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Weekly Newsletter – 19th September 2025

A message from Mrs Farren...

Calendar for the year

Life in school is extremely busy. We aim to provide exciting learning opportunities for all children throughout the year both in and outside of the classroom. Please read the school weekly diary which will inform you about weekly events. We have added longer term dates to the school calendar and this can be found on our school website. These include Christmas events, Nativity performances, sports days, parent events, planned trips and so on. We hope this helps you to plan ahead.

Attendance

As you know, regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning. Unauthorised absences (such as for holidays) will be dealt with inline with government policy. Where appropriate, penalty notices will be issued which could lead to fines and legal action. Gloucestershire County Council will be visiting the school in October to ensure our procedures are in line with strict government and local authority guidance.

School Council and Net Zero

Well done to our year 6 children who applied and were successful in becoming School Council representatives. They will be supporting our actions towards 'net zero' planning. Looking after our local and global planet, being aware of what impacts (both positively and negatively) on sustainability and ensuring Norton Primary School is an ambassador for change.

This is Norton's current carbon score:

Norton CofE Primary's Count Your Carbon Score

Your Carbon Footprint Report

Your schools total carbon footprint is estimated to be: **184.53 tonnes co2e*** per year

Operational area	Emissions area	t co2e*	% of footprint
Energy & Utilities	Fuel Usage	9.1	5%
	Electricity Usage	6.7	4%
	Waste Usage	0.1	0%
	Water Usage	0.2	<1%
Transport	Vehicles	0	0%
	School Trips	1	<1%
	Student Commutes	68.8	37%
	Staff Commutes	23.7	13%
Food & Drink	Meals	28.8	16%
Purchases	Spending	12	7%
	Uniforms	34.1	18%



*'t co2e' or 'co2e' tonnes means 'tonnes of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent'. Under the GHG protocol, 7 greenhouse gases are tracked and summarised as the equivalent amount of Carbon Dioxide that would produce the same warming effect.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Farren and Team Norton



Class News – 19th September 2025

In **Little Learners** it's been wonderful continuing to get to know the children and discover their unique interests. This week's highlights included interests in farm machinery and animals, balancing activities, and lots of princess themed play. Playdough and porridge oats were very popular in our sensory play, and we had a fantastic, energetic PE session. It's been a fun and busy week!

Reception children have made a brilliant start to their phonics journey this week! We have been so impressed with their fantastic listening skills, focus, and enthusiastic attitude to learning. They have shown great curiosity and have been active participants in every lesson, already beginning to build the foundations for their reading and writing. Well done, Reception – what a wonderful start!

If you haven't returned your child's admission form or brought in your child's birth certificate for the office to check please do so ASAP.

In Science this week **Year 1** were learning about the parts of the human body. They did a great job at working together to label the different parts and speak about what each part does. In Geography, the children have been learning how to use a map and will next week be following a map when out on our walk in the village.



In **Year 2** this week we have been counting amounts by making groups of ten and how many ones are left.. We have finished our Paddington posters which we will be putting up on Monday. In Science we have been talking about what living things need for survival.

This week in **Year 3** science we have been looking at classifying animals into invertebrates and vertebrates. We also had our first clarinet session, the children absolutely loved it and we are looking forward to the session next week. To end the week we have looked at using charcoal to experiment using different patterns and texture of Stone Age art.

This week in **Year 4**, in English, we have learnt about fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases and used these to write a setting description. In science, we tested out different toothpastes to see which one was the most abrasive toothpaste for removing plaque. In music, we continued learning the lyrics to 'Mamma Mia!'. We also had our first clarinet lesson!

This week in **Year 6** we have been using our knowledge from year 3 on branching databases to create a scientific classification key for different subgroups of living things (such as molluscs in the invertebrate category or mammals, reptiles and amphibians for vertebrates). In maths we are looking at the four operations with a particular focus this week on factors, multiples and divisibility rules. In History, we learnt about the founding of the city of Baghdad and the different public spaces that were available and had a great time in music singing this terms song: "Happy".

This week in **Year 5** we looked into computer systems during our computing lessons. We discussed all of the steps involved with processing an order online and the computer/human processes that are needed to complete a system separately.



We need your help to fill this page!!!

You can send us:

- ◇ Sporting achievements outside of school
- ◇ Photos of you completing our challenge of the week or making our healthy recipe
- ◇ Any photos of you doing something in your local community
 - ◇ Screen-free adventures you've been on

.... And anything else you wish to celebrate with us!

You can email any photos and information to go on our page to Mrs Higgins: fhiggins@norton.gloucs.sch.uk with the subject line "newsletter".



OF THE WEEK

AUTUMNAL ECO ACTIVIES

This weekend we've been inspired by how autumnal it is outside... and how much we'd like to make an eco-friendly difference to the world... So choose from either of the two activities below to complete as a family if you're feeling inspired like us!

