



Weekly Newsletter – 5th September 2025

A message from Mrs Farren...

Welcome back!

Team Norton would like to thank you all for such a fabulous start to the year! We are incredibly proud of our Norton children: their behaviour, their kindness and their wonderful manners. Our new Reception children have started brilliantly and I know they will make us all proud throughout their years with us.

Attendance

As you know, good attendance is crucial for children's educational progress as well as their emotional growth. Please continue to send your child into school every day they are well. Holidays during term time will not be allowed and, in line with government policy, fines will be issued.

Important dates

Next week, class teachers will be holding information sessions for parents. Please do attend these if you can as there is new and important information being presented. If you are unable to attend, please ask your child's teacher for the information slides.

Our first sharing assembly will be on Friday (12th September). Reception children will put a pebble in the bowl to represent joining our Norton family. All parents are welcome to attend.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Farren and Team Norton



Class News – 5th September 2025

We've had a lovely first week in **Little Leaners**, and it's been a joy to welcome our new starters and their families. The children have settled in beautifully, and it's been lovely to see them exploring their new environment with curiosity and enthusiasm!

We've had a fantastic first week in **Reception!** The children have settled in beautifully and have already shown such confidence and curiosity. There's been lots of playing, exploring, and getting to know each other as we begin this exciting journey together. We're so proud of how well everyone is adjusting to their new environment – it's going to be a great year!

We've loved getting to know the **Year 1** children this week, they have all been superstars. They have been: drawing pictures of their family members, writing their names, completing counting activities and lots and lots of play! We're excited to get to know their little personalities more over the next few weeks

What a great start to **Year 2**! The children have settled in so well and have come to school with big smiles each day. I'm so proud of them. They have completed a self portrait in art and wrote sentences about themselves. They have looked at our Christian value for the term- Courage and discussed what this is and given examples of when they showed courage. Can't wait for next week!

It has been a real pleasure to welcome **Year 3** and begin getting to know such a brilliant group of learners. Over the past couple of days, we have started diving into our exciting topic on the Stone Age. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as we have explored what life was like during that time. We have been busy planning a diary entry as if we were living in the Stone Age.

It has been a lovely first few days in **Year 4** and we have been enjoying our brand new classroom! We have enjoyed starting our new topic of the Ancient Egyptians by trying to write using hieroglyphics and in maths we have been recapping partitioning of three digit numbers.

It's been a brilliant start to the year this week. In **Year 5** we've started our topic of space within Science. We discussed how many planets there are within our solar system and looked into Earth's orbit

We have had a great start to **Year 6** already this year. We have been looking at the place value of numbers up to 10,000,000. We have been flexing our writing muscles to show off what we are capable of in a few different genres, and have looked at the classification of living things in Science.



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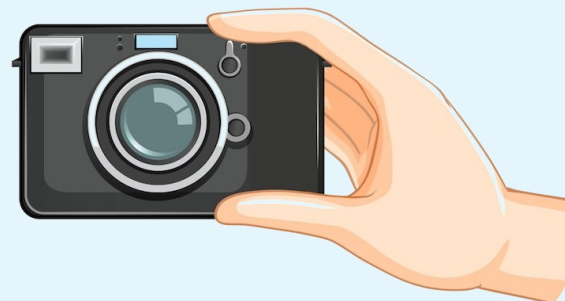
I'm coming
home soon!



Did you spot our lion in the summer
holidays?

If you got a picture with him, please send it
in so we can share them on next week's
newsletter!

Email any photos to:
fhiggins@norton.gloucs.sch.uk





OF THE WEEK

Sugar spotting...

Look how much sugar is
in your drinks:



Did you know water is the healthiest thing you can drink?



Your challenge this weekend is to find ALL the different drinks in your house and put them in sugar order! Which has the least amount and which has the most amount?

Bonus challenge: do this with your favourite snacks... are they as healthy as you think?



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!



Sweetcorn fritters

Make the most of sweetcorn with these crisp fritters. Enjoy them for brunch, lunch or as a side dish

Nut-free Vegetarian

Ingredients

150g [self-raising flour](#)

1 tsp [baking powder](#)

1 tsp [smoked paprika](#)

160ml [whole milk](#)

1 [egg](#)

550g [sweetcorn](#)

2 [spring onions](#)
chopped, plus a little extra cut into thin strips to serve

10g sliced chives

[handful of parsley](#)
chopped

[rapeseed oil](#)
for frying

Method

Step 1

Mix the flour, baking powder, paprika and milk together in a large bowl. Mix in the egg, followed by the sweetcorn, chopped spring onions, chives, parsley, 1 tsp salt and some freshly ground black pepper.

