



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5th December 2025

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A message from Mrs Farren...



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!!!

What a fun filled week we've had here at Norton! After school on Friday last week, we took part in the Christmas tree festival at St Mary's Church. All Norton children helped decorate our tree, the dance group performed and lots of Norton children led the singing. Thank you to all involved and especially to Mrs Higgins for her wonderful organisation.

On Saturday, the PTA held our Christmas Fayre. Thank you to our PTA for all of their hard work organising this. Also, thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

On Tuesday this week, our dance group took part in the Dance Festival at Ribston Secondary School. The dancers were incredible! They made us all so proud with their outstanding dancing and their outstanding behaviour. A huge thanks goes to Mrs Cooper for choreographing the dance and to her and Mr Spencer for supporting the dancers at the evening event.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Farren and Team Norton



Class News – 5th December 2025

This week in **Little Learners**, we have been very busy taking part in listening and attention skills as part of our early phonics activities. We have also enjoyed taking part in lots of festive activities. We enjoyed our PE session this week, practicing our physical skills to help us negotiate spaces! We have also been learning about the story of The Nativity, and enjoyed exploring the small world Nativity scene that we created together. We also met our kind class elf who arrived in our curiosity cube this week. The children have named him Socks!

Reminder for stay and play on Wednesday 10th December 9.00am-10.30am in the Hall.
Details are on Class dojo.

In **Reception** this week the children have been really focusing on practicing their Nativity. They are doing so well learning all the songs and are very excited for you all to see them in their first school performance next week!

Year 1 have been absolutely incredible as usual! A little hive of activity with active little brains that have been busy learning their number bonds in maths, writing about Old Bear (based on the book by Jane Hissey) in English, lots of fabulous phonics practice and learning about Neil Armstrong in History! Rehearsals for the Nativity are going well... you're in for a treat! Relating to this, we've been looking at the Christmas story in our RE lessons, doing some Christmas activities and oh so much more!

In **Year 2** this week we have been exploring Peruvian textiles and identifying the colours, shapes and patterns we can see. We have looked at present day London. We have looked at its buildings, methods of transport and infrastructure. This will help us next week when we compare it with London at the time of the Great Fire.

This week in **Year 3** we have been looking at the tectonic plates around the world. We experimented with whipped cream and biscuits to look at how the movement can cause earthquakes. We have also started creating our pneumatic toys for during our DT lesson this week. The children's ideas are amazing and they have really understood how to make them move with air. For example, tubing and syringes or using balloons with a balloon pump. We are excited to see the final results!

What a busy week in **Year 4**! We have finished our myth narrative stories, planned a volume experiment in Science and had a fun-filled Egyptian Day! We have also been busy practising our songs for Young Voices as well as learning about Islamic geometric art in RE.

This week, **Year 5** finished their swimming lessons. We rounded them off with a few games that involved relay races and elimination style games. The children have done incredibly well, growing in confidence and technique.

This week in **Year 6**, we have been looking at writing setting descriptions and parts of a diary entry based on the book "Rose Blanche". In Maths, we have started looking at ratio and have been looking at the effect adding more components to an electrical circuit.

Important Information Pages

Hi everyone!

Just a quick reminder to keep an eye on our Important Information Pages. These pages include everything you need to know about what's happening in school — from deadlines and updates to details about companies we work with, like School Trends, catering, and music lessons.

Things can change week to week, so it's worth checking back regularly to stay up to date. Thanks for keeping in the loop!



UNIFORM



HELP!!! We're seeing a lot of unnamed school jumpers/cardigans being left around school.

Please ensure ALL uniform is named, especially jumpers/cardigans!

Any **unnamed** lost property left on Friday 19th December will be donated to the PTA or disposed of.

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Change is coming to your T-Shirts

School trends wanted to let you know that their current T Shirts are being replaced with a new brand.