Leaf Art Walk

Collect colourful fallen leaves, acorns, and pinecones on a family walk. Back at home, use them to make leaf rubbings, collages, or even a nature crown!



Wildlife Helpers

Build a bird feeder from a pinecone, peanut butter, and seeds, or make a cosy bug hotel from sticks, bark, and leaves. Local wildlife will thank you!

For an allergy friendly version use lard instead of peanut butter!





Healthy recipe of the week!



Each week we'll be sharing a healthy recipe to try... don't forget to send us pictures of your snacks, we'd love to share them on the newsletter!



Frozen yoghurt bites

Prepare

1-2 hours

Cook

No cooking required

Serve

Makes 12

Dietary

Egg-free | Healthy | Pregnancy-friendly |
Vegetarian

Frozen yoghurt for breakfast? Ah go on then. Drizzle with chocolate and top with granola for a more indulgent treat or simply keep them plain if you prefer.

Ingredients

2 tbsp clear **honey**

300g/10½oz Greek-style **yoghurt**

300g/10½oz mixed fresh fruit such as strawberries, blueberries, mango and kiwi, chopped into small pieces (blueberries left whole)

100g/3½oz **chocolate**, broken into pieces (optional)

30g/1oz **granola** (optional)

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Email any pictures of your creations to: fhiggins@norton.gloucs.sch.uk to be included in our newsletter!



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Important information, please read:

Parking Safety Concerns

We have been made aware that some people have been parking on the yellow lines at the front of school. This is extremely dangerous as it restricts visibility and could cause a serious accident. You must park in the allocated spaces in the car park or in a legal space in the village. We will be monitoring this situation.

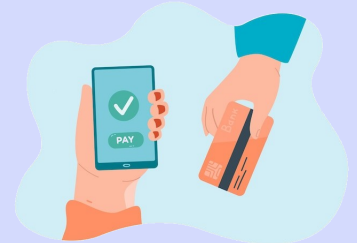


Please ensure you are parking in the designated parking spaces in the car park.

You must only use the disabled parking bays if you hold a current disability badge.

IMPORTANT PAYMENT REMINDERS

Please check your parentpay accounts and settle all outstanding debts - there are still outstanding debts from the last academic year!



We cannot accept cash for dinner payments, this must be paid through the app or at a local paypoint. If you need assistance with this or accessing your parentpay for any other reason, please come and see someone in the school office.



Please ensure ALL uniform is named.

Anything unnamed, and left in school, at the end of each term will be disposed of.

If you would like to check lost property at the start or end of any school day, it's located just to the left inside the junior corridor.



Important information, please read:

Teacher led clubs

Teacher led clubs will start next week, on the 22nd September.

You will have received a text today (Friday 19th) to confirm your child's space.

- If you haven't received a text please contact the school office to check they received your child's club form and ensure your number is correct on our systems.

Junior football club information:

Due to a very high demand, we are splitting this club (as we've done previously). Years 4-6 will be before half term (*this age group is now full*) and year 3 will be after half term until Christmas (*this age group has 5 spaces left*).

Infant sports on a Monday:

Due to a less enthusiastic uptake for infant football, we are changing this club from football to outdoor ball games. This could include; football, rugby, tennis, netball, and anything else they would like to try! Although clubs start next week there is still time to sign up to this club!

Please note clubs are not available to reception children for the first term.

Yearly forms we need in ASAP please:

Please ensure you have completed and handed in the following forms:

- Single consent form
- Offsite visit form

These must be completed for **all** children, every academic year.

Paper copies can be found in the front entrance.



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Important information, please read:



School milk

Our school has a milk scheme!

Simply register online at:

www.coolmilk.com

to ensure your child doesn't miss out!

Is your child registered for
SCHOOL MILK?

Child UNDER 5 **Child OVER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com



Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on 0800 321 3248

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Music lessons in school:

Please get in touch to enquire:

Email: phoebewilsonflute@outlook.com

Mobile: 07568183036

Or

Contact school office



WOODWIND LESSONS



RECORDER FROM RECEPTION ONWARDS

FLUTE & CLARINET FROM YEAR 3 ONWARDS

SAXOPHONE YEAR 6 ONLY

PHOEBE WILSON

PHOEBEWILSONFLUTE@OUTLOOK.COM
07568183036

Caterlink information

Lunches for this term:

