

Weekly Newsletter – 2nd May 2025

A message from Mrs Farren...

What a beautiful start to the new term! The glorious weather has meant that we have been able to take the children onto the field at lunchtime; it is wonderful to see them play with freedom and have space to run.



Please ensure that children have sun protection (including a named sun hat, if possible).

The warm weather means that jumpers are taken off. Whilst we try to help the children look after their uniform, they do get caught up in play and can forget where they put items such as jumpers. Please do make sure all jumpers are named as we tend to end up with a huge pile of lost property at this time of year.

Our Christian value this term is thankfulness. When our lives are so busy, we can sometimes forget to stop and look around, taking stock and appreciating the beauty around us. This is such a beautiful time of year; a time of new life and growth; a time of hope.

Please send us photos or messages about things that you and your children are thankful for this week and we will share them on the diary.



Have a wonderful long weekend.

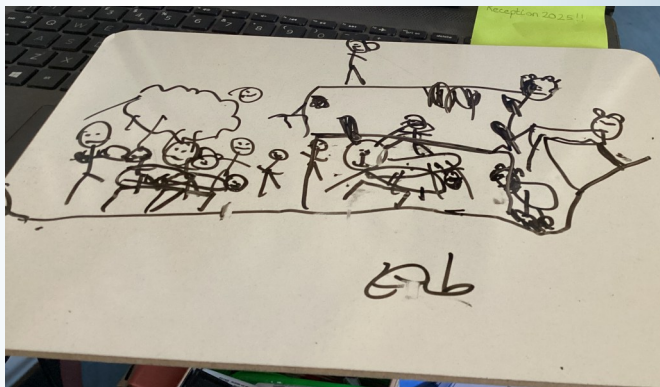
Mrs Farren and Team Norton

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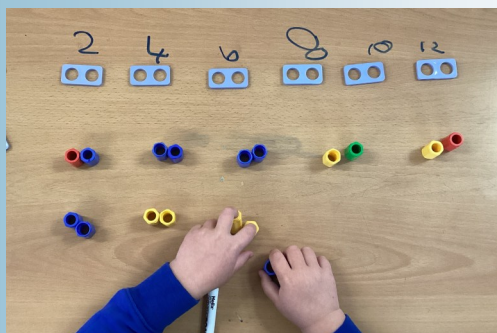
Little Leaners

have settled back in beautifully after the Easter break, and it's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm as we ease into the new term. The recent spell of sunny weather has been a real treat, allowing us to make the most of the outdoors and enjoy lots of fresh air and playtime. We've also taken full advantage of the field, where we have been climbing, picking flowers, going on bug hunts, or using sticks to build, pretend, and create, the children have been wonderfully engaged and imaginative.

What a fantastic first week back after the Easter holidays! In **Reception** class we have enjoyed reading the story of 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and have had fun acting out the story, especially when the boat tipped and they all fell out! The children enjoyed drawing the characters in the boat. We have also started our topic of 'Down on the farm' and matched the farm young to their mother.



Reception Cotswold wildlife park trip is now on parentpay.



Y1 trip is now on parentpay.

This week in Maths **Year 1** have been counting forwards and backwards in 2s. They have learnt about the concept of 'pairs' and how many pairs there are in total. An element of Year 1 Maths that supports their later learning of multiplications. We have also discussed the concept of odd and even numbers.

What a great first week back **Year 2** have had! We have started our new topic 'An Island Home'. We have located the Scottish Island of 'Coll' on a map and started to explore island life by reading the story 'Katie Morag and the Two Grandmothers'. In maths we have been looking at missing number problems and ways to solve them. In RE we have looked at mosques around the world and identified some of their features. This led to us designing some of our own.

Year 3

have had a great start to the summer term (the weather has really helped too!). We began by looking at revising report writing in English by analysing a report on climate change. We have also been learning about money by adding and subtracting amounts. In history, we started our learning on Ancient Greece by looking at the Olympics before our visit to Ashmolean. In Science we have been learning about the different parts of plant.

In Year 4

this week we have started our new English unit focussed around The BFG, by Roald Dahl. We have been learning about the writer's use of language through their use of 'gobblefunk' words and then had a go at creating our own. Gracie came up with 'yumpchy', Jemima thought of 'coolanz' and Thomas thought of 'zet'! We have also started our new topic of the Ancient Romans, and used our chronology skills to understand when the Ancient Romans were here.

Year 5

This week have been exploring their new English text 'The Highwayman'. At first, we found it very confusing, but after unwrapping its meaning, it is quite a dark and sad story!

This week, Year 6

have started their history unit on the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. We started by looking at life before the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings - a time when the Romans occupied Britain. We discussed why the period after the Romans left Britain was called 'the Dark Ages' and how the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings started to occupy Britain.

Bikeability payment is on parentpay. Please return your consent forms that have been sent home this week.



Head teacher's worship challenge!



New Term = New challenge!!!

We would love you to create a new logo for our Christian value this term: **Thanks**

ANYONE CAN ENTER! Parents/Carers/Brothers/Sisters/Aunts/Uncles/Teachers.... ETC...

Entry deadline is Wednesday 21st May

Please hand any entries in to the school office.

Templates are available under the office window in the junior corridor if you would like to use them!

You can see the previous three winners displayed on the office window.



Lions at Large!

Norton school now has its lion to decorate in school.