The good news is the new T Shirts offer:

- Better quality
- Richer colour
- The same great price
- Improved availability

The upgrade means parents will receive a product that feels better, lasts longer, and looks even sharper. There are some small sizing differences compared to the previous style, so please double check measurements before placing an order.

The change takes effect from today and we are here if you need any help or have questions.

Pupil Health and Safety Information

Is your child under the weather?

We value good attendance, and while illness can't always be avoided, please think carefully about whether your child is well enough to attend school before keeping them at home.

A quick reminder: if your child has been sick or had a vomiting bug, they need to stay off school for 48 hours after the final episode to help keep everyone healthy.





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What's Happening

Please see below the prices for extended services from 1st January 2026

B&A Club

Before School Club	- £1.84 per session
After School Club until 5pm	- £5.47 per child per session
After School Club until 5:30pm	- £6.80 per child per session
Late Fee	- £6.93 per 15 minutes

NLL

Full day:	£40.15 (6 hours)
Session:	£20.85 (3 hours)
Hourly:	£7.20
Late fee:	£4.56 per 15 minutes
Snack:	39p per day
School dinners:	£2.89 per meal
<i>(provided by an external company and must be ordered by 9am each day)</i>	
After school club:	£1.74 (3:15pm – 3:30pm when using the After school club)
Extra 30 mins (2:45-3:15pm):	£2.97

Girls football day!

We are super excited to be welcoming Leigh Mayne back to Norton to run more football sessions for all of our girls!

On Thursday 11th December please can all girls come to school in a warm PE kit (plain joggers and jumper with their school PE top)

Please note: all infant sessions will all take place during the morning due to the Nativity.





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Please complete the booking form for before and after school club.

You are welcome to start sending in forms for next term if you know when you need it!

Due to the high number of children using this service we need to ensure we have the correct number of staff to cover it, so all children attending this club **must** have a form filled out.

NO FORM = NO CLUB!

We accept this form by handing in a physical copy or emailing it to admin@norton.gloucs.sch.uk

Many thanks.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING FORM 25/26

Please indicate which session you would like to book from 6th January until 13th February 2026

Please indicate with a tick or with a child's name which before/after school club you would like to book

Term 3	Before	After	
Times	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 5th Jan	INSET		
Tue 6th Jan			Closed
Wed 7th Jan			Closed
Thur 8th Jan			
Fri 9th Jan		Closed	
Mon 12th Jan			
Tue 13th Jan			Closed
Wed 14th Jan			Closed
Thur 15th Jan			
Fri 16th Jan		Closed	
Mon 19th Jan			
Tue 20th Jan			Closed
Wed 21st Jan			Closed
Thur 22nd Jan			
Fri 23rd Jan		Closed	

	Before	After	
Times	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 26th Jan			
Tue 27th Jan			Closed
Wed 28th Jan			Closed
Thur 29th Jan			
Fri 30th Jan		Closed	
Mon 2nd Feb			
Tue 3rd Feb			Closed
Wed 4th Feb			Closed
Thur 5th Feb			
Fri 6th Feb		Closed	
Mon 9th Feb			
Tue 10th Feb			Closed
Wed 11th Feb			Closed
Thur 12th Feb			
Fri 13th Feb		Closed	

Name of Child/ren: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions on the website for the before and after school club.



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Dates for your diary for December/January:

Monday 8th December	- Infant Nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 9th December	- Infant Nativity (10am)
Wednesday 10th December	- Christmas dinner day - NLL Christmas stay and play (9:30am-10:30am in the hall)
Thursday 11th December	- Girls' football sessions all day (<i>See page 7</i>) - Infant Nativity (2pm - being filmed. No young children to attend please)
Thursday 18th December	- Festive celebration assembly at 2:30. All welcome!
Friday 19th December	- Finish for the Christmas holidays (gates open from 1:20pm)

Spring term: 5th January 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026

Monday 5th January	- inset day
Tuesday 6th January	- first day back for children
Wednesday 14th January	- young voices concert (years 4/5/6)