GCC Spring Summer 2025		 Meat Free	MONDAY	TUESDAY	 Roast	WEDNESDAY	 THURSDAY	Fish	FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE										
20 April 27 April 4 May 11 May 18 May 25 May 1 September 22 September 13 October			Option One  Tomato Pasta	 BBQ Chicken Pizza With Herby New Potatoes	 Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		 Spagheffi Bolognaise with Garlic Bread	 Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup		
			Option Two  Caribbean Stew with Rice	 Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	 Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		 Cheese & Bean Pasty with Herby New Potatoes	 Summer Frittata with Chips and Tomato Ketchup		
			Jacket Potato Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise		Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise		
			Vegetables Vegetables of the Day	Seasonal Salad Bar	Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day	Baked Beans and Peas		
			Dessert  Apple Flapjack	Summer Lemon Cake with Custard	Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit		 Marble Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	 Strawberry Jelly with Peaches		
WEEK TWO										
2 May 9 May 16 May 23 May 30 May 6 June 13 June 20 June 27 June 4 September 29 September 20 October			Option One  Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	 Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	 NEW Chefs Special Chicken Karma with Rice	 Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup			
			Option Two  Cheese and Tomato Piza with Herby New Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	 Vegetable Roast, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	 Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	 Mexican Bean Roll with Chips and Tomato Ketchup			
			Jacket Potato Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise		
			Vegetables Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Baked Beans and Peas		
			Dessert  Vanilla Shortbread	NEW Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Brownie	 Eves Pudding with Custard	 Peaches and Ice Cream			
WEEK THREE										
12 October 19 October 26 October 2 November 9 November 16 November 23 November 30 November 7 December 14 December 21 December 28 December 4 January 11 January 18 January 25 January 1 February 8 February 15 February 22 February 1 March 8 March 15 March 22 March 29 March 5 April 12 April 19 April 26 April 3 May 10 May 17 May 24 May 31 May 7 June 14 June 21 June 28 June 5 July 12 July 19 July 26 July 2 September 9 September 16 September 23 September 30 September 7 October 14 October 21 October 28 October 4 November 11 November 18 November 25 November 2 December 9 December 16 December 23 December 30 December 6 January 13 January 20 January 27 January 3 February 10 February 17 February 24 February 3 March 10 March 17 March 24 March 31 March 7 April 14 April 21 April 28 April 5 May 12 May 19 May 26 May 2 June 9 June 16 June 23 June 30 June 7 July 14 July 21 July 28 July 4 August 11 August 18 August 25 August 1 September 8 September 15 September 22 September 29 September 6 October			Option One  NEW Bean Burger in a Bun with Herby New Potatoes	NEW Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice	 Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	 NEW Greek Chicken Pitta with Rice and Tzatziki	 Battered Fish and Chips & Tomato Ketchup			
			Option Two  NEW Chefs Special Creamy Curry with Rice	 Vegan Bolognese With Garlic Bread	 Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	 Vegan Meatballs and Rice	 Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Ketchup			
			Jacket Potato Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise		
			Vegetables Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Seasonal Salad Bar	Baked Beans and Peas		
			Dessert NEW Rock Cake	Pear & Chocolate Cake with Custard	Iced Vanilla Sponge	 Apple Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	 Oaty Cookie			
MENU KEY		 Added Plant Protein	 Wholemeal	 Vegan	 Chef's Special	ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.				
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings where available - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt										

Please update the school office if your child has a new allergy or intolerance, or if they no longer have one!

A message from caterlink regarding allergies/special diets:

Special diet menus

As we prepare for the new 2025 starters in September, it is crucial for us to receive information on pupils with allergies or intolerances as soon as possible to ensure we have the appropriate special diet menu in place in September. Please note that there is a four-week turnaround time for any new requests.

For a quick reminder, parents/guardians must complete in full the Caterlink Special Diet Request form (attached) and return to the office accompanied with medical evidence from an NHS source, including dietitian, GP, Allergy Specialist or Nurse. This can also be a screenshot of relevant evidence form the NHS app. This is in line with the guidance provided in the LACA Allergen Management Guidance, which is the governing body in terms of catering for education. Without medical evidence, Caterlink are unable to complete the LACA Risk Analysis, which is an essential analysis that is completed before catering to any set of allergies.

Please note Caterlink do not require forms to be complete if children have:

- No allergies/intolerances
- Do not want hot school dinners (only have packed lunches)
- Follow specific diets due to religious beliefs or personal preferences - likes/dislikes.

If no special diet menu is in place by the time your pupils starts school in September, Caterlink will provide a safe meal which includes a jacket potato with baked beans or suitable toppings such as tuna mayonnaise or cheese, with vegetables and fruit for dessert, if the allergy or intolerance does not contain any of these stated foods. Or parents/guardians can provide a packed lunch from home until a special diet menu is put into place. Please be aware that we do not provide menus for different moderations or forms of allergens e.g. cant have raw egg, but can have cooked, stages of the milk or egg ladder. Within our kitchens, we exclude the allergen in full as every child has different tolerance levels for their allergens. If you are reintroducing an allergen, this should be done at home, not within the school kitchens.



