



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27th March 2026

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A message from Mrs Farren...

As the Easter holidays approach, we would like to take a moment to wish all of our families a joyful and restful break.

Spring is a wonderful time of year, full of new life, colour, and fresh beginnings. We encourage all of our children to make the most of this season by spending time outdoors—whether that's exploring local parks, going on nature walks, riding bikes, or simply playing in the garden. Time outside not only supports physical health but also helps children relax, recharge, and spark their curiosity about the world around them.

The Easter holidays are also a perfect opportunity to slow down and enjoy meaningful moments with loved ones. Whether you are sharing meals, playing games, or going on small adventures together, these experiences help build lasting memories and strengthen connections. We also encourage children to take notice of the little things around them—the blooming flowers, the sounds of birds, and the changing weather. Appreciating nature can inspire creativity, mindfulness, and a sense of wonder. If you'd like a fun activity to try, please look at our reading rivers challenge on page 8!

When we return to school, we would love to hear about all the exciting things the children have been doing over the break, whether big or small. We would also love to celebrate your Reading Rivers in assembly, so please bring them in to share. You can send any photos of your activities to admin@norton.gloucs.sch.uk for us to include in the newsletter.

From everyone at the school, we wish you a safe, happy, and refreshing Easter holiday.

Mrs Farren and Team Norton



Class News – 27th March 2026

This week in **Little Learners** we have been exploring all things Easter! We have enjoyed making and decorating our own Easter eggs through a variety of 2D mark making and 3D modelling. The children also enjoyed the opportunity to use recycled objects to create their own models this week. We celebrated lots of creativity and imagination! We also made Easter nest cakes this week. The children enjoyed watching as our chocolate turned from a solid to a liquid! A few chocolate covered cornflakes were taste tested by Little Learners, before making it into the cake cases! However, this was a fun and yummy activity that was enjoyed by all!

Wishing you a wonderful Easter half term, from Vicky, Jess and Jade.

What an incredible trip **Reception Class** had to Winnie's farm yesterday morning! We were very lucky with the weather and enjoyed the walk spotting nature and learning about the countryside code. The children had great fun feeding the cows, running in the long grass and seeing some big tractors before heading back to school. Thank you Sam, Grandpa Jeremy and Winnie.

In History this week, the **Year 1** children have been looking at changes over time in relation to toys, schools and vehicles. They learnt new vocabulary and thought it was very interesting to see how different everything used to be! We are all really enjoying the new reading books and have loved seeing the children grow in confidence and fluency when reading them.

In **Year 2** this week we have learnt about how castles have changed over the years and the reasons for this. We have learnt about the jobs people did in a castle and the skills they would have needed. In RE, we have learnt about what Christians learn from stories in the Bible.

This week, **Year 3** worked extremely hard to bring their plans to life as they began their junk modelling creations. This topic focused on shape and how a 2D design can be transformed into a 3D structure. Thank you to all the parents who attended—the children had a fantastic afternoon and your involvement and helpfulness are greatly appreciated.

In **Year 4** this week we have been writing our narratives based on 'The Journey' book. In Maths we have been subtracting fractions with whole and mixed numbers. In History we have learnt about the Yanomami tribe who live in the Amazon rainforest.

This week, **Year 5** have completed their Make Do and Mend projects. I was so impressed with their resilience and focus.

This week in **Year 6** we have been finishing off our work on Shape in Maths but looking at calculating the volume of Cuboids. In English, we did our own version of a nature documentary to practise our use of formal language. In Science, we started looking at the circulatory system. Hope everyone has a wonderful Easter!

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!





As you may be aware, Laura Emmerson is expecting a baby in April and will be starting her maternity leave from today. This a surrogacy pregnancy for a close friend of hers; what an incredible act of love and kindness.

There can be no greater gift than that of a new life. We wish Laura and the baby and family all the best and look forward to welcoming Laura back to Norton as soon as she is ready.



Pupil Health and Safety Information

CAR PARKING AND SAFETY

We want to ensure our pupils are safe when arriving and leaving school.