Next week's diary - 8th December 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School clubs:	Lunch Menu (week 3)
Monday	Infant nativity dress rehearsal	<i>Brand new teacher led clubs will be back in the new year!</i>	Cheese and bean pasty with new potatoes Tomato pasta Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna
Tuesday	10am. Infant nativity performance		Beef burger with cheese in a bun with wedges Creamy coconut curry with rice Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna Baguette & Ham/Cheese/Tuna
Wednesday	9:30 NLL Christmas stay and play in the village hall.		Christmas dinner day: pre-orders only! Please send in a lunch box if you have not ordered a Christmas dinner.
Thursday	Girls football sessions (<i>page 7</i>) 2pm. Infant nativity performance (being filmed)		Chicken enchilada bake with rice Vegan bolognese jacket potato Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna Baguette & Ham/Cheese/Tuna
Friday	2:45pm sharing assembly		Battered fish with chips Mexican bean roll with chips Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna



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Upcoming Events

Dates for your diaries:

- Hot Chocolate Fridays (as it gets colder!)
- ~~Headphone disco - Wed 22nd Oct~~
- ~~Non-uniform day (for bottle donations) - Fri 21st Nov~~
- ~~Christmas Fair - Sat 29th Nov~~
- Raffle draw - Fri 12th Dec



Having a party?

Try our reusable party kit, rather than buying disposable.

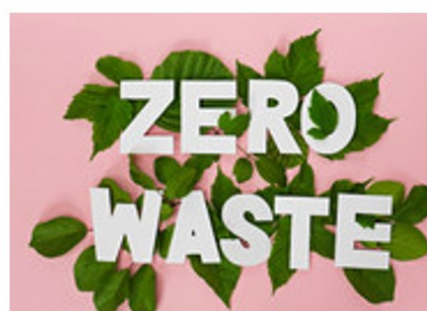
Help support our school's sustainability efforts and PTA fundraising too!

*collection from, and return to, Norton
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£10 per hire*

30 place settings
5 Jugs
6 Serving Platters





Benefice Advent Tree Festival at St Mary's Church, Norton

Our incredible local community came together over the weekend to celebrate Norton's very first Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church. It was a joyful way to begin the Advent season, with beautifully decorated trees from parishes and community groups across the Benefice.

On Friday at 4pm, the children of Norton Primary School proudly opened the festival with wonderful dancing, singing, and a celebration of all things nativity—along with the results of our school art competition. A special thank you goes to the staff who came to support the opening, and to Mrs Cooper for creating such a fantastic Christmas dance for the children.

The whole weekend was a huge success! Our own decorated tree, adorned with every child's handmade decoration, is now on display in the school's front entrance. Do pop in for a look if you haven't done so already—it's a beautiful reminder of what we achieved together. We truly hope this becomes an annual tradition, as we loved being part of such a warm community celebration.

Members of the community shared these lovely comments after Friday's performance:

"I've been retired from teaching for 17 years, and today is the first day I have truly missed it – that was absolutely wonderful."

"Many, many thanks to the children, parents and teachers of Norton School for an amazing performance of music and dance at the tree festival."

"The children and teachers were a great choice to open the festival and the children sang so well."





COMMUNITY CORNER

Celebrating two of our Williams this week!



William got player of the week for Longford U8s on Sunday. He played in both defence and goal, and got it for organizing his team mates, good tackles and so many great saves! Well done William!

William used the clay he got from the school fayre to spend some time creating a superhero. Wow William, what super artistic skills you have!



We love to celebrate **anything** you do at home... 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

Advent of Healthy Choices

To celebrate the start of Advent, we're inviting families to begin a Countdown to Healthy Choices!

Try making a simple Advent calendar full of healthy actions (like drinking water, choosing fruit, or doing a fun family walk).

Use our new sugar display to become "Festive Sugar Detectives" and see how much sugar is in your favourite holiday drinks or snacks — then try a healthier swap.

