

Weekly Newsletter – 22nd November 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

Punctuality

Please can we remind all parents about the importance of being punctual. When children arrive at school on time, they feel settled and ready to learn. Being late is disruptive for the child and for the class. Please also ensure that you collect your child at the correct time at the end of the day.

If your child is ill

Norton school attendance is really important and, as you know, penalty notices will be issued for any holidays. Thank you for supporting us with this.

If your child is ill, they will need to be off school until they are well. Please ensure that you phone the school each morning they are off. We need to know where children are on a daily basis. If your child is ill in school we will phone you and ask you to collect them. Please make sure that you collect them promptly to minimise any distress.

Christmas Fayre

Just a reminder that it is Norton School's Christmas fayre this Sunday, 2-4pm in the village hall. We hope to can all support us at this event.

Have a great weekend
Mrs Farren and Team Norton

In **Little Learners** this week, the weather inspired a chilly adventure! The snow brought lots of fun and the frosty mornings allowed the wonders of ice play! We have also been exploring the wonderful Owl Babies story. This story has prompted lots of conversation and the children have been amazing at joining in with the repeated phrases, as well as using props to retell the story. This book also supported opportunities for practicing counting and sizing.

This week has been full of circles, triangles, finishing our set of instructions and nativity practice! What a busy week in **Reception** Class! In our maths work we have been naming, sorting, describing and comparing circles and triangles. This linked in with our Art work where we created our own circles pastel pictures inspired by Kandinsky's Concentric Circles.



In Computing this week, the **Year 1** children learnt how to turn a laptop on and signed into them using a username and password. It was challenging to find the letters on the keyboard but the children all persevered and were pleased to be able to do it!

In **Year 2** this week we have been sequencing and estimating numbers on a numberline. We have been evaluating our Pointillism work in art. We have been learning a new festive themed song in music.

This week in **Year 3**, we have finished our work on adding and subtracting three digit numbers and have moved onto multiplication, starting with our understanding of equal groups and arrays. In writing we have started writing our own version of the "Journey" story and in Computing, we designed our own animation using a storyboard.

In **Year 4** this week we have continued learning about sound in science. We learnt about how sound travels through the inner ear to our brains as well as how sound is measured using decibels. In DT, we tasted different fruits in preparation for designing our cold drinks. We had mixed reviews on the grapefruit!

This week **Year 5** have been continuing learning about the life of the Anglo-Saxons, creating our Non-Chronological reports! In Swimming this week we also swam in our pyjamas to learn about water safety.

Year 6 have completed the book Road To Freedom within their guided reading. This book is about people escaping slavery within America in the 1800s. We have looked into the life and achievements of Harriet Tubman during this period of time and have had some brilliant discussions on this topic.



Children in need grand total...

You've raised an incredible £400 for children in need! What an incredible community effort for such a great cause - and you all looked fabulous in your variety of outfits and hairdos!



Our local farming community...

We are proud to have some wonderful farming families in our Norton school community, and this week some children came to school wearing wellies to support the farming protests happening in London and locally.

This week in sports...

We should have had three football matches, but unfortunately they were cancelled by the other schools... although they claimed it was due to weather, we think they were just scared of how incredible our football teams are! Mr Spencer did manage to get in some extra training so it wasn't a completely football-free week!



This week some children took part in the cross country championships, competing against 30 other schools! We are so proud of everyone who came to compete on such a cold day with the final result in Norton finishing 5th overall! Our best year ever, with an added bonus of 5 children being selected for county training.

Well done Norton stars!





Head teacher's worship challenge!



We are setting a challenge every term to help us update our Christian values.

As you know our Christian vision is for all our children to shine like STARS...

"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*

We think our Christian values for each term, which link to our vision, could do with a little update... we would love an image to go with each!

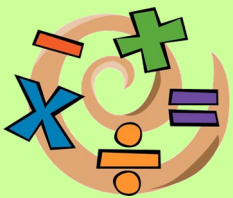
So this term we are asking you to submit a new logo for our Christian value this term: **FRIENDSHIP**

Please send/give any entries to Mrs Farren by Friday 13th December, ready for the teachers to judge, and a winner will be announced in the last assembly before half term.