Please make sure you are doing the following at all times:

- Please use one parking space per car and ensure you park fully within the marked bays. Parking outside designated spaces makes it difficult for other drivers to maneuver and can be hazardous for our children. One space is all that's needed for each vehicle.
- Disabled parking bays are reserved for current Blue Badge holders only.
- At no time should vehicles stop on the zig-zag lines outside the school. This poses a serious health and safety risk for pedestrians using the front entrance and for road users travelling to and from the A38, particularly as this is on a bend.
- Please switch off your engine while parked in the car park. Vehicle fumes can be harmful, especially for children with asthma or other respiratory conditions.
- Drive at a sensible speed within the car park and remain mindful of other drivers and pedestrians at all times.
- ALWAYS use seatbelts!

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our children safe and our car park as environmentally friendly as possible.



Pupil Health and Safety Information

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Letters have been for all children who have a medical note recorded on our system. If you receive a letter, please check the information carefully and complete the attached form to help us keep our records up to date.

If your child has a new medical condition or medical note that you have not yet informed the school about, please come to the office to complete a form. This will help us ensure our records are accurate and that we can support your child appropriately.

If your child uses an inhaler and you have not received a letter including our new asthma form, please come to the office to complete the latest version.

Many thanks.



Pupil Health and Safety Information



Healthy Snack Reminder

Only Healthy Snacks in School Please!

Healthy Snack Ideas:

- Fresh Fruit**
- Vegetables**
- Cheese**
- Crackers**

We Are a Nut Free School!

No Nuts Allowed!

Due to Nut Allergies

Please Do Not Send:

- No Sweets**
- No Sugary Cereal Bars**
- No Fizzy Drinks**
- No Sweetened Drinks**

Thank you for helping us keep our children Healthy & Safe!

To see how much sugar is in some of your snacks/drinks... check out Miss Middlecote's sugar shock display in the junior corridor...

HALF-TERM CHALLENGE

Create Your Own Reading River!

This Easter, we would like to offer you the opportunity to create a 'Reading River'. A 'Reading River' is a creative way to showcase everything you have read during the Easter holiday. It helps you think about all the reading you do at home, and shows your teacher what you enjoy reading for fun. Your 'Reading River' should look like a river flowing across your page, showing the journey of your reading from the start of the holiday to the end. Along the river, add the different things you have read. You can write about them, draw pictures, add labels, or even stick on images if you like.

Remember, reading is not just books! You can include things such as:

-  Story books or non-fiction books
-  Newspapers or magazines
-  Road signs or maps
-  Cereal boxes or food packaging
-  Menus from restaurants or takeaways
-  Instructions or manuals
-  Online reading, gaming menus or social media
-  E-books or audio books |

Next to each thing you add to your river, you might also include:

- Where you read it
- What you learned from it
- A small drawing or picture

You could even add a smiley face rating to show how you felt about reading it:

- **Green** = I loved reading this!
- **Amber** = It was okay or a little challenging
- **Red** = I didn't enjoy it or found it challenging

Be as creative and colourful as you like! Add waves, bridges, boats, fish, trees or anything else that makes your river interesting. Please see the examples on the next page for inspiration! Please bring your completed 'Reading River' into school the first week back after the Easter Break. Remember to put your name on the back. We will share and celebrate these in our Friday Sharing Assembly.

Have fun creating your Reading Rivers. I look forward to reading them!

Mrs Cooper
Reading Lead

What's Happening



Join us in giving our school some extra care and attention!

All volunteers welcome – everyone can help

Suggested tools to bring (if you have them):

- Wheelbarrows
- Outdoor brushes
- Painting supplies
- Shovels
- Weeding tools (including secateurs, saws, hedge cutters)

What's Happening





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What's Happening

GAMES & STALLS

EVERYONE'S WELCOME TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE..

**150 YEARS OF
NORTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

NORTON PLAYING FIELD

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

3PM ONWARDS

FREE ENTRY

BBQ & BAR

**INFLATABLES - TIME CAPSULE - ART COMPETITION - FACE PAINTING - RAFFLE - GAMES -
TUG OF WAR - RUGBY - TREASURE HUNT - ICE CREAMS - BBQ - BAR**



We are currently working with a very tight budget and are hoping to completely revamp our playground to make breaktimes and lunchtimes even better for all of our children.