Please help us raise money to improve cancer treatment locally. We have set up a justgiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/nortonlions>

Norton is proud to be a member of The Pride of Gloucestershire Trail 2025. Once the trail has finished, the little Lions will return to their forever homes. Ours will be coming home to Norton in October!

The large Lions will then be auctioned to raise funds for a new cancer centre that will offer local patients the very best environment for treatment, healing and recovery. ANY donation that helps us reach our £750 target would be greatly appreciated.

Here is a reminder of the design we will be creating on our lion:



It's based on the Christian value challenge winning design for courage by Gracie in Y4.



CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK!

"The Lion's Lost Roar"

The lion has lost his roar and needs your help to find it!

Your task:

Write a short story about a lion who wakes up one morning and discovers he's lost his roar.

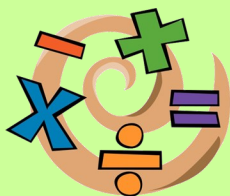
- Where does he go?
- Who does he ask for help?
- Does he get it back in the end?

Bonus:

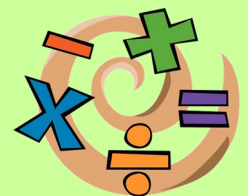
Draw a picture of the lion on his adventure for the front cover - or maybe one per page and turn it into a picture book!

OR...

Could you create a comic?!



Maths and PE challenge of the week!



"Lion Sprint Safari"

Lions can run up to 50 miles per hour—but only for short bursts! Let's see how fast YOU can go!

Here's how to do it:

- Mark out a 10-metre track (you can use chalk, cones, shoes, or sticks).
- Time yourself (or a family member) running from start to finish.
- Repeat 3 times and record each time.

Now do some lion maths!

- What was your fastest time?
- What was your slowest time?
- Can you find the average time (add all 3 and divide by 3)?
- If a lion did the same 10 metres in 1 second, how many times faster is it than you?

Extra PE twist:

Try crawling like a lion on all fours—can you make it the whole 10 metres? Roar when you get to the end!





Important information:

Booking before and after school club

Remember to complete and return your B&A booking form for terms 5&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.

Teacher led clubs

Due to shorter term lengths, SATS and a few other factors - clubs will be running for what seems like a shorter length of time starting on May 19th and running till Thursday 3rd July.

Please remember our first few terms have been much longer so we have been able to offer clubs for more weeks than normal in the autumn and spring terms

Uniform

Now the weather is getting warmer please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the sunshine... all children should have sunhats with them and suncream applied before school! (If you wish to send suncream in, your child must be able to re-apply this themselves).

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



Strive

Think

Act

Respect

Dates for your diary for May:

Tuesday 6th May	- YR/Y6 height and weight (you must opt out if you don't want your child included, letters went onto class dojo pages in February)
Wednesday 7th May	- Y1 trip Bristol aquarium
Friday 9th May	- world earth day celebration - see following page for info!
Saturday 10th May	- Love your school morning 9am-12pm
Monday 12th May	- Y6 SATS week
Friday 16th May	- mountain biking competition at Norton
Monday 19th May	- YR trip to the farm
	- Y6 bikeability starts today for the whole week
	- Y6 PGL meeting 3:30pm
Friday 23rd May	- non-uniform day (bring in a bottle)
	- last day of term (finish at 3:15)

Next week's diary - 5th May 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School:	Time:	Lunch Menu (week 2)
Monday	BANK HOLIDAY			
Tuesday				Hot dog & wedges Macaroni cheese Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Wednesday	Y1 trip to Bristol aquarium			Roast chicken & roast potatoes Vegetable roast & roast potatoes Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Thursday				Chicken korma & rice Vegan hot dog & wedges Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Friday	World earth day - wear something GREEN for £1 or more! Sharing assembly 2:45	Plant sale for world earth day	3:15	Battered fish & chips Mexican bean roll & chips Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Saturday	Love your school morning 9am-12pm			

World Earth Day

Friday 9th May

World Earth Day took place globally while we were on our Easter holidays so we'll celebrate on Friday 9th May instead.



- Please wear something **GREEN**
- Please bring a minimum donation of £1
- There will be a sale of flower & vegetable plants after school - cash only please

ALL money raised will go towards making our school as sustainable as possible as well as increasing our pupil's knowledge and understanding of how to preserve our planet, supporting our children's wellbeing and mental health and to provide curriculum opportunities in a range of subjects such as Geography and Science.





SATURDAY 10TH MAY

9AM - 12NOON

LOVE OUR SCHOOL MORNING

Some of the jobs we'd love to achieve.....

Willow cutting on the field (chainsaw job)

Litter picking

Sweeping

Fencing to put up

Shed painting and fixing

Assembling a shed

Repairing planters and benches

.... and much more!

Refreshments provided





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Our 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

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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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CleanMaster services

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





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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Weds 28th May - Additional Opening Day
Sat 28th June - Armed Forces Day

Sherborne
5 Miler & FUN Run

in association with  National Trust 

Sunday 11th May 2025

Fun run starts 10am and 5-miler starts 11am

Medals for all runners - prizes for category winners
Refreshments * bbq * free parking

Races start at Sherborne C of E Primary School GL54 3DH

  All funds raised go to the school FOSS registered charity number: 1075256 *
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Entries via Race Nation or www.sherborneschool.co.uk