Let's begin December feeling bright, active and ready for the season!





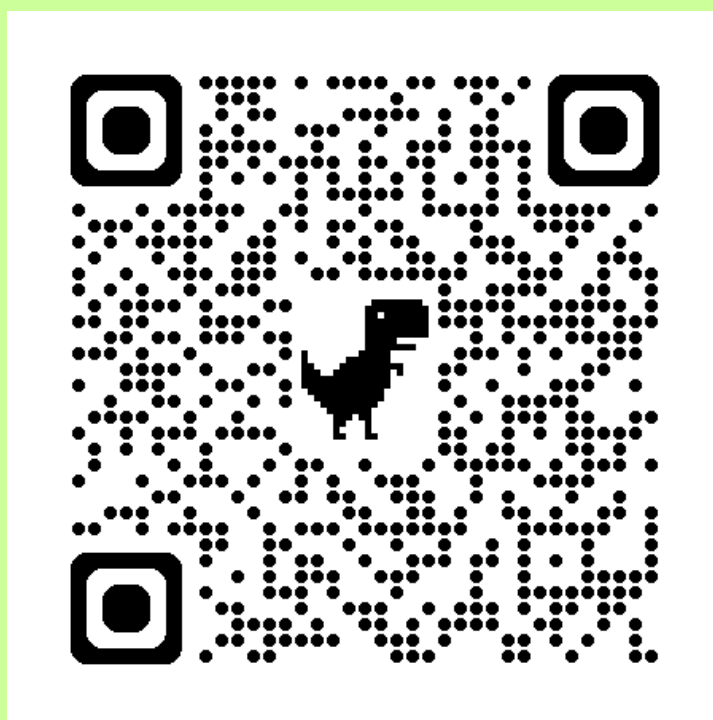
Healthy recipe of the week!



Have you tried swapping out sugar for an alternative... we found a website that does just that!

Follow this link or QR code to browse all their meal recipes, desserts and baking that are sugar free!

<https://www.mysugarfreekitchen.com/>



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JUNIOR TRAIL NEWS

GOT A TRAIL MAD YOUNGSTER?

GET **20% OFF GENERAL ADMISSION** AT FLYUP 417 BIKE PARK, WITCOMBE USING '417SCHOOL2025' UNTIL 19TH DECEMBER 2025.

If you want to up your downhill game while they're at school, or keep them busy on inset days, we're also offering **Buy One, Get One Half Price on uplift passes** on week days from 24th November 2025 until 19th December 2025. Just use the code '417BOGOHP'. If shredding trails isn't your thing, we've got a café serving hot drinks and food onsite.



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Ahead of courses, Bikeability recommend you conduct a safety check of your child's bike, to include:

- Air – Have the tyres got enough air?
- Brakes – Do the front and back brakes work properly?
- Chain – Have you oiled it recently?
- Direction – Are the handlebars fixed on tight? Is the seat on tight and pointing forward?

If you need a hand checking the basics, we're happy to help. Give the workshop a call on 01452 864036 and select option 3. This free safety check is open to all, Bikeability participant or not.



MINI MANIA ON THE PUMP TRACK

Mini Shredders Pump Track sessions are back on Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:30, offering the perfect opportunity for pre-schoolers to burn some mid-week energy while sheltered from the rain. Just £6.99 gets your little one onto the hour-long session, or for £9.99 they can use one of our Strider balance bikes.

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At GHCT we are working on some new initiatives to support our local churches with the Nationally felt decline in church attendance. With this we are looking to encourage families and young people to get back into churches, to enjoy the heritage and beauty these buildings have to offer. I have attached a copy of our free printable Festive Scavenger Hunt, which is a completely free resource, that gives people the option of a free festive activity to do in their own time.

Link to Downloadable Resource: <https://ghct.org.uk/free-festive-church-scavenger-hunt>



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Steeple



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Nativity Scene



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