

Weekly Newsletter – 19th May 2025

A message from Mrs Farren...

It's been a short but wonderfully busy term. Team Norton would like to thank the PTA, governors and parent community for their commitment helping to ensure that Norton children thrive.

Enjoy spending valuable time together this half term: be creative, play games, laugh and appreciate every precious moment together.

Don't forget to send us photos of any half term adventures - we love sharing what you've been up to on our newsletter. Check out our half term challenge if you'd like some ideas for activities to do next week.



Monday 2nd June is an INSET day. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 3rd June - an exciting day of dressing up as either a Lion or David Attenborough for £1 to support our lions at large campaign.

Have a fabulous break

Mrs Farren and Team Norton

Class News – 19th May 2025

Little Leaners have been buzzing with excitement whilst learning all about Bees. We had a fantastic visit from a beekeeper, who brought lots of equipment to show us and we even got to see some real bees at work in a hive.

We got creative by crafting bees from playdough and drawing our own bee pictures. We also brought in some maths by exploring patterns—like the stripes on our buzzy friends—and practiced counting bees into their hives.

We enjoyed investigating the robot Bee-Bots and helped to make honey on toast for a tasty snack.

It's been a fun and educational journey into the world of bees linking to world bee day which was on Tuesday 20th May!



WOW!
incredible

What an
trip

Reception had on Monday to Josie's farm at the Leigh; we all had lots of fun and learnt a lot about cows. During the trip we got to watch a cow be milked. learnt about cows diet and calves, went on a tractor ride, learnt about ducks, played in the woods and spent time playing in the field. We also had a picnic and then had a ride in tractor back to the cars. Thank you so much Josie and family and of course famer Andy and his wife, Jess and daughter Lottie.

Cotswold wildlife park payment is now on parentpay.

In maths this week, **Year 1** have been learning about halving objects, shapes and amounts. We emphasised the use of mathematical vocabulary 'half' and 'equal'. The children particularly enjoyed one of the practical activities which involved cutting an apple and chocolate finger in half before eating them.

In **Year 2** this week, we have looked at missing number calculations in maths. We have learnt about how to be an active listener in My Happy Mind. In geography we have learnt about the physical and Human features of a place.

This week in **Year 3** we have learnt about life in Ancient Greece and demonstrated our understanding through a diary entry written from the perspective of an Ancient Greek child. We have looked at digital time as well as months, hours and days in Maths. In Computing we moved sprites in Scratch and we have also started practising some of the songs for the play!

In **Year 4** this week we carried out our melting experiment in science, looking at which food item (chocolate, butter or ice) melts the quickest. Some of our predictions were correct and some were surprised at how long the butter took to melt! In computing, we used turtle playground to create algorithms for different shapes.



This week **Year 5 and Year 6** have been going full steam ahead with the Junior play! Roles have already been allocated, props have been started and singing is already sounding fabulous!!!

Year 6 have had a lot of fun on bikes this week doing bikeability - they've listened well and learnt a lot. It's super to see how seriously they've taken their safety on the roads!

Cathedral leavers trip payment is now on parentpay.

Christian value logo challenge winner!!!

A huge well done to Amy in year 5 who has designed our new logo for thankfulness.



Why not use half term to start planning your entry for the LAST logo challenge!

We would love some entries from the infants this time...

Logo needed: TRUTH

We can't wait to see your creations!

COMMUNITY CORNER!

Last week (Wednesday 14th) a few of the Norton children took part in some bike races in Cheltenham.

Lettie, Hugo and Gus all raced in the U8s category. Gus came 3rd in the boys race, Lettie came 2nd in the girls race. Hugo had a great race and fought back to 5th after facing some mechanical issues.

Hazel took part in U10s and came 1st in the girls race.

Henry took part in U12s which was a very competitive field. He raced brilliantly and finished 6th.

They all had a fantastic evening and were great at cheering one another on.



Inspired by our non-uniform day the first day back after half term... we are proud to present :

The Half Term Attenborough Explorer Challenge

Theme: Discover the Wild World Around You!

Duration: One Week (or just a few days if that works better)

Challenge Mission:

Become a junior wildlife explorer and create your own mini nature documentary about the amazing creatures and habitats near your home – just like David Attenborough!

Daily Explorer Activities: Pick one per day, or mix and match based on interest and weather!

