

NEW LOOK!



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24th October 2025

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Weekly Newsletter – 24th October 2025

A message from Mrs Farren...

Being able to communicate well is a great skill. With the increase in screen usage, national trends have shown that our time talking is increasingly restricted. Children are far less likely to 'chat' around the dinner table or after school. Our lives are often busy and time pressured but we, at Norton, are keen to buck this trend.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING! 2026

An Oracy Competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary Schools

Our school is very excited to be taking part in the 'Look Who's Talking!' competition, along with lots of other schools in Gloucestershire!

WHAT IS ORACY AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Oracy is the ability to express ourselves clearly and communicate with others effectively, through spoken language.

By teaching our children to become more effective speakers and listeners, we are all helping to give them the tools they need to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them.

HOW WILL THE COMPETITION WORK?

Your child will get the chance to talk to their class for two minutes, about any subject that they choose and then a 'Star Speaker' will be chosen. Star Speakers from every class will then get to talk in front of the whole school. Those winners will then go on to the next stage and will represent our school in the competition, with lots of other local schools! The grand final will be on 04.04.25, which you can come to, if your child is a representative for our locality.

WHAT CAN YOUR CHILD TALK ABOUT?

Children can talk about absolutely anything that they choose to, for up to two-minutes. They can use any props that they wish to, which will help with their talk, but just cannot use any technology, so no Powerpoint slide shows please.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THEM AT HOME?

- ★ First of all, please help them to think about what they would like to talk about. The more interested they are in the subject, the more passionate their talk will be! What are they interested in? What excites them? It might be a toy, their pet, a book, something they have seen on TV, their favourite sports team, something they have learned about from you at home - or anything else! It really can be anything at all!
- ★ They will need to plan and rehearse their speech, so please listen to them practice and give them lots of encouragement!
- ★ Make sure they are speaking with big voices, nice and clearly, so everyone can hear their talk and learn about their chosen topic.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Once again, we will be taking part in the 'look Who's Talking' competition. Why not support your child by preparing for this over half term?



Have a wonderful half term
Mrs Farren and Team Norton

Class News – 24th October 2025

This week **Little Learners** have been very busy learning about and celebrating all things Diwali. We have joined in with a Diwali workshop, learning traditional dance moves to traditional music. For snack time we have been trying traditional Indian snacks. The Poppadoms and Naan breads were very popular! We have also been busy creating our own Diya lamps, making our own scented playdough using traditional Indian spices, and we have also been expressing our ideas through creating our own Rangoli patterns using natural objects.

This week, our **Reception** children enjoyed a wonderful Stay and Craft session with their parents! Together they got creative making spooky spiders from egg cartons, magical witches' bubbly cauldrons, and colourful autumn leaf pumpkin collages. Everyone had a fantastic time — there were lots of smiles and plenty of imagination on display! Parents and children enjoyed spending quality time together in class, sharing ideas, and even helping support other children with their creations. To top it all off, we warmed up with some hot chocolate and biscuits — the perfect end to a fun-filled, crafty morning. A big thank you to all the parents who came along and made the session such a success!

The **Year 1** children thoroughly enjoyed the Diwali workshops this week. Where they learnt a dance and decorated their own Diya pots.



In **Year 2** this week we have been writing a set of instructions about 'How to Trap a Bear'. In Maths we have been comparing numbers, saying which are more/less and explaining how we know. This links to our work on tens and ones a few weeks ago. In our reading, we have been focusing on our tricky word recognition and use of punctuation.

We have had the best term in **Year 3**. This week the children have become scientists as they have created a leaflet summarising what they have learnt during the Animals including humans topic this term. They look FAB! The children have also finished writing up their very own fable. The stories have blown us away, they have worked so hard and we are super proud of them. Well done year 3!

In **Year 4** this week we have been using the column method for addition in maths. We have used this to help us estimate answers and check strategies. In history, we learnt about the importance of the Egyptian pyramids.

This week during our swimming lessons, **Year 5** have worked on their ability to swim on their back. We looked at keeping our hips high in the water to support our buoyancy, effectiveness of our kicking and how to rotate in the water from front to back and back to front.

This week, **Year 6** have been finishing off some work they have been doing in RE on science and creation and did a nice crossover with art creating their own creation story artwork based on the Genesis story. We have been looking at simplifying and comparing fractions as well as going through some of the test papers we did last week. I hope you all have a lovely half term!

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 24th October will be donated to the PTA or disposed of.