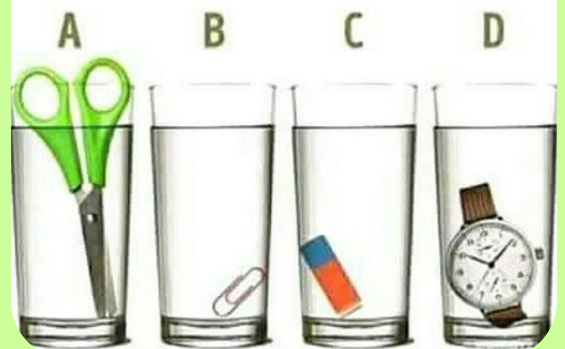
Please ensure your full name and class are on the back (so we can judge without names showing!)



A cartoon illustration of a person with voluminous, curly red hair. They are wearing a blue t-shirt and holding a white rectangular sign with a black border. The sign has the words 'REPORT CARD' in bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters. Below the text is a large, yellow, five-pointed star with a black outline. The background is a solid yellow color.



Which Glass has more water?





Parent Consultation – 26th & 28th November (3:40pm until 6:30pm)

- After School Club will be available, during normal after school club hours, for children to wait in whilst you have your appointment unless you would like your child to attend the meeting too.
 - After school club will be held in reception classroom.
 - You must take them to the room and sign them in and out with the after school club staff.
 - Please note this will finish promptly at 5pm Tuesday and 5:30pm Thursday.
- There will be no teacher led clubs on these nights
- Access to school will be through the playground gate only.
- Appointments with teachers are 10 minutes long - you are welcome to come 10 minutes early to look through your child's books.

Important notices:

Little Learners price increase from January 2025

Full day - £38.34

Session - £19.91

Hour - £6.88

Late fee - £4.35

Snack - £0.37

Extra 30 mins - £2.84

ASC - £1.66

Before and after school club

Price increase from January 2025

Before - £1.71

After until 5pm - £5.09

After until 5:30pm - £6.32

Late charge - £6.44

Please fill out before and after school club forms and return to the office. Forms can be found on the website. **NO FORM = NO CLUB!**

Dates for your diary for the rest of the term:

Sunday 24th November	- PTA Christmas fair (see PTA news page for full information)
Monday 25th November	- Reports out
Tuesday 26th November	- Parent information evening (<i>see previous page for information</i>)
Thursday 28th November	- Parent information evening (<i>see previous page for information</i>)
Monday 2nd December	- Last week for teacher led clubs for this term
Monday 9th December	- Nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 10th December	- Nativity performance - 10am (the performance will be filmed this day)
Wednesday 11th December	- Christmas dinner day (order by 9am Wednesday 27th November)
Thursday 12th December	- Nativity performance - 2pm
Friday 13th December	- A special Christmas sharing assembly - 2pm
Wednesday 18th December	- Norton school carol service in the village hall - 2pm
	- Dance festival at Ribston
Thursday 19th December	- Sharing assembly 2:45pm
Friday 20th December	- Last day of term - collection between 1:15pm - 1:30pm

Next week's diary:

25th November 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 1)
Monday		Reading 3:30 - 4:00 Fitness 3:30 - 4:15 Dance 3:30 - 4:15 Infant football 3:30 - 4:15	Tomato pasta Mexican fajitas with rice Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Tuesday	No clubs due to parents evening. 3:45 - 6:30 Parent meetings After school club finishes at 5pm. No childcare after this time.		Sausage with mash and gravy Creamy curry with rice Jacket potato with Beans or Cheese
Wednesday	Y5 swimming Christmas dinners order deadline 9am.	Lego 3:30 - 4:00 Choir 3:30 - 4:00 Infant gymnastics 3:30 - 4:15	Roast Chicken Vegetable roast Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Thursday	No clubs due to parents evening. 3:45 - 6:30 Parent meetings After school club finishes at 5:30. No childcare after this time.		Beef pasta bake Baked bean hot pot Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Friday	Sharing assembly 2:45pm in the village hall. All welcome.		Fish fingers Mexican bean roll Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna



PTA NEWS



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

Elfridges Shop Raffle Games
Stalls Sweets
Tombola

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
NORTON PTA

Christmas Raffle Prizes

- Cotswold Wildlife Park Tickets
- The Beefy Boys £40 Gift Card
- Tewkesbury Park – Sunday Brunch for 2
- Puzzlewood Tickets
- Bugsboarding Voucher
- Rachel Harvey Therapies - Massage Voucher
- The Roses Theatre – 2 cinema tickets
- Batsford Arboretum – Family day ticket
- Royal Three Counties Show 2025
– 2 adult tickets
- SuryaChamak - £30 jewellery voucher
- Teepeatastic Slumber Parties
– Slumber party for 2 worth £50
- CleanMaster Domestic cleaning
– 2 hour domestic clean worth £40
- 270 Climbing – Voucher for 2 people
- SuryaChamak - £30 jewellery voucher
- Large Bottle of wine

£1 a ticket / £5 a book

More Great Prizes...

- Lola & Blake – childrens pajamas
- Garden Creative – Louise Lewis
– An hour of garden advice/design
- Teepeatastic Slumber Parties
– Slumber party for 2 worth £50
- CleanMaster Domestic cleaning
– 2 hour domestic clean worth £40
- Nature in Art – £20 voucher
- Polo Gin Gift Pack
- Little.Poppy.Design – gift voucher
- Christmas Wreath
- 2 Superdry Hoodies
- 4Ward Motion Sports Sessions
– 4 free kids sports sessions
- 1:1 Diet Hamper from Catherine Glazebrook
- Doggy Treat Hamper – donated by Woodview Home Boarding & Dog Walking
- Christmas Tree – donated by The Phelps Family

Hampers
£1 a ticket / £5 a book

Norton PTA Christmas Raffle
Some fabulous prizes this year!!! Have a look at the posters to the left to see what's up for grabs!

A book of 5 tickets will have come home this week with your oldest child. If you would like more let us know (if you can't sell them please return to the office).

Please keep the tickets and return the stubs to the office with your money. The Raffle will be drawn in December and you can buy more tickets at the Fayre this Sunday 24th Nov 2-4pm in the Village Hall.

A huge thank you to all the companies/ individuals who have donated prizes, we really appreciate it.

Thank you for your support as always xx



Local benefice news from:



Seven Towers
Benefice

Children's Christmas Party



Sunday 8th December
2-4 p.m.
Sandhurst Village Hall

For all children in Sandhurst
Norton, Twigworth, The Leigh
Down Hatherley, Boddington,
Staverton.

Games, crafts, song, story
food, drink + surprise gift.

To book a place call **07712229976**
[Graeme]

WHAT'S NEW – THE LATEST NEWS

WORSHIP IN CHURCH:

Christ the King Sunday – 24th November

- 9.00 am Benefice Family Communion in Sandhurst Church
- 10.30 am. Informal Worship in Sandhurst Church
- 4.00 pm Evening Prayer in Staverton Church
- 6.00 pm Evening Prayer in Down Hatherley Church

EVERY SUNDAY Benefice Holy Communion (1st Sunday Family Communion at The Leigh Church, 2nd Sunday at Boddington Church, 3rd and 5th Sundays at Norton or Down Hatherley Church and 4th Sunday at Sandhurst Church)

and with families in mind:

2nd Sunday 10-11.30 am Children and parents meet in Sandhurst village hall

3rd Saturday 6.00 pm Explore! Food, friends and faith in Sandhurst Church

4th Sunday 10.30 am Contemporary Worship in Sandhurst Church and children's activities

PLUS...

Evening Prayer 4.00 pm at Norton Church and 6 pm at Sandhurst on the 2nd Sunday of each month; 6 pm at The Leigh Church on 3rd Sunday; 4 pm at Staverton Church and 6.00 pm at Down Hatherley Church on 4th Sunday each month.

MORNING PRAYER We meet on a Tuesday morning at 9.00am, using one church a month. For the month of November, Morning Prayer will be said in the Rectory.

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