

Weekly Newsletter – 13th June 2025

A message from Mrs Farren...



Great News!

Norton's gardening club have been awarded their Level 2 gardening award! This is a fantastic achievement. As well as the award, they received a gardening book, seeds and a £50 voucher. We would like to thank Mrs Lewis and gardening club for all of their hard work and, of course, gardening skills!

This week our year 6 children went on their residential visit to PGL. So far, they have had lots of fun abseiling, raft building, and problem solving - just to name a few... We look forward to welcoming them back this afternoon.



A week today, Norton will be holding it's very first summer bonanza! This follows sports day.

This event is a fantastic opportunity for the community to gather together to engage in fun activities. There is an art competition running for children to enter, please can all entries (and £1 entry fee) be brought in to the office by the morning of Tuesday 17th June. If you would like more information on the bonanza or art competition please look on the following pages in this newsletter.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Mrs Farren and Team Norton

Class News – 13th June 2025

This week, **Little Leaners** have been thinking about how much they've grown and changed! We loved looking at baby photos and spotting the differences.

In preparation for Father's Day, we've been talking about our families, especially our dads. The children drew pictures, and have been telling us all about the special people in their lives.

We've also spent lots of time outdoors. Den building on the field has been a particular favourite, encouraging teamwork, creativity, and problem solving.

In science this week, the **Year 1** children learnt about 'deciduous trees' and they drew amazing pictures of what one looked like. In art, the children created a piece of artwork using a repeated design, using different colours each time. They were creative and made lots of colourful artworks. The artworks were inspired by Andy Warhol's and it was lovely to see the children's interpretations of the famous artworks.

This week in **Year 3** we learnt about the differences between Sparta and Athens in Ancient Greece and presented our findings to the class. We have been writing diary entries to plan our own version of the Midas story in English, and in music we have been reviewing our learning this year by recapping our songs and appraising some more contemporary music.

This term **Year 5** have enjoyed doing athletics in their PE lessons, getting ready for sports day next week... Do you have a favourite event?

WOW! What an amazing trip **Reception** Class had to Cotswold Wildlife Park yesterday. We had so much fun on the train ride, eating an ice lollies and seeing all the animals. The children were so well behaved and didn't let the rain stop them from having a brilliant day! We loved seeing the penguins, giraffes, wolves and meerkats, plus many more.



Next week our school work will be based on our trip.

Another busy week in **Year 2**!

We are continuing to write our Katie Morag stories in English. In Art, we have looked at different types of leaves, paying attention to their shape. We then practised sketching them using different sketching techniques. In Geography we have been comparing the physical features of the Isle of Coll with those in our locality.

In **Year 4** this week we have been busy planning and writing our biographies. In maths, we have been learning to convert between 12 and 24 hour clock which is very tricky but Year 4 have persevered and are doing great! In history, we learnt about Julius Caesar and his importance in Ancient Rome.

Year 6 had a special time together at the leavers' service on Tuesday afternoon – a joyful, heartfelt celebration filled with laughter, memories, and words of wisdom for the journey ahead. On Wednesday, they set off for their PGL adventure, ready to make even more memories. We can't wait to hear the stories, the laughter, and all the little moments that made this week one to remember. The few that didn't attend PGL have enjoyed creating props for the upcoming play, they look incredible!

Our LAST Christian value logo challenge!

It's your last chance to design one of our Christian value logos!

We are so excited to start using our new logos in worship and on our displays from September... will yours be the last design to join the team?!

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

Entry deadline is Friday 4th July.

Please hand any entries in to the school office!

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





This week's challenges are all about Father's Day! Since it's coming up this Sunday, we thought it'd be fun to celebrate the marvellous men in our lives with some Father's Day-themed puzzles. You can team up to solve them together, or go head-to-head with a male role model in your life and see who can finish first!

DIRECTIONS: Unscramble the letters to form the names of ten different words to describe Dad. Then unscramble the shaded letters to answer the riddle.

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What do you call a monkey who is just like his father?

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My dad wanted to listen to music while we were fishing.

So I put on something catchy.

I got my dad a book about glue once. He couldn't put it down.

My dad used to be afraid of hurdles. But he got over it.

What do lobsters do on Father's Day? Shellabrate their dads.





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.



Important information:

IMPORTANT PAYMENT REMINDERS

Please check your parentpay accounts and settle any outstanding debts.

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.

Although we are in the summer term, please send in a COAT just in case! We have had a few days this week of light rain at break and lunch and we are still able to play outside if we have coats!