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Dates for your diary for September and October:

Monday 22nd September	- Teacher led clubs start
Wednesday 24th September	- Year 1 adventure day
Thursday 2nd October	- Fishy Thursday! (Thursday and Friday's dinners are swapping for one week!)
Thursday 9th October	- School photographer in (individual photographs)
Friday 10th October	- KS2 Cheltenham literature festival
Tuesday 14th October	- EYFS & KS1 Cheltenham literature festival
Monday 20th October	- Harvest collection week for Gloucester foodbank. <i>You can drop off donations to the designated drop off point in school all week.</i>
Tuesday 21st October	- Whole school Diwali workshops
Wednesday 22nd October	- Whole school Diwali workshops
Wednesday 22nd October	- Silent disco
Friday 24th October	- Harvest assembly 9:30am. All welcome. <i>There will be no afternoon sharing assembly this day.</i>
Friday 24th October	- Final day for donations for the foodbank must be in by 9am.
	- Finish for half term at normal time
Half term: 27th - 31st October.	

Next week's diary - 22nd September 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School: <i>All teacher clubs run from 3:30 - 4:15</i>	Lunch Menu (week 1)
Monday		Mindful colouring Dance club Infant ball games	Tomato pasta Caribbean stew with rice Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Tuesday		Infant gymnastics	BBQ chicken pizza with new potatoes Mild Mexican chilli with rice Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna Baguette & Ham /Cheese /Tuna
Wednesday	Y1 adventure day in Norton village	Junior football (years 4-6) Lego & K'NEX Fitness	Roast gammon & roast potatoes Veg wellington & roast potatoes Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Thursday		Junior gymnastics Board games Colour & play Gardening	Spaghetti bolognaise with garlic bread Cheese and bean pasty with new potatoes Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna Baguette & Ham /Cheese /Tuna
Friday	Sharing assembly 2:45 in the village hall		Fish fingers with chips Summer frittata with chips Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna



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GOVERNOR NEWS

Request from the Chair of Governors

The governing body of Norton Primary School is looking to strengthen the governing body with an additional person. This person can be anyone from the local area – a parent / carer / relative of a local child, a member of staff, a local resident or someone who works in the local community. No prior knowledge of schools and school governance is required. However, they should have an interest in helping schools and education in general and they could have skills to offer in any discipline, though the governors would be especially interested in someone with knowledge of IT, websites and online forms / data collection.

If you know of someone who might wish to consider becoming a governor at our school, please could you pass on this request to them. Anyone with an interest can contact the school by calling 01452 730531 or by emailing to chair@norton.gloucs.sch.uk. The position of school governor is a voluntary role and any relevant training would be provided.

Tony Crawshaw
Chair of Governors



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HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT?

There are lots of ways you can support:

Sign up to easyfundraising - shop online and we get donations at no extra cost to you.



Join our school lottery using the QR code below – weekly cash prizes and termly Super Draws.



Join our volunteer hub and get involved at upcoming events!



WHO ARE WE?

Norton PTA is a registered charity, run by a group of dedicated, enthusiastic volunteers. We care about enhancing the education of our children at Norton by raising valuable additional funds for the school.

WHAT DO WE DO?

We raise much needed additional funds through family friendly and community based events, such as discos, fetes and bake sales, as well as applying for local grants.

With the help of our school community and all our supporters, we raised over **£8000** in 2024/25, and funded more than £7400 for our school !

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Come along to meet the team, share your ideas and find out more about what we do.

Wednesday 17th September, 7:30pm at school

How to contact us:

- Norton PTA pages on the school website
- <https://www.norton.gloucs.sch.uk/norton-pta>
- Email us: Norton.sch.pta@gmail.com
- Nortonsecondhanduniform@gmail.com
- Find us on facebook: Norton PTA

Apply online for free school meals



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and **save yourself up to £480 per year**. Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding. So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.

Disclaimer:

Norton School accepts no responsibility for anything advertised on this page.
Please assure yourselves of the safety, security and suitability of any item contained below.

Fully Funded School Support Course



www.studysmartuk.online

We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

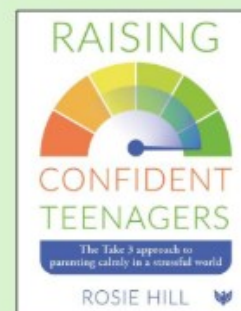
Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.
If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



Are you looking for practical ways to support a teenager's confidence in today's stressful world?

Rosie Hill is the author of a new book and pioneer of the Take 3 Approach to Parenting



Parents, caregivers and anyone who works with teenagers,

JOIN US for a free event at Waterstones Gloucester

13-15 Eastgate Street, GL1 1NS on the evening of

Tuesday 23rd September

Doors open at 5.45pm (the café will remain open until 6.30)

Talk by Rosie Hill at 6.30pm in the café

You can reserve your free place at Rosie's talk by calling Waterstones in Gloucester on Tel 01452 422464