A vibrant Halloween-themed poster for a 'Halloween Fete' event. The background features a large full moon, silhouettes of bats, and several glowing jack-o'-lanterns. The event title 'HALLOWEEN FETE' is written in large, stylized, orange and yellow letters with a black outline. Below the title, a purple banner reads 'SUPPORTING GL3 COMMUNITY HUB'. The event details are presented in three columns: 'SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2026' with a calendar icon, '2PM - 5PM' with a clock icon, and 'GL3 COMMUNITY HUB CHURCHDOWN' with a location pin icon. Below these, five colorful wooden planks list the activities: 'GAMES', 'STALLS', 'RAFFLE', 'COMPETITIONS', and 'AND MORE!'. A large red banner at the bottom left states '£1 ENTRY'. Below this, it says 'POCKET MONEY PRICES | PLEASE BRING CASH' with a small heart icon. The final line at the bottom, in a yellow banner, reads 'SPOOKY FUN FOR A GREAT CAUSE!'. Logos for 'SIMONE HOPKINS & SONS MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY' and 'GL3 COMMUNITY HUB & CAFE' are in the top left and right corners respectively. A 'Monroes CAFE' logo with a 'CAFÉ OPEN' sign is also present.

HALLOWEEN FETE

SUPPORTING
GL3 COMMUNITY HUB

SATURDAY
10TH OCTOBER 2026

2PM – 5PM

GL3 COMMUNITY HUB
CHURCHDOWN

GAMES **STALLS** **RAFFLE** **COMPETITIONS** **AND MORE!**

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Venue: Tirlbrook School, Tewks
Date: 28th October 2026
Time: 10:30am-2:30pm

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Venue: The Main Place, Coleford
Date: 26th October 2026
Time: 10:30am-2:30pm

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MONDAY 26TH – THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2026
FOUR DAYS OF SPOOKY FUN!

MONDAY PUMPKIN PARTY  MAKE Pumpkin Plate Painting TASTE Creepy Cupcakes PLAY Feed the Monster Monster Freeze	TUESDAY GHOSTLY FUN  MAKE Spooky Mobiles* TASTE Monster Biscuits PLAY Eyeball Spoon Race Wrap the Mummy
WEDNESDAY NEON MONSTERS  MAKE Neon T-Shirt Painting** TASTE Spooky Treats PLAY Spooky Relay Race Monster Corners	THURSDAY MONSTER MASH  MAKE Build a Monster TASTE Magic Mocktails PLAY Monster Freeze Spooky Walk to Hunts Grove Park

***TUESDAY: BRING A COAT HANGER • **WEDNESDAY: BRING A T-SHIRT**

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Making healthy school lunches easy!



Helping children make healthier choices at school doesn't have to be complicated. A few simple changes can build healthy habits and help your children stay energised and ready to learn throughout the day. Here's a few tips to help you get started:

Tip 1:

Pack some healthy snacks

Including a healthy snack in your child's lunchbox, like a preferred fruit or plain popcorn, can help them stay energised throughout the school day and make nutritious choices easier.



Tip 2:

Know what options are available

Take a look at your child's school lunch menu together and talk about the healthier choices available. Exploring the options in advance can encourage children to try new foods and make balanced choices at lunchtime.



Tip 3:

Talk about healthy choices

School lunchtimes can be a great time to encourage independence and positive decision-making. Agree simple goals together and celebrate healthy choices throughout the week.



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The sessions are designed to get children struggling with low level
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Ages 5 - 9

Saturdays
10-11.30am
24th October - 12th
December 2026

Ages 10 - 15

Saturdays
1-3pm
24th October - 12th
December 2026

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Junior Voices

Join our free fun singing group - Junior Voices!
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Suitable for children in Years 1- 4, parents
welcome to stay.

Email singing@tewkesburyabbey.org.uk to
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Join Cheltenham Festivals for our free, friendly Family Book Group, designed especially for parents and carers of children aged 3–6 years.

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- A free children's book to take home each month
- Fun and practical storytelling ideas
- Friendly, informal discussions with other parents and carers
- Support and encouragement to help make reading a positive part of family life
- Simple activities to enjoy together

Noah's Ark Children and Family Centre
Session dates:
Monday 19 October
Monday 23 November
Monday 14 December
Monday 25 January
Monday 22 February
Monday 22 March
Monday 26 April
Monday 24 May
Monday 21 June
Monday 26 July
August date tbc.

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CHELTENHAM Festivals | Aspire FOUNDATION

Noahs Ark Children & Family Centre Timetable September – December 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Development Checks (Appt Only) 08.30am–4.00pm	Midwives Clinic (Appt Only) 09.00am–4.00pm	Development Checks (Appt Only) 08.30am–4.00pm	CCP - Stay & Play 0-5yrs 10.00am–11.30am	Midwives Clinic (Appt Only) 09.00am–4.00pm
Parent/Carer Book Group (Parents of 3-6 year olds) 09.30-11.00am Monthly 21/9, 19/10, 23/11, 14/12 Booking via Eventbrite	Perinatal Pelvic Health Team (Appt Only) Last Tuesday of month 2.30pm–4.30pm	Baby Hub Stay & Weigh 10.00-11.30am	Baby Hub Stay & Weigh Bishops Cleeve Library 12.30pm–2.00pm	Parent Carer Forum SEND—Stay & Play 0-5yrs Parent Carer Forum 10.00am - 11.30am 4th Friday of the Month
Targeted Family Time (Invite Only) 1.00pm–2.30pm	Aspire Workshops Managing Emotions Workshop Fri 13th November 09:30-11:30am Gardners Lane Children and Family Centre Booking required	Health Visitors Antenatal (Invite Only) 1.00pm - 3.00pm 3rd Weds of month	Weaning Hub (Invite Only) 1.00-2.00pm 1st Thursday of the month	Oscars Reading Corner Family Story Time 0-8yrs 1.30pm-2.30pm Booking Required
	NEW Coffee, Chat & Connect Parent Drop-In Session 1.30pm - 3.00pm Children under 5 welcome Starting 9th September	Togetherness Parenting Course 10 wk Course to support understanding your child's behaviour and parent child relationships Course running at Gardners Lane Children and Family Centre 30th September - 9th December Please book a space via Eventbrite	School Nurse Parent Workshop 26th November 09.30-11.30 + 12.30-14.30	

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