Step 2

Heat a 1cm depth of oil in a frying pan over a medium heat until a small amount of the fritter mixture sizzles when dropped in. For larger fritters, drop 2 heaped tablespoons of the mixture into the pan at a time in a clockwise direction (this will help you remember the order they were added to the pan, so you can flip them at the right stage). For smaller fritters, do the same, but with 1 heaped tablespoon of mixture at a time.

Step 3

After 2 mins, flip the fritters over in the same order they were added to the pan. Cook for another 2 mins, continuing to turn every now and then to ensure both sides are evenly golden brown. When ready, the fritters should be darker brown with crispy pieces of corn at the edges – be careful, as some of the kernels may burst during the cooking process. Remove to a [wire rack](#) and pat away any excess oil using kitchen paper. Serve straightaway with a few strips of spring onion scattered over, if you like.

Makes 18 or 36

Easy

Prep: 10 mins

Cook: 20 mins



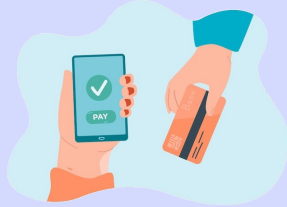
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Important information, please read:

IMPORTANT PAYMENT REMINDERS



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

Teacher led clubs

Teacher led clubs will start on the 22nd September, due to parent meetings for the next two weeks. A form will be available next week to sign up to these clubs.

Please note these are NOT available to reception children for the first term.



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.



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
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 for over 5s is subsidised by LSCs.

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 3246

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Important information, please read:

Parent
Meeting!

Parent meetings for your child's new year group:

YR - Phonics and Reading Parent Meeting	- Wednesday 17th September
Y1 - New to Year 1 Parent Meeting	- Tuesday 9th September
Y2 - New to Year 2 Parent Meeting	- Monday 15th September
Y3 - New to Year 3 Parent Meeting	- Tuesday 16th September
Y4 - New to Year 4 Parent Meeting	- Thursday 11th September
Y5- New to Year 5 Parent Meeting	- Monday 8th September
Y6 - New to Year 6 Parent Meeting	- Wednesday 10th September

All meetings are at 15:30 and it would be great for as many people as possible to attend please. You'll find out important information about your child's new year group.

Your child is welcome to use after school club for free whilst you attend these meetings.

Many thanks



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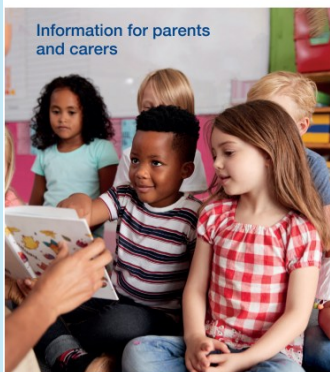
Important information, please read:



Protecting your child against flu

Flu immunisation in England

Information for parents and carers



Flu **i**mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

Flu immunisations

Flu Vaccination: Consent Needed for all children!

The flu vaccination team will be visiting our school on Friday 12th September 2025 to offer the flu vaccine to all school children.

Please check your child's class dojo page to find the letter — it has important information; a link to the online consent form and a Unique Reference Number for our school.

You must either give or decline consent by filling out the form.

Thank you

5 reasons to get your child vaccinated

1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Music lessons in school:

Please get in touch to enquire:

Email: phoebewilsonflute@outlook.com

Mobile: 07568183036

Or

Contact school office



WOODWIND LESSONS

With Phoebe Wilson BA (Hons)

Learning an instrument can help to improve a child's focus and memory, as well as building their self esteem and confidence.

I am offering your child the chance to learn something different and help bring out their budding musical abilities.