SCHOOL TRENDS

GROWN OUT BEFORE WORN OUT

[ABOUT US](#)
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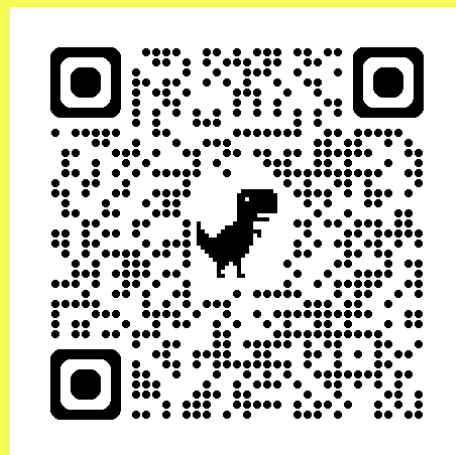
Pupil Health and Safety Information

Chicken pox

We have had a couple more cases of chicken pox reported in school this week.

It is advised that pregnant woman should advise the healthcare staff or doctor.

Please follow the QR code for the NHS chickenpox information page.



CAR SAFETY!

Please ensure you NEVER stop outside of school on the yellow zig-zag lines. Always use the carpark.

Please make sure you use parking spaces in the car park, when you aren't in a designated space this makes it difficult for other drivers. Only park in the disabled bays if you hold a current disability badge.

Thank you for keeping our children safe.



CHARITY

Harvest Collections – Thank You!

A huge thank you to all our families for your generous support of the Gloucester Food Bank during our Harvest collections.

We know times are challenging for many at the moment, and we truly appreciate your kindness and generosity in helping others.



Your contributions will make a real difference to those in need within our community.

Thank you once again for your support!



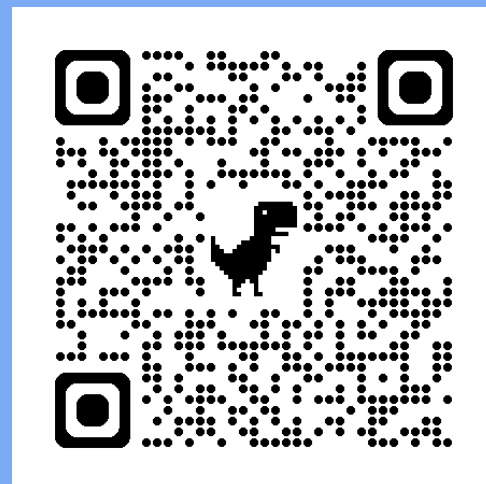
From your hand to theirs. Your shoebox will be given to a vulnerable child or family, distributed through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages in Eastern Europe.

Shoebox appeal

We are very happy to be collecting shoeboxes again for the T4U appeal.

All shoeboxes can be left by the yellow table in the new front entrance room.

For more information and printable labels for your shoeboxes please follow the QR code below or go to the website: <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-resources/>



Thank you for your support with these special causes.

Deadline for shoeboxes to be left at school: Thursday 6th November.



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What's Happening



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

NORTON CHURCH
28-30 NOVEMBER

ON FRIDAY 28TH NORTON CHILDREN WILL BE OPENING THE FESTIVAL WITH SINGING AND DANCING AT 4PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

WE WILL BE RUNNING A NATIVITY ART COMPETITION IN SCHOOL AND PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT CHURCH ON THE OPENING NIGHT (WINNERS WILL BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE)

MORE INFORMATION ON THE NATIVITY ART COMPETITION WILL BE COMING OUT AFTER HALF TERM



SCHOOL PHOTOS



Photo proofs are coming home in bookbags today.
Order by November 11th for free delivery to school.

If you have trouble in placing an order, please contact DSP Photography directly via their email: dsp.enquiries@gmail.com

MUSIC

CLARINET PERFORMANCES

BY YEAR 3 AND 4 CHILDREN

TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

9:30AM YEAR 3 PARENTS
ARE INVITED TO WATCH
THE YEAR 3 CLARINET
PERFORMANCE

10:15AM YEAR 4
PARENTS ARE
INVITED TO
WATCH THE
YEAR 4 CLARINET
PERFORMANCE



Music lessons:

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ONWARDS

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& CLARINET
FROM YEAR 3 ONWARDS

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YEAR 6
ONLY

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07568183036

Piano lessons:

ROSIE BLACKWOOD

www.mymusiclessons.co.uk

YOUNG VOICES INFORMATION

If you have children in years 4/5/6 then we are very excited to be attending the Young Voices concert with them after Christmas.