Day 1: Backyard Safari

Task: Explore your garden, local park, or woods. Spot as many bugs, birds, and plants as you can. Record observations in a nature journal. Draw each animal/plant and label them. Use books or the internet to identify them.

Fun Twist: Make binoculars from toilet roll tubes!

Day 2: Wildlife Filmmaker Day

Task: Film short clips of nature scenes using a phone or tablet.

David Attenborough Bonus: Practice narrating like Sir David: "Here, we see the mighty woodlouse in its natural habitat..."

Day 3: Build a Bug Hotel or Bird Feeder

Task: Use recycled materials to create a bug hotel or bird feeder.

Academic Tie-In: Learn about insect habitats and why biodiversity matters.

Day 4: Planet Protector Day

Task: Do a litter pick in your area or create posters about saving wildlife.

Fun Add-On: Wear explorer hats and give yourselves "Eco Ranger" names.

Day 5: Wildlife Art & Storytelling

Task: Draw, paint, or craft your favourite animal.

Bonus: Make a family art gallery or host a storytelling night.

Wrap-Up: The Wild Wonders Premiere Night

Put It All Together: Watch your mini-documentary clips as a family. You could make a display: Showcase your journals, bug hotels, posters, and artwork.

Optional Extensions:

- Read/watch "Planet Earth" or "Blue Planet" clips during quiet time.
- Visit a nature reserve or local wildlife centre.



Lions at Large!



My name is...
Roarton
The winner is...
loan!

Scan to donate



Be ROARsome..

WHAT'S YOUR CHOICE?

Lion

OR

David Attenborough

£1

Non-uniform Day

Tuesday 3rd June

Important information:

IMPORTANT PAYMENT REMINDERS

- Please check your parentpay accounts and settle any outstanding debts.

Car parking problems

We have had some reports of inconsiderate and dangerous parking. You must park in the designated parking spaces and not near or blocking the exit/entrance, please only use a disabled space if you have a blue badge. You must also **never** park on the double yellow lines at the front of the school.. Please park legally; we all need to keep our children safe. Thank you.

Booking before and after school club

Remember to complete and return your B&A booking form for term 6! Due to the very high number of children using these clubs now, we need to ensure staff:child ratios are correct. You **MUST** fill out a form if you want to use before or after school club. Thank you.

Uniform

Please ensure ALL uniform is named, anything unnamed in lost property at the end of each term will be disposed off.

See picture below for a discount on uniform!



SCHOOL TRENDS
GROWN OUT BEFORE WORN OUT



15% discount with offer code: MAYBH15
Ends 26th May

More fun, less fuss this May Bank Holiday!
Get 15% off school uniforms and tick one thing off your list early.
Order now and enjoy the long weekend, stress-free!





Strive

Think

Act

Respect

Dates for your diary for June/July:

Return to school: Tuesday 3rd June (Monday 2nd June is an inset day)

Tuesday 3rd June - non-uniform day for lions at large (please see previous pages for more info)

Wednesday 4th June - author visit (please see following pages for more info)

Tuesday 10th June - Y6 leavers service at the cathedral *Please return permission slips.*

- life education tent visiting the whole school

Wednesday 11th June - Y6 PGL (till Friday)

- YR trip to Cotswold wildlife park *Please return permission slips and pay via parentpay*

Friday 13th June - EYFS/KS1 fathers day celebration (please see following pages for more info)

Tuesday 17th June - photographer in (classes and leavers)

Wednesday 17th June - Y4 roman day

Friday 20th June - Sports day and summer bonanza (please see following pages for more info and competitions!)

Monday 7th July - Junior performance dress rehearsal

Tuesday 8th July - Junior performance @ 5:30pm (this performance is being filmed)

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Monday 14th July - reports out

Wednesday 16th July - Leavers assembly @ 10am (Y6 parents only)

Thursday 17th July - Last celebration assembly of the year @2:30pm

Friday 18th July - Finish for the summer holidays. Gates open between 1:15pm - 1:30pm