Flute lessons from Year 3 upwards



Clarinet lessons from Year 3 upwards



Recorder lessons from Reception upwards



Saxophone lessons for Year 6 only

Phoebe Wilson

BA (Hons)

Flute Tutor

All grades and ages

Email: phoebewilsonflute@outlook.com
Mobile: 07568183036
Tel: 01452 790169



Caterlink information

Lunches for this term:

GCC Spring Summer 2025	 Meat Free	MONDAY	TUESDAY	 WEDNESDAY	 THURSDAY	 Fish FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 28 April 19 May 16 June 7 July 1 September 27 September 13 October	Option One  Tomato Pasta	 Caribbean Stew with Rice	 Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	 Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	 Cheese & Bean Pasty with Herby New Potatoes	 Summer Frittata with Chips and Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two  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	 Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise
	Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day	 Seasonal Salad Bar	 Vegetables of the Day	 Vegetables of the Day	 Vegetables of the Day	 Baked Beans and Peas
	Vegetables  Apple Flapjack	 Summer Lemon Cake with Custard	 Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit	 Marble Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	 Strawberry Jelly with Peaches	 Strawberry Jelly with Peaches
	Dessert 					
WEEK TWO 5 May 2 June 23 June 14 July 8 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	 Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Two  Cheese and Tomato Pizza 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	 Mexican Bean Roll with Chips and Tomato Ketchup
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	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	 Peaches and Ice Cream
						
WEEK THREE 12 May 9 June 30 June 21 July 15 September 4 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 Pita with Rice and Tzatziki	 Battered Fish and Chips & Tomato Ketchup	 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	 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	 Seasonal Salad Bar	 Baked Beans and Peas	 Baked Beans and Peas
	Dessert  NEW Rock Cake	 Pear & Chocolate Cake with Custard	 Iced Vanilla Sponge	 Apple Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	 Oaty Cookie	 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						

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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 from 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:

- Monday 8th September - Reception children in full time.
- New to year 5 parent meeting
- Tuesday 9th September - New to year 1 parent meeting
- Wednesday 10th September - Deadline for consent or decline of flu vaccine
- New to year 6 parent meeting
- Thursday 11th September - New to year 4 parent meeting
- Friday 12th September - First sharing assembly of the school year. All welcome!
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- Monday 15th September - New to year 2 parent meeting
- Tuesday 16th September - New to year 3 parent meeting
- Wednesday 17th September - Phonics and reading meeting for reception parents
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- Monday 22nd September - Teacher led clubs start
- Wednesday 24th September - Year 1 adventure day

Next week's diary - 8th September 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School:	Lunch Menu (week 2)
Monday	Reception children in all day New to Y5 parent meeting		Sweet potato curry with rice Cheese and tomato pizza Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Tuesday	New to Y1 parent meeting		Hot dog with wedges Macaroni cheese Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna NEW: Baguette & Ham /Cheese /Tuna
Wednesday	New to Y6 parent meeting		Roast chicken & roast potatoes Vegetable roast & roast potatoes Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Thursday	New to Y4 parent meeting		Chicken korma with rice Vegan hot dog with wedges Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna NEW: Baguette & Ham /Cheese /Tuna
Friday	Flu vaccines in school. Sharing assembly 2:45 in the village hall		Battered fish with chips Mexican bean roll Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna



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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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NEWENT CELEBRATES
The English Civil War
2025

Newent returns to
the 17th Century
on
SEPTEMBER 13th & 14th 2025

A New Annual Festival
in Newent town centre & the lake area

FREE ENTRY ON SATURDAY

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world renowned
Sealed Knot

www.newentonionfayre.net



"In 1644 a cannon was fired at
St Marys Church steeple..."

Saturday 13th September

COME TO A 17th CENTURY STREET FAIR!

Experience Newent as a Civil War garrison town on market day, soldiers roaming the streets keeping order, as visitors peruse the goods on offer from the local traders. Keep an eye out for the vagabonds looting a cart of onions. They are sure to be caught by the militia and taken for trial!

There will be music from local musicians, local food and drink, and plenty of family entertainment all through the centre of our medieval town. The park and lake will host many more activities, including a fun dog show.

It's 1644 so dress to impress!
A prize for the best

Free Entry

Sunday 14th September

COME AND SEE THE BIG BATTLE!

The Earl of Manchester's Regiment of Foote, part of the **Sealed Knot** will be camped at their Living Village on the Newent Community School playing field, just a stone's throw from the actual camp of 1644.

Come and experience life in the camp, watch the soldiers drilling, and preparing for battle. They may even let you practice with them! The day builds to the main battle in the afternoon when 200 soldiers will be fighting with pike and musket. There will also be cannon fire!

Tickets Required

Adults £5, Children £2, Family £10

An exciting fun filled day out for the whole family!

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