Please see their class dojo pages for information on how to purchase tickets as parents/carers.

All children will be transported there and back with school staff on coaches and do not need a ticket purchased for them through that link.

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TRIPS

Trip Permission Information - help us save paper!

All trip letters will now be available via the newsletter and ClassDojo pages, meaning you don't need to print them or request a paper copy from the office.

When you make a payment for a trip via ParentPay, you'll see a box to tick giving permission for your child to attend. This acts as your official consent, so there's no need to send in a separate permission slip.

If you prefer to pay by cash, you can still provide consent without a letter by notifying your child's class teacher via ClassDojo, giving verbal consent by speaking to office staff, or sending an email to admin with "trip permission" as the subject line.

Thank you for helping us reduce paper and support our school's sustainability efforts!





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TRIPS

Multiskills

This trip is for infant children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This is now available to pay for on parentpay.



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Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Multi-Skills Event

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have been invited to attend a Christmas Multi-Skills Event at Barnwood Park High School on Thursday 27th November 2025 where they will take part in physical activities.

Marchant's coaches will be leaving Norton school at 12:00pm and will return back to school for 3:00pm. Children will need to have a water bottle to take with them. Children will also need a packed lunch which will be eaten before we leave. Please send your child into school **wearing their correct school PE kit**. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to come onto Barnwood park school site.

The cost of this trip would be a voluntary contribution of **£4.00** per child to cover transport costs. Please let us know if this causes any real difficulty, as no child will be refused a place because of non-payment. (Obviously, however, if we do not receive sufficient contributions we will be unable to proceed with the visit).

Please see the permission slip information below on how to consent and pay for this trip. All payments and permission must be given to school by the **9th November**.

Yours sincerely

John Spencer

PERMISSION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE – 9TH NOVEMBER Multi-skills –Thursday 27th November 2025.

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B&A BOOKING FORMS NEEDED!

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

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 3rd November until 19th December 2025

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

Term 2	Before	After	
Times	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 3rd Nov			
Tue 4th Nov			Closed
Wed 5th Nov			Closed
Thur 6th Nov			
Fri 7th Nov			Closed
Mon 10th Nov			
Tue 11th Nov			Closed
Wed 12th Nov			Closed
Thur 13th Nov			
Fri 14th Nov			Closed
Mon 17th Nov			
Tue 18th Nov			Closed
Wed 19th Nov			Closed
Thur 20th Nov			
Fri 21st Nov			Closed
Mon 24th Nov			
Tue 25th Nov			Closed
Wed 26th Nov			Closed

	Before	After	
Times	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 1st Dec			
Tue 2nd Dec			Closed
Wed 3rd Dec			Closed
Thur 4th Dec			
Fri 5th Dec			Closed
Mon 8th Dec			
Tue 9th Dec			Closed
Wed 10th Dec			Closed
Thur 11th Dec			
Fri 12th Dec			Closed
Mon 15th Dec			
Tue 16th Dec			Closed
Wed 17th Dec			Closed
Thur 18th Dec			
Fri 19th Dec			Closed

Thur 27th Nov			
Fri 28th Nov			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.

Signed: _____



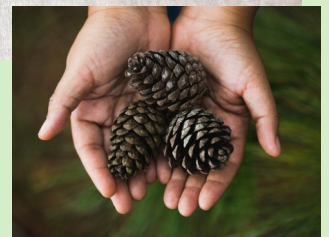
Can You Help Our School Gardening Space?

We're looking for some natural materials to help improve our school garden — and we'd love your help!

Over the half term, please keep an eye out for fallen branches (not as small as a twig and not as big as a log — about the size of a walking stick, roughly 1–1.2m long). These will be used to create the roof of our school bug hotel.



We'd also love any pine cones you can collect to add to the bug hotel too!



A Separate Request

We're also looking for 2 or 3 IBC units (the large water containers with a metal cage and tap) to help us harvest rainwater.

They must be clean and have never been used for chemicals or fuel.

Thank you so much for your support — it really helps bring our school garden to life!