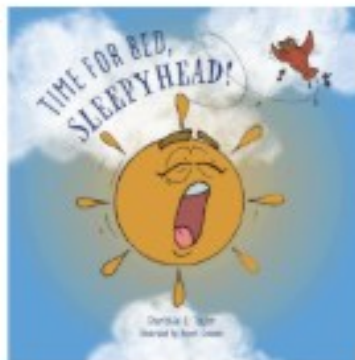
Next week's diary - 2nd June 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School clubs:	Lunch Menu (week 2)
Monday	INSET DAY		
Tuesday	Non-uniform day. Dress as a lion or David Attenborough for £1!	Infant football	Hot dog & wedges Macaroni cheese Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Wednesday	Author visit	Computing Card & board games Netball Infant athletics	Roast chicken & roast potatoes Vegetable roast & roast potatoes Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Thursday		Junior athletics Craft & colouring Craft & prop making Gardening	Chicken korma & rice Vegan hot dog & wedges Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Friday	Sharing assembly 2:45		Battered fish & chips Mexican bean roll & chips Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna



Multi-Award-Winning Author
Charlotte L. Taylor
 Wednesday 4 June 2025

Book Sale After School:
 Any two signed books for £15,
 three for £22 or sold individually.



www.toadstooltales.com

Dads/Male role models of EYFS
and KS1 children, you're welcome
to our Fathers Day morning

Friday 13th June
9:30-10:30

Father's
Day



**NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITES
YOU TO OUR...**

NORTON COMMUNITY SUMMER BONANZA



**FRIDAY 20TH ON THE PLAYING
JUNE FIELD**

**3:30 PM FOR FAMILY FUN
6:30PM FOR ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS
AND MORE!**

FREE ENTRY

**ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDS FOR
SCHOOL RESOURCES.**



Events

**Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Bar, Tea and Coffee, Live
Music, Ice Creams, Tombola, Five A side Football,
Nerf Gun Range, Raffle, Tug Of War, Parents vs
Rugby Club Touch Rugby and Much More!**

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Norton Primary School Summer Bonanza



Art competition

Enter your artwork into either or both of the following categories:

"My Summer Dream"

Show what your perfect summer would look like.

"Under the Sea"

What would you see if you went under the sea?

Unleash your creativity and use any medium you want to...

. Paint, collage, chalk, 3D, whatever you like!

To enter, please bring your artwork and a £1 entrance fee to school on Tuesday 17th June. All creations will be displayed at the Summer Bonanza and winners will be chosen at 17:30.





PTA NEWS





Local benefice news



www.seventowers.org.uk

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sandhurst Church, 11am

First Sunday of the month for all ages

Feb 2nd ~ Café Church
Coffee, cake, community

March 2nd ~ 'Explore'
Songs and creative activities

April 6th ~ Informal
Stories, inspiration & song

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Good morning!

We know it can be difficult to find affordable, healthy, recipes that everyone in the family will eat! Our expert team are here to help.

We are Beezee Families, and our family nutritionists deliver FREE healthy lifestyles programmes to hundreds of families across Gloucestershire.

This is Parent Mail. It's a FREE resource (attached to this email) that we'll share with you twice a term to tackle the biggest challenges face in making healthy choices. Please share the attachment with parents via email / regular newsletters and on social media.

We also have FREE healthy lifestyle programmes to support families to build healthy habits around food and physical activity. You can attend in-person or online. [Visit our website for more details.](#)

If you have any questions, we'd love to hear from you.

Healthy wishes,
Hannah

Need a cheap healthy recipe to make this weekend?

At Beezee Families, we work with hundreds of families who want to eat healthier, but struggle with time AND finding something everyone will eat. Sounds familiar?

Check out our healthy pizza below for a taste of our recipe selection!



Ingredients:

1x8 inch tortilla wrap (or you can use pitta bread)
Tomato passata
30g grated light mozzarella or cheddar

Toppings of your choice, such as:

- Peppers
- Ham
- Mushrooms
- Spinach
- Sweetcorn
- Tomatoes
- Pineapple



Method

- Place tortilla/pitta bread on a plate and spread tomato passata over it
- Add your chosen toppings
- Sprinkle with the grated cheese
- Microwave on high until the cheese is just melted (45 seconds), or place in a pre-heated oven at 200/gas mark 6 for 5-10 minutes
- Leave to cool for a few minutes and then enjoy!

Want more help with recipes?

We run FREE healthy lifestyle programmes to help families like yours make healthy habits, and have fun while doing so! Secure your spot today

But courses are for families with children aged 4+ and above their ideal weight.

Scan the code

...or click here
to find out more

Sign up today!



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**Beezee
FAMILIES**

gloucestershire
COUNCIL

24-1298

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*Free CONNECT TO CATERING

Looking for a job that will fit around school times and school holidays?
Or do you need a foot in the door within the catering industry?