We are hoping to enhance our outdoor area and the resources available, we hope to create a more engaging environment that supports our children's already incredible mental health and wellbeing. Our aim is to ensure that their "down time" provides the best possible opportunities to relax, play, and socialise. In turn, this helps them return to the classroom ready to learn.

We would like to create a range of fun zones to encourage different types of play, including:

Construction Zone - Creative/Stage Area - Quiet Area (books, puzzles, small world, LEGO)
Bicycle / Road Zone - Sand Pit - Outdoor Kitchen - Active / Sports Area

Before we start sourcing these items ourselves, we wanted to ask if any families have toys or resources at home that could be given a second life at school.

We would love donations of items such as:

- ◇ Small traffic-style cones
- ◇ Play traffic lights or road signs
- ◇ Toy construction equipment (hammers, plastering trowels, spirit levels, etc.)
- ◇ Toy bricks
- ◇ Wooden blocks or planks
- ◇ Blow-up microphones or guitars
- ◇ Backdrops (to attach to the fence behind a stage area)
- ◇ Dressing-up clothes
- ◇ Puppets
- ◇ Or anything else you feel might fit into one of our new play zones!

If you have something we could use, please contact Mrs Higgins or Mrs Farren.
Thank you so much for helping us create a more exciting and enriching playground!



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LUNCHES

Price increases from April

From 1st April our catering costs will be increasing for all paid dinners. Please see below for new prices.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - £2.95

Little Learners - £3.00

New menu from w/c 13th April:

GCC Spring Summer 2026		 Meat Free	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Fish	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 13 April 4 May 1 June 22 June 13 July 7 September 28 September 19 October								
Option One			Tomato Pasta 	Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	 Spaghetti Bolognese		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Option Two			NEW Cheese and Pepper Whirl with Herby Rice	NEW Soya Mince Pasta Bake	Vegan Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Coconut Curry with Rice 		NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips and Tomato Ketchup
Jacket Potato			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			Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		Baked Beans and Peas
Dessert			Oaty Cookie 	NEW Orange Drizzle Cake	Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit	Carrot Cake with Custard		Strawberry Jelly with Peaches 
WEEK TWO 20 April 11 May 8 June 29 June 20 July 14 September 5 October								
Option One			Vegan Meatballs with Spaghetti 	Beef Burger with Cheese in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Peri-Peri Chicken with Herby Rice, Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Option Two			Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes 	Sweet Potato Curry with Rice 	Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Macaroni Cheese		Vegan Sausage with Chips and Tomato Ketchup 
Jacket Potato			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			Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		Baked Beans and Peas
Dessert			Golden Syrup Snap Biscuit 	Peach Crumble with Custard 	Fruit Medley 	Chocolate Brownie		NEW Orange & Lemon Shortbread 
WEEK THREE 27 April 18 May 15 June 6 July 31 August 21 September 12 October								
Option One			Summer Pizza with New Potatoes 	Spaghetti Meatballs	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice and Tzatziki		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
Option Two			Tomato Pasta Bake 	Vegan Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup 	Vegetable Loaf, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy 	Vegan Bolognese with Pasta 		Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Ketchup
Jacket Potato			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			Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		Baked Beans and Peas
Dessert			Chocolate Shortbread 	Apple Pie with Custard	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Summer Lemon Cake		Ice Cream with Peaches
MENU KEY		 Added Plant Protein	 Wholemeal	 Vegan		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								
 caterlink feeding the imagination								



TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Supporting Trips and Enrichment Activities at Norton

At Norton, we feel incredibly fortunate to be able to organise a wide range of trips, workshops and activities that enhance your children's learning. These experiences provide valuable knowledge, broaden horizons and create lasting memories during their time at our school.

In order to offer these opportunities, we do ask families for financial contributions. As these contributions are voluntary, we cannot demand payment. However, if we do not receive sufficient contributions to cover the cost of a trip or activity, we will unfortunately have no choice but to cancel it moving forward.