LUNCHES

New lunch menu starting after half term!
 Baguettes will still be available as normal on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Autumn Winter 2025 2026		 Meat Free	MONDAY		TUESDAY 		WEDNESDAY 		THURSDAY		Fish 		FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE														
3 November 24 November 15 December 19 January 9 February 9 March		Option One	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes 		Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice 		Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 		NEW Curried Chicken and Rice		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup			
	Option Two	Vegetable Pasta bake 		Vegan Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges and Tomato Ketchup 		Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 		Macaroni Cheese		Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Ketchup				
	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings including Salmon Mayonnaise				
	Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables				
	Dessert	Chocolate Shortbread 		NEW Apple Crumble Cake with Custard 		Cinnamon Swirl and Fresh Fruit 		Syrup Sponge with Custard		Ice Cream and Peaches				
WEEK TWO														
10 November 1 December 5 January 26 January 23 February 16 March		Option One	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice 		Sausage and Mash with Gravy		Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy		 Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread 		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup			
	Option Two	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti 		 NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice 		Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 		Roasted Vegetable Pizza with New Potatoes 		Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup				
	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings				
	Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables				
	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie 		Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce		Strawberry Jelly with Peaches 		Autumn Pear Crumble with Custard 		Vanilla Shortbread 				
WEEK THREE														
17 November 8 December 12 January 2 February 2 March 23 March		Option One	Cheese and Bean Pasty with New Potatoes		Beef burger with Cheese in a Bun with Wedges and Tomato Ketchup		Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy		 NEW Chicken Enchilada Bake with Rice 		Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup			
	Option Two	Tomato Pasta 		Creamy Coconut Curry with Rice 		Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 		Jacket with Vegan Bolognese 		Mexican Bean Roll with Chips and Tomato Ketchup 				
	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings		Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings				
	Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables		Seasonal Vegetables				
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie 		Eves Pudding with Custard		Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit		Jam and Coconut Sponge with Custard		Melting Moment Biscuit				
MENU KEY		 Added Plant Protein  Wholemeal  Vegan  Chef's Special												
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily - Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt		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.												

Autumn Winter 2025 2026 Menu

Menu Key

Freshly Made on Site from Scratch by our brilliant Catering Teams

Added Plant Protein (50% of the Protein in the Dish comes from Plant Based Sources)

Vegan Option

A Source of Wholemeal Carbohydrates

At Least 50% of the Dessert is Fruit

Red Tractor Assured British Meat

MSC Certified Sustainable Seafood

Meets Government Free Sugar Recommendations for a School Lunch (6.5g free sugar or less)

Food for Life Served Here (FFLSH) is an independent accreditation which we have been awarded year-on-year since 2009, and our Silver award shows our food is fresh, local, sustainable and ethical. To gain accreditation you must get points from the FFLSH standards, meaning local meat is Red Tractor assured, eggs are free range, and we only serve sustainably sourced fish, such as MSC. The standards also demonstrate our menus use less ultra-processed foods and no unwanted additives or sweeteners, focusing more on fresh and homemade dishes that our customers will enjoy. Read more about the FFLSH award here - [Food for Life Served Here - Food for Life](#)

Our recipes all meet the School Food Standard portion sizes, meaning pupils are getting the right requirements for their age. We provide visual portion size training resources for our kitchen teams. We also offer unlimited vegetables, salads and bread for any pupils who may need a bit extra food that day!

We do not serve any chocolate or confectionary within our school meals, as per the School Food Standards. Our 'chocolate' desserts contain only cocoa powder.

The average daily free sugar content of this menu is 3.8g, well under the government recommendation of 6.5g!

All of our menus meet the School Food Standards, meaning our menus are balanced, nutritious and contain lots of healthy foods! Read more about the School Food Standards here - [Homepage - School Food Plan](#)

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Dates for your diary for November:

HALF TERM: 27th - 31st October

- Wednesday 5th November - Book fair arrives at Norton!
- Thursday 6th November - Christmas shoebox appeal collection. *Please bring in all shoeboxes by 9am on this day.*
- B-Team football tournament *Mr Spencer will have contacted relevant parents/carers.*
- Book sale after school 3:15 - 4pm
- Friday 7th November - Book sale after school 3:15 - 4pm
- Monday 10th November - Book sale after school 3:15 - 4pm
- Tuesday 11th November - Book sale after school 3:15 - 4pm
- Monday 17th November - Interim reports out
- Tuesday 18th November - Parents evening
- Thursday 20th November - Parents evening
- Friday 21st November - Open afternoon for parents/carers. 2pm-2:30pm
- Non-uniform day (bottle donations please. *See page 13.*)
- Tuesday 25th November - Clarinet performances for years 3 and 4. *Each performance will be 15-20minutes long.*
- 9:30am year 3 parents are invited to watch the year 3 clarinet performance
- 10:15am year 4 parents are invited to watch the year 4 clarinet performance
- Friday 28th November - Performance to open the Christmas tree festival at Norton Church. *See page 8.*
- Saturday 29th November - PTA Christmas fair 1:30pm - 4pm *See page 13.*