< Check out this offer from school trends for the 'Uneek fleece'.



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?

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UNDER 5

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



Child
OVER 5

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.

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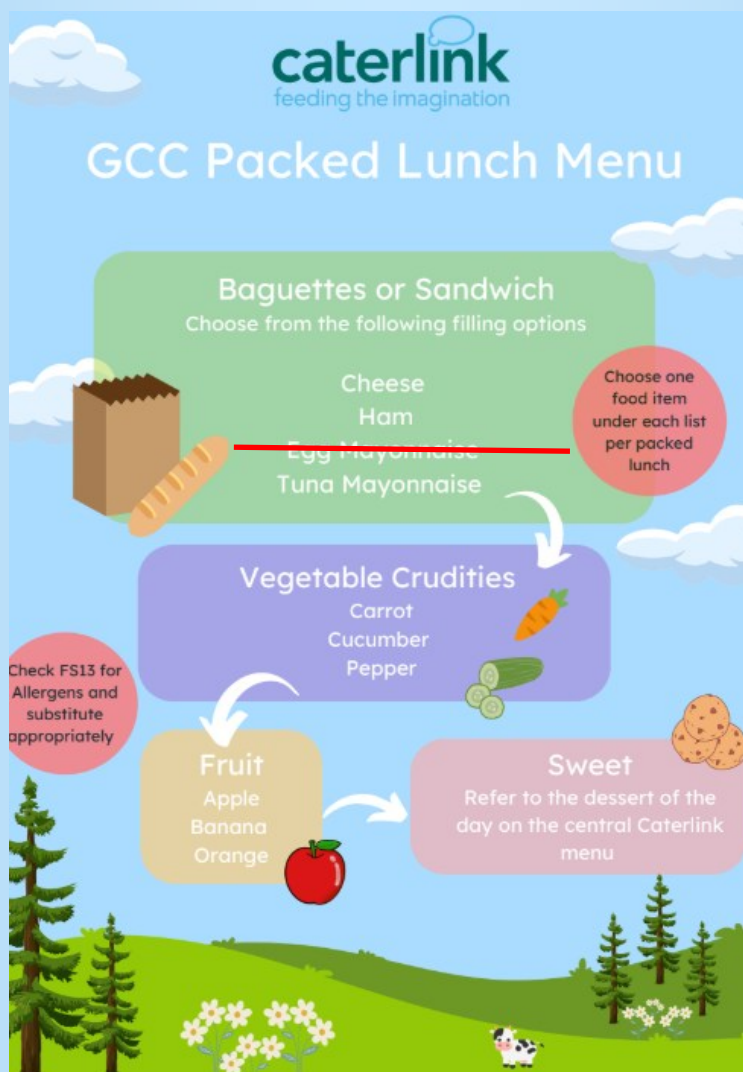


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Caterlink information

We will be trialling this new packed lunch option for the next few weeks alongside our normal hot dinners. This option will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays ONLY.



As your catering provider we value feedback from all stakeholders to help us improve the service we provide to you and your pupils. This term we are completing a **Parent/Guardian survey** on the meal provision we provide.

The survey will close on 31st July

Here are the link and QR code if you would like to take part:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ>





Dates for your diary for June/July:

- Tuesday 17th June - Photographer in (classes and leavers and starters)
- Art competition deadline (please see previous pages for more info!)
- Wednesday 18th June - Y4 roman day
- Friday 20th June - Sports day and summer bonanza (please other pages for more info and competitions!)
- Wednesday 25th June - Prince of wales athletics competition
- Thursday 3rd July - Infant multi-skills sports trip
- Monday 7th July - Junior performance dress rehearsal
- Tuesday 8th July - Junior performance @ 5:30pm (this performance is being filmed)
- Wednesday 8th July - Junior performance @ 5:30pm
- Monday 14th July - Reports out
- Tuesday 15th July - Dance festival @ Ribston
- 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 - 16th June 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School clubs:	Lunch Menu (week 1)
Monday		Infant lego Cross country Dance club Junior football	Tomato pasta Caribbean stew with rice Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Tuesday	Photographer in (class, leavers and starters) Art competition deadline	Infant football	BBQ chicken pizza & new potatoes Mild Mexican chilli & rice Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna NEW: Baguette & Ham /Cheese /Tuna
Wednesday	Y4 Roman day	Computing Netball Infant athletics Card & board games	Roast gammon & roast potatoes Vegetable wellington & roast potatoes Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Thursday		Junior athletics Craft & prop making Gardening Craft & Colouring	Spaghetti bolognese & garlic bread Cheese and bean pasty & new potatoes Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna NEW: Baguette & Ham /Cheese /Tuna
Friday	Sports day 13:30-15:00 Summer bonanza event straight after school <i>No sharing assembly due to community events.</i>		Fish fingers & chips Summer frittata & chips Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna

**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
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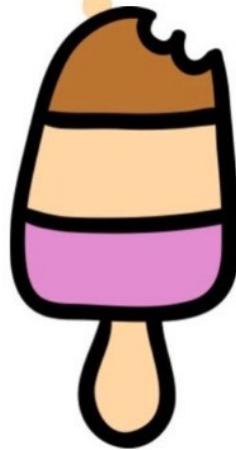
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PTA NEWS



ICE LOLLY SALE



after school today





Local benefice news



WORSHIP GATHERINGS ~ *benefice-wide and open to all*

Tues 10 th June	9.00 am	Morning Prayer at Staverton Church Psalm 132, OT Job 2, NT Romans 1: 18-end
Fri 13 th June	7.00 pm	Prayer Gathering at Norton Church (Psalm 29)
Sun 15 th June	9.00 am	Traditional Communion at Sandhurst Church
	10.30 am	Family Communion at The Leigh Church
	4.00 pm	Evening Worship at Staverton Church
Fri 20 th June	6.00 pm	24 hours of prayer
Sun 22 nd June	9.30 am	Holy Communion at Down Hatherley Church
	3.00 pm	Celebrate! Family gathering at Boddington Church
	6.00 pm	Evening worship at Sandhurst Church

BENEFICE REPAIR CAFÉ

Are you a carpenter, an IT wizz, an electronics expert, bicycle repairer, good with a sewing machine or an all-round fixer of things?! If so, we'd love to hear from you!

Please join us for a meeting at Norton Church on **Monday 16th June** at 7.30 pm to talk about taking this initiative forward. (No obligation to be involved). If you can call/text Simon 07774 803177 or email simontrapnell@posteo.uk in advance it would help, but if you can't, just come! You'd be most welcome.

From making new connections to helping us value and build each other's skills, from saving waste to reducing our consumption of new stuff, this is a really positive thing to do, helping us value what we have. So, let's repair for the planet, for people, for the joy of it and for the community!

GLOUCESTER FOODBANK



Donations will be collected from church porches, Nature in Art and Co-op shop at Twigworth Green on **Wednesdays 11th & 25th June**. Please leave donations by 1 pm. Thank you for your continuing support.

MORE TEA, VICAR?

Every Thursday you can find a member of the clergy enjoying a cup of tea in the café in Nature in Art between 10 am and 12 pm. You are very welcome to come by for a chat – whether you've got big questions or just want to share a simple 'hello'.

THE LEIGH VILLAGE FETE

This year's village fete takes place on **Saturday 7th June** between 12 noon and 3 pm at the church. Alongside the usual stalls, Cheltenham Community Choir will be providing entertainment and there will be a Companion Dog Show.

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.

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PEAK DAY

SATURDAY
5th July 10am - 4pm!

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SPORTS CENTRE

Summer 2025 Swimming Crash Courses



Tewkesbury Academy Sports Centre



Week 1 - 22nd - 25th July (4 days)

Week 2 - 26th - 29th August (4 days)

Age: school reception age and above

Times:

9.30-10.00am: Stages 1 & 2

10.05-10.35am: Stages 1 & 3

10.40-11.10am: Stages 1 & 4

11.15-11.45am: Stages 5, 6 & 7 (lengths, all strokes) - to focus on specific areas of improvement for each child

1-2-1 lessons available

Costs:

Classes: £40 for the 4 days

1-2-1s: £100 for the 4 days

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WEEK 1 / WEEK 3

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
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MICRO ROBOTS	COOL CODING	MOVIE MAKING	AUGMENTED REALITY	MINECRAFT ROCKETS
Electric	Conductive	Motorised	Aquatic	Wind

WEEK 2 / WEEK 4

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
CRAZY CIRCUITS	LEGO CONTRADICTIONS	LittleBits INVENTIONS	VIRTUAL REALITY	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
BIG BOTS	VIDEO GAME DESIGN	ANIMATION	MINECRAFT VS MARVEL	STEM CHALLENGES
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