Why not join our employer approved course where you can find out more about the many opportunities in the sector, receive industry training and gain a GUARANTEED interview with Caterlink (Jobs starting in September).

If successful you will work as part of the catering team performing a variety of food production tasks, including preparing food and snacks and ensuring the kitchen and restaurant areas are clean and tidy.

Key benefits include:

- Pay: £12:21 per hour
- Work-life balance - term time only - no weekends
- Company pension
- Store discount
- Full training and development opportunities



You will learn:

- Food safety
- Nutrition
- Awareness of medical diets
- Manual handling
- Safeguarding
- First aid basics
- Improve English, maths & ICT
- Generating your own CV
- Interview skills, including a mock interview

*Participants must be aged 19 or over; have lived in the UK for 3 years or longer, qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); or earning below £25,000.00 per year.

COURSE DETAILS:



MONDAY 2ND, TUESDAY 3RD & WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE AND MONDAY 9TH, TUESDAY 10TH & WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2025



10:00AM - 1:00PM



CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRE,
THE OLD SCHOOL, 47 LEWIS LANE,
CIRENCESTER, GL7 1EB



TO BOOK A PLACE, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE PHONE NASRIN ON 07771 674411 OR EMAIL
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COURSE DETAILS:



MONDAY 30TH JUNE, TUESDAY 1ST & WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY AND MONDAY 7TH, TUESDAY 8TH & WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY 2025



12:00PM - 3:00PM



HESTERS WAY CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRE,
DILL AVENUE, CHELTENHAM, GL51 0ES



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PEAK DAY

SATURDAY
5th July 10am - 4pm!

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Bouncy Castles • SEN Disco
Football Fun • Trampolining
Food • Stalls • Raffle
...and much more!

📍 Huntsgrove Primary School,
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£2.50
Entry Per Person
Children Under
16 Free

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**GIRLS ONLY
FOOTBALL
HOLIDAY COURSES**

£14
PER DAY

AGE RANGE
6-13

27 & 29
MAY

9AM-3PM

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME TO ATTEND (BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED)

TUESDAY 27TH MAY
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHELTENHAM

THURSDAY 29TH MAY
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHELTENHAM

Cheltenham Town
**Community
trust**

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**MAY HALF TERM
FOOTBALL
HOLIDAY COURSES**

£14
PER DAY

AGE RANGE
5-12

27-30TH
MAY

9AM-3PM

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME TO ATTEND (BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED)

CLEEVE SPORTS CENTRE
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL
BISHOPS CLEEVE FOOTBALL CLUB

Cheltenham Town
**Community
trust**

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May Half Term Holiday Courses - Tewkesbury Academy Sports Centre



May Half Term- Holiday Courses

Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th May

8th May 2025

Dear Families

We are running Multi Activity throughout May half term.

The courses run from 9am to 4pm but we are open from 8.30am onwards. All children are required to be collected at 4pm.

Please be aware that we are unable to accept any children under the age of 5 years on our courses.

<https://bookwhen.com/may-half-term-courses>

We look forward to welcoming your child to our holiday courses.

With regards

Tewkesbury Academy Sports Centre

MULTI ACTIVITY



Multi Activity is a fun packed day with lots of different fun activities from tennis to swimming and 50 up!

Multi Activity includes swimming, so please pack your children's swimming kit.

Multi Activity: Tuesday - Friday

Registration and Information:

Registration is at the Sports Centre main reception.

You may cancel your course up to 14 days before the course begins and request to receive a full refund. If a cancellation is made less than 14 days before you will receive a credit to reschedule your course at a later date.

In the event of a course not being viable to run, we will contact you and offer you an alternative date.

We are accepting childcare vouchers.

Information and Reminders:

All children require a packed lunch and refillable drinks bottle

- Suitable and weather appropriate clothing for the course
- Multi Activity: includes swimming, so please pack your children's swimming kit
- Any medication or inhalers

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones will not be permitted to be used at break or lunchtime. We want all children to enjoy their day and to make new friends.



We encourage mobile phones to be left at home. If phones are brought on site, they will remain in your child's bag. Tewkesbury School Sports Centre will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage.

If you urgently need to contact your child, please ring the school office on 01684 292152 and they will contact the Sports Centre Duty Manager.