First week back after half term's diary - 3rd November 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School clubs:	NEW Lunch Menu (week 1)
Monday		Mindful colouring Dance club Junior football (Y4-6)	Cheese & tomato pizza with new potatoes Vegetable pasta bake Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna
Tuesday		Infant gymnastics	Meatballs in tomato sauce with rice Vegan burger in a bun with wedges Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna Baguette & Ham/Cheese/Tuna
Wednesday		Junior gymnastics Lego & K'NEX Fitness	Roast gammon with roast potatoes Roast quorn fillet with roast potatoes Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna
Thursday	Deadline for shoeboxes B-TEAM football tournament Book sale after school	Board games Colour & play Gardening	Curried chicken with rice Macaroni cheese Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna Baguette & Ham/Cheese/Tuna
Friday	Sharing assembly 2:45pm. All welcome Book sale after school		Fish fingers with chips Cheese whirl with chips Jacket potato & Beans/Cheese/Tuna



GOVERNOR NEWS

The governing body is pleased to advise parents and carers that Fiona Phelps has been re-appointed as parent governor for the school. Following the request for nominations in September, only Fiona's application was received and she was therefore automatically appointed on your behalf without the need for a parental ballot.

This will be Fiona's second 4-year term as a parent governor. Fiona rejoins the governing body which comprises the Headteacher, one staff appointed governor, one Local Authority governor, three parent governors, three foundation (Church) governors and three co-opted governors.

Further information regarding the governors can be found on the school website, within the 'Our School' section.

Tony Crawshaw
Chair of Governors
24/10/2025



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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







Norton Christmas Fair

Saturday 29th November 2025
1:30-4pm
Norton Village Hall

Norton PTA would like to invite local businesses and crafters to join our Christmas Fair.

- £10 per stall (plus a raffle prize donation)
- Up to 2.5 hours for sales
- Supporting fundraising for our school
- Email: Norton.sch.pta@gmail.com



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
Contact: Norton.sch.pta@gmail.com



£10 per hire*

30 place settings
5 Jugs
6 Serving Platters





CORNER!

Uh oh!

Our page is empty again....

Why not try our weekly challenge (page 19) or our healthy recipe (page 20) and send us some pictures to share on our newsletter?

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".

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OF THE WEEK

Half-Term Challenge: The Great Screen-Free Adventure!

Half-term is here — time to rest, explore, and get creative without screens!
Your challenge is to complete one (or more!) of these fun activities during the week:

1. Create a Mini Adventure

Make up your own adventure story — it could take place in your garden, your street, or even your living room! Draw a map of your imaginary world and mark where the treasure is hidden.

2. The Kindness Post

Write a letter or postcard to someone special — a grandparent, neighbour, or friend — to make them smile. Decorate it with autumn colours or little doodles!

3. Nature Detectives

Go outside and see how many different sounds, smells, and textures you can find. Can you spot five shades of green or count ten birds?

4. Home Inventor Challenge

Use recycling or household materials to invent something new — a robot, a hat, or even a new game! Give it a name and write a short advert for it.

5. Family Talent Show

Plan a mini talent show with your family. You could sing, tell jokes, perform a poem, or show off a dance move — all just for fun!

Bonus Challenge:

Take a photo or draw a picture of what made you happiest during half-term, and bring it in to share when you return to school.



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!



Snack stadium

Serves 12 - 15

Easy

Prep: 30 mins - 35 mins

Ingredients

500g mini chocolate footballs

200g **cheddar**
cut into 1cm cubes

500g grapes

6 medium **carrots**
cut into 4cm batons

1 large cucumber
cut into 4cm batons

5 **celery sticks**
cut into 4cm batons

3 **peppers**
deseeded and cut into 4cm strips

150g crisps
of your choice

100g sweet or salted popcorn

400g **cherry tomatoes**

dips
of your choice (optional)

Fill the 'stands' in this fun footie stadium with whatever you fancy – we've opted for kids' favourites, but you could add dips, wraps, chicken wings and more

Method

Step 1

Put the green card on a serving table – it will be hard to move the stadium once assembled, so set it up where you want to serve it. Paint or draw a border around the edges using paint or a paint pen, then paint or draw the halfway line, centre circle and penalty areas. Decorate with the cardboard goals and players or mini figures. (If you're using chocolate footballs, you can also put one of these on the "pitch".)