The cost of coaches, entrance fees, and external providers visiting school continues to rise. Regrettably, the school budget is not able to absorb these increasing costs. We are extremely grateful to our PTA for the support they provide; however, they are not able to fully fund every activity we organise. This is why parental contributions remain essential.

We are mindful of the financial pressures on families and carefully limit the number of trips and activities across the year to avoid frequent requests for contributions. Our aim is always to provide enriching experiences without placing unnecessary burden on parents. However, we would much rather continue offering these opportunities than cancel them altogether.

For example, for the Diwali workshops that took place in November, we received only 56% of the total. This meant the school had to cover the remaining £613.50.

All trips and activities are available on ParentPay, and if you are in a position to do so, you are still able to contribute towards any events that have taken place earlier this academic year. We can accept cash, cheques or you can pay through the parentpay app or at a parentpay paypoint (if you would like details of a paypoint please ask the office)

We are truly grateful for your continued support in helping us provide these valuable experiences for your children. Without sufficient contributions, we will regrettably need to begin cancelling future trips and activities. If you are unable to pay for a trip/activity please call Mrs Farren as we are here to support you.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.



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TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Year 1 trip letter

This trip is now on parentpay.



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www.norton.gloucs.sch.uk

6th March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: John Moore Museum

On Thursday 23rd April 2026, Year 1 have an exciting trip to The John Moore Museum. This links in with our history and science topics this term. During the day we have three workshops booked; 'living things and their habitats', 'animals and adaptations' and 'toys and games'.

We will leave school at 9:30am and return by home time at 3:15pm. Children will need a snack, packed lunch, water bottle, suitable footwear and coat.

The cost of this trip is £12.50 per pupil. Although this is a voluntary contribution, we rely on parental payments to cover the full cost of the visit. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions, we may have to cancel the trip. This year the school has not been receiving sufficient funds to pay for trips.

Payment is now available on ParentPay and can be made via the app; alternatively, cash or cheques can be sent to the school office in a clearly named envelope. Please contact Mrs Farren know if you are unable to contribute to this trip, as we are here to support you.

To help reduce the amount of paper we use in school, we kindly ask that you do the following instead of returning printed reply slips:

- Payment received on ParentPay can be taken as consent as you have to tick a box to get to the payment window. Please send in your voluntary contribution in a clearly named envelope (cash or cheque), or pay using ParentPay.
- Comment on the pinned post on your ClassDojo page, or let your child's teacher or the office know in person so they can mark this on the class list.

Yours sincerely
Miss Eaton
Year 1 Teacher/Assistant head



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Year 4 boys trip letter

This trip is now on parentpay.



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20th March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Year 4 Boys team building

Local schools are participating in a team building event at Henley Bank High School on Wednesday 22nd of April. We are taking our year 4 boys to take part. Sports leaders will be organising a selection of engaging team-building activities, along with some small sided multi-sport games. It will be a fun sporting event

Children will need to bring with them outdoor clothing a snack and plenty of water, also children will need to bring a packed lunch to have when we get back to school. The event will be held outside so please wear correct outdoor clothing.

The cost of this trip is £13 per pupil. Although this is a voluntary contribution, we rely on parental payments to cover the full cost of the visit. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient contributions, we may have to cancel the trip. This year the school has not been receiving sufficient funds to pay for trips.

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Yours sincerely

Mr Spencer

PE lead



Please see below the booking forms for terms 5 and 6.

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 14th April until 22nd May 2026

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

Term 5

Times	Before	After	
	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 13th Apr	INSET DAY		
Tue 14th Apr			Closed
Wed 15th Apr			Closed
Thur 16th Apr			
Fri 17th Apr		Closed	
Mon 20th Apr			
Tue 21st Apr			Closed
Wed 22nd Apr			Closed
Thur 23rd Apr			
Fri 24th Apr		Closed	
Mon 27th Apr			
Tue 28th Apr			Closed
Wed 29th Apr			Closed
Thur 30th Apr			
Fri 1st May		Closed	

Times	Before	After	
	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 4th May	BANK HOLIDAY		
Tue 5th May			Closed
Wed 6th May			Closed
Thur 7th May			
Fri 8th May		Closed	
Mon 11th May			
Tue 12th May			Closed
Wed 13th May			Closed
Thur 14th May			
Fri 15th May		Closed	
Mon 18th May			
Tue 19th May			Closed
Wed 20th May			Closed
Thur 21st May			
Fri 22nd May		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: _____

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING FORM 25/26

Please indicate which session you would like to book from 1st June until 17th July 2026

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

Term 6

Times	Before	After	
	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 1st Jun			
Tue 2nd Jun			Closed
Wed 3rd Jun			Closed
Thur 4th Jun			
Fri 5th Jun		Closed	
Mon 8th Jun			
Tue 9th Jun			Closed
Wed 10th Jun			Closed
Thur 11th Jun			
Fri 12th Jun		Closed	
Mon 15th Jun			
Tue 16th Jun			Closed
Wed 17th Jun			Closed
Thur 18th Jun			
Fri 19th Jun		Closed	
Mon 22nd Jun			
Tue 23rd Jun			Closed
Wed 24th Jun			Closed
Thur 25th Jun			
Fri 26th Jun		Closed	

Times	Before	After	
	8am - 8:45am	3:15pm - 5pm	3:15pm - 5:30pm
Mon 29th Jun			
Tue 30th Jun			Closed
Wed 1st Jul			Closed
Thur 2nd Jul			
Fri 3rd Jul		Closed	
Mon 6th Jul			
Tue 7th Jul			Closed
Wed 8th Jul			Closed
Thur 9th Jul			
Fri 10th Jul		Closed	
Mon 13th Jul			
Tue 14th Jul			Closed
Wed 15th Jul			Closed
Thur 16th Jul			
Fri 17th Jul		Closed	

Name of Child/ren: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions on the website for the



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Dates for your diary for April/May:

Easter holidays: 30th March to 10th April

- Monday 13th April - Inset day
- Tuesday 14th April - First day back for children
- Saturday 18th April - Love your school day *see page 11*
- Wednesday 22nd April - Y4 boys sports trip *see page 18*
- Thursday 23rd April - Y1 class trip *see page 17*
- Friday 24th April - World Earth day *see page 12*
- w/c Monday 11th May - SATs week (*please ensure Y6 children are in school promptly all week*)
- w/c Monday 18th May - Y6 bikeability week (*Please complete consent forms and payment ASAP*)

Half term: 25th to 29th May

- Monday 1st June - First day back for term 6

First week back's diary - 13th April 2026:

Day:	The School Day:	After School:	NEW Lunch Menu (week 1)
Monday	Inset day		
Tuesday	First day back for children		Sausage roll with potato wedges Soya mince pasta bake Jacket potato with Beans/Cheese/Tuna Baguette with Ham/Cheese/Tuna
Wednesday			Roast chicken with roast potatoes Vegan sausage with roast potatoes Jacket potato with Beans/Cheese/Tuna
Thursday			Spaghetti bolognese Coconut curry with rice Jacket potato with Beans/Cheese/Tuna Baguette with Ham/Cheese/Tuna
Friday	Sharing assembly 2:45		Fish fingers with chips Vegan sausage with roast potatoes Jacket potato with Beans/Cheese/Tuna
Saturday	LOVE YOUR SCHOOL from 9:30am. See page 11 for full details		Drinks and snacks provided!



CORNER



Alex, Arthur and Dylan were selected to represent Tewkesbury RFC Under 9s at the ERFC Minis Youth Festival in Evesham on Sunday. They played four rugby matches during the tournament with their team victorious and taking home the trophy for their age group. Lots of teamwork, tenacity and fun too- well done boys!

Well done boys! We are very proud of you showing teamwork and having lots of fun... exactly what sports should be about!