Step 2

Cut the top flaps off the cardboard boxes so they're open, then cut diagonally along the sides for a tiered effect – the front of the boxes should be 4-5cm in height (to sit against the pitch) and the back, 10cm. Arrange the boxes around the pitch.

Step 3

Fill the boxes with the chocolate footballs, cheese cubes, grapes, carrots, cucumbers, celery, peppers, crisps, popcorn, and tomatoes, and serve alongside dips, if you like.

You'll also need

green card (30 x 35cm)

white acrylic paint and a paint brush, or a white paint pen

2 goals and players, made from cardboard (or use mini figures)

10 small cardboard boxes (16 x 9cm; we used kids' party lunchboxes)

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Norton Community Garden
GL19 4AD
Entrance from the A38
Near bus stop for bus line 71
- 5 miles to Gloucester
- 6 miles to Tewkesbury
- 7 miles to Cheltenham

Be part of our Community Garden

Following decades of nature friendly farming and the more recent use of regenerative practices, we want to deepen our connection with our local community. That's why we are looking for an enthusiastic group of people to help set up a thriving and inclusive community garden.

Become part of the steering group!

We are looking for people with the following skills:

**social media • fundraising • community education
voluntary/charity sector**

Our initial plan is to create Community Interest Company (CIC) allotment site on a 3 acre field with easy vehicle access and on a regular bus route. We have secured funding for 85 fruit trees and envision these planted around deer-fenced edges, with allotments in the middle complete with tool storage, water access, compost and poly tunnel.

What's in it for you? Learn new skills and meet new people. Volunteering will be rewarded with produce, reduced cost for allotments and access to educational events, farm walks and foraging events.

**Scan QR code to sign-up
for more info.**



Norton Court Farm



nortoncourtfarm



office@nortoncourtfarm.co.uk

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Community trust

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Create some spooky fun this Halloween with an exciting flying bat craft that's perfect for little hands!

**Tues 28th & Wed 29th October
10am-12pm**

Old Baptist Chapel

£1 per child

Call 01684 297174
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johnmooremuseum.org

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**October Half-Term 2025
Swimming Crash Courses**
Tewkesbury Academy Sports Centre



Dates: 28th - 31st October (4 days)
Age: school reception age and above

Info:
Stage 1 (beginner) classes and 1-2-1 (any stage) lessons available
30-minute classes between 9.30-11.45am
Experienced Level 2 teachers Karen and Jo will be teaching the sessions
Group classes will have a maximum of 4 children

Costs:
Classes: £40 for the 4 days
1-2-1s: £110 for the 4 days

[CONTACT US](#)  swimminglessons@ta.clf.uk

 Following the **Swim England** Learn to Swim Programme

**Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust**
Registered Charity Number 232580

Nature Nurtures

Free nature sessions at Robinswood Hill



Join our FREE sessions, running after school for 8 weeks at Robinswood Hill Country Park in Gloucester. The sessions are designed to get children struggling with low level mental health issues, learning about nature and meeting new people.

Contact Katie at Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to find out more and sign up: katie.hall@gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk

Ages 5 - 7 Thursdays 4 - 6pm 30th October - 18th December 2025	Ages 8 - 11 Wednesdays 4 - 6pm 29th October - 17th December 2025	Ages 11 - 15 Tuesday 4.30 - 6.30pm 28 th October - 16 th December 2025
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Thank you to the NHS, our local community and business for making this project possible.

**Gloucestershire**



Take the 'scare' out of school holidays!



Beezee Families is our FREE healthy lifestyle programme, designed to help you learn more about healthy eating and finding habits that work for you. Check out these fun spooktacular activities to keep your little monsters entertained this half term.

Activity 1:
Munchable Mummies
Give making these booitiful munchable mummies a go!



Activity 2:
Get crafty with your recycling
Use toilet roll tubes to make your own devilish decorations, create a haunted house out of an old cereal box or print off this fun bat cutout to make your own ghoulish garlands!



Activity 3:
Walk this way
Get the family all wrapped up and explore the great outdoors this autumn.



Activity 4:
Learn a brand-new dance routine
Get you and the kids dancefloor-ready for the Halloween party season!





Want more healthy lifestyle support?
Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here or  Click the link
glo.maximusuk.co.uk

*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.