If you'd like to share anything you've been up to outside of school, please email Mrs Higgins with the subjectline 'newsletter' - fhiggins@norton.gloucs.sch.uk



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HOP ON OVER FOR OUR
Easter Trail
Sunday 29th March -
Sunday 12th April

Follow the directions to find the lost bunnies & their eggs. Keep your eyes peeled along the way for clues.....

Maps available
from Norton School

£3
per map

Or Join us on
Sunday 29th March
10am - 3pm

Norton School Forest Area/Norton
Playground

FOR SOME EXTRA EGG-CITING
FUN!

Where we will be selling maps,
hot drinks and sweet treats!



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Dates for your diaries:

29/3 - Easter Trail inc refreshments, trail will be open all holidays.

24/4 - World Earth Day Plant Sale

10/5 - Car Boot Sale

6/6 - Summer Fete

10/7 - End of Year/Leavers Disco

Dates subject to change. Keep an eye on Dojo and follow our Facebook page for details.

Norton PTA - Easyfundraising



Get FREE donations whenever you shop online via Easyfundraising

- ✓ NO cost to you
- ✓ Over 8000 retailers
- ✓ Use the donation reminder so you never forget to claim
- ✓ Over £570 received from easyfundraising so far

Argos

TESCO

JOHN LEWIS

ebay

JUST EAT



Start at the easyfundraising website or app

Click out to where you'd like to shop

Checkout: prices are exactly the same!

The retailer sends a % of your spend to easyfundraising

They pass it on to us :)



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



SEE PAGES 9 AND 10 FOR AN EASTER

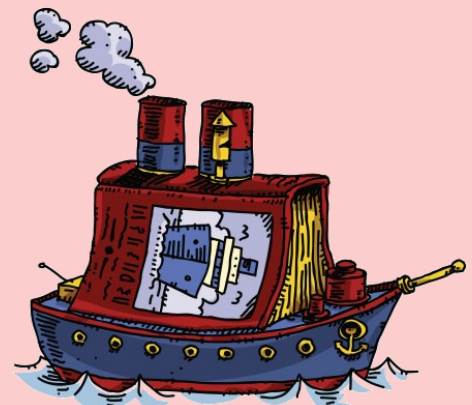


WE WOULD LOVE TO SHARE YOUR READING RIVERS
IN ASSEMBLY WHEN WE GET BACK

BRING IN YOUR COMPLETED RIVER DURING THE
FIRST WEEK BACK



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THEM!





Picnic ideas... outdoor or indoors!!!



We love the thought of fun picnics this Easter holiday... why not try some of these healthy ideas, and if the weather doesn't allow you to get outside then how about a fun indoor picnic instead... (one staff member suggested building a 'fort' in your house to eat a picnic in!)



Kids' picnic recipes

55 Recipes

Planning a family picnic? Children will love making these sweet and savoury treats in preparation for the big day out.

Follow the QR code to the right, or the link below to get to a page full of picnic ideas!

Which one will you try?



<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/picnic-recipes-kids-recipes>



How will you get away from the screens this Easter and eat healthily too? If you try any of our ideas, we'd love to share them on the next newsletter!

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EASTER CRAFTS

WEDNESDAY 1ST &
WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL
10AM TO 11.30AM

£1 PER CHILD

OLD BAPTIST CHAPEL, TEWKESBURY
JOHNMOREMUSEUM.ORG/01684 297174

WHAT'S ON MARCH - MAY 2026 

LEVEL THE PITCH: FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS
THURSDAYS, 5.30PM - 6.30PM
Bournside Sports Centre, Warden Hill Road, Cheltenham GL51 3EF

FUTSAL SESSIONS
MONDAYS, 5.15PM - 6.15PM (BOURNSIDE)
Bournside Sports Centre, Warden Hill Road, Cheltenham GL51 3EF
TUESDAYS, 5.30PM - 6.30PM (CLEEVE)
Cleeve Sports Centre, Two Hedges Road, Bishop's Cleeve, GL52 8AE

PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS
MONDAYS, 5.00PM - 7.00PM (PRESTBURY PARK)
Prestbury Park, New Barn Lane, Prestbury, GL52 3LE
TUESDAYS, 5.00PM - 5.45PM (THE ROCK YOUTH CENTRE)
The Rock, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham, GL51 9AH
THURSDAYS, 5.15PM - 7.00PM (WHADDON YOUTH CENTRE)
Whaddon Youth Centre, Dart Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5QW
Part of Fuel Thursdays in partnership with The Children's Society

YOUTH DISABILITY FOOTBALL
MONDAYS, 7.00PM - 8.00PM
Whaddon Youth Centre, Dart Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5QW
Part of Embrace Youth Club in partnership with The Children's Society

FREE FOOTBALL IN CHARLTON KINGS
WEDNESDAYS, 5.00PM - 6.00PM
The Grange Field, Charlton Kings, GL53 8JN
In partnership with Charlton Kings Parish Council

SCAN ME 





Please see the poster to the right, for an update from Gloucestershire County Council regarding the Holiday Activity and Food Programme for Spring 2026.

For enquiries, please contact

HAFPParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

HAF
Spring 2026
is coming!

Make sure you're signed up and ready to book!



Bookings open
Monday 23 March at midday

View events from midday on Friday 20 March.
Scan the QR code and press 'start onboarding' to begin your sign-up process.
Visit <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk>

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MISSBUSSEY'S
Busy Bees

THE HOLIDAY CLUB WITH
NATURE AT ITS HEART
FOR AGES 5 - 12

HOLIDAY CLUB
AGES 5 - 12

8.15AM - 3.30PM £45 PER DAY, PER CHILD
8.15AM - 5.30PM £55 PER DAY, PER CHILD

WEDNESDAY, 1ST OF APRIL WEDNESDAY, 8TH OF APRIL

AT NORTON VILLAGE HALL
OLD TEWKESBURY ROAD, NORTON, GL2 9LJ
PLEASE NOTE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO DROP OFF YOUR CHILD ANYTIME FROM 8.15 UNTIL 9.15AM

Scan to Book

@MISSBUSSEYSBUSYBEES

TEWKESBURY SPORTS CENTRE
KIDS CAMPS

30TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL 08.30 - 16.00
7TH APRIL - 10TH APRIL 08.30 - 16.00

ACTIVITIES

- BALL GAMES
- BADMINTON
- DODGEBALL
- SWIMMING
- TEAM GAMES

AGES 5-13

£24.00 PER DAY

WEEK 1 WILL ALSO INCLUDE EASTER ARTS AND CRAFTS ON TUESDAY 31ST MARCH AND WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW:
[BOOKWHEN.COM/EASTERHOLIDAYCOURSES](https://bookwhen.com/easterholidaycourses)

TEWKESBURY ACADEMY
SPORTS CENTRE

KIDS SWIMMING LESSONS

FREE TASTER sessions AVAILABLE!

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Prices from £10



Saturday 9th May 2026
Plock Court, Gloucester

Get ready for a splash of colour, bubbles, music, and inflatables!

Run, walk, or skip through this fun-filled family event while supporting local children facing childhood cancer, life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.



www.colourupforkids.co.uk

Just by taking part you'll be supporting 2 fantastic local charities that help support children facing childhood cancer, life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.



Childhood cancer is one of the most common causes of death in children in the UK. Every year, just over 4,000 children and young adults receive this life-changing diagnosis.

The Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust is working hard to raise awareness of childhood cancer signs and symptoms. We produce educational resources for parents and clinicians, provide support to families and fund research into rare cancers of childhood



James Hopkins Trust believe that every child deserves to experience joy, laughter and love, regardless of their complex medical needs, diagnosis or condition.

For over 30 years, we have been dedicated to providing unwavering support to children in Gloucestershire who are life-limited or life-threatened, empowering them to live life to the fullest and make magic memories.

Sign up today and together we can help support local children

Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust
Cowden Hall, Cowden,
Upton Snodsbury,
Worcestershire, WR7 4NZ
Tel: 01905 865777
Email: fundraising@kccct.org
Website: www.kccct.org
Registered charity number: 1167783

James Hopkins Trust
Kites Corner, North Upton Lane,
Gloucester GL4 3TR
Tel: 01452 612216
Email: fundraising@jameshopkinstrust.org.uk
Website: www.jameshopkinstrust.org.uk
Registered charity number: 1163110



EASTER HALF TERM ACTIVE CAMPS!

Forest View Primary School, Cinderford
Week 1 - Monday 30th March until Thursday 2nd April
Week 2 - Tuesday 7th April until Friday 10th April

Waterwells Primary Academy, Gloucester
Tuesday 7th April until Friday 10th April



CLICK HERE TO BOOK ONLINE NOW!

Normal Times: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Early drop off: 8.30am
Late pick up: 5.30pm

Ages 5-12

20+ Sports on offer | Easter Themed Activities | Games and Prizes!

For more information, NorthGlos@progressive-sports.co.uk



ADULTS £3 ENTRY
CHILDREN FREE



Easter Extravaganza

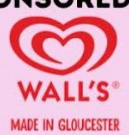
SATURDAY 28TH MARCH
1:00-5:00PM

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Exceptional activity camps for children aged 4 to 14 at
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EARLY BOOKING OFFER NOW ON!



Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

Nature Nurtures Family Fun Day

April 7, 10am - 2pm
Robinswood Hill Country Park,
Gloucester, GL4 6SX

Activities for the whole family to enjoy, including:

- crafts
- nature walks
- mindfulness

A chance for families to connect, slow down and explore nature together. This event is being run as a relaxed drop-in session so families can come and go at their own pace.

Scan me!

To book your family's place on the fun day, please scan the QR code.
For more information please email katie.hall@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk

Registered Charity Number 232580



Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

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Waterscapes Week

30th March - 2nd April

Water and wildlife activities for everyone!

free events!

How to book:

Scan the QR code, or ask at reception

Scan me!

Registered charity number 232580

These events are brought to you by the Waterscapes Project: gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/waterscapes.
Thanks to the Waterscapes Project's founding partners Intact Insurance, and partners the Environment Agency and Gloucestershire County Council.

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With The Ball 

MultiActivity Holiday Club

My child loved it. They came home buzzing every day!

£15 (1/2 day) **£27** (1 day) **£75** (3 days)

Tues 31st, Wed 1st, Thur 2nd April
Tues 7th, Wed 8th, Thur 9th April
Hillview Primary School, GL3 3LH

Open To All Children R - Year 6
Sports, Activities, Arts & Crafts
Sibling & PP Discounts

Scan here for more info & to book!



www.withtheball.co.uk

UltraStar
CHEERLEADING ACADEMY
With The Ball Sports Coaching

Cheer Camp!

- Tumbling
- Stunting
- Dance
- Performance
- Games
- Routines

- Friday 10th April 9:00-3:00
- Hillview Primary School GL3 3LH
- Open to all children 4-14
- No previous experience required

www.WithTheBall.co.uk
Lauramason@withtheball.co.uk
07842821013

Book your space today!



Next Thing

EASTER 2026

TECH HOLIDAY CAMP

NEW TECH ADVENTURES EVERY DAY!

Ofsted Registered

Water Tornado, Motor Fan, Levitating Ball, Robotics & Coding, Circuitry & Electronics, Tech Fun

30TH MARCH - 17TH APRIL : LIMITED SPACES!

MULTI DAY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE, FROM JUST £25 PER HALF-DAY!
AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 1 PM DAILY

www.nextthing.education

EASTER CAMPS 2026

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on tech fun, iPad creativity, and take-home inventions!

Example camp activities

Camp runs 9 am - 1 pm

ROBOT LAB, Engineering, ELECTRIC INVENTIONS, 3D CREATIONS, VIRTUAL REALITY, COOL CIRCUITS, VIDEO GAME DESIGN, MOVIE MAKING, MINECRAFT REDSTONE, MINECRAFT MAZE

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

★★★★★ "The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

★★★★★ "My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

★★★★★ "Fun, engaging, and educational - highly recommend!"

HALF DAY CAMPS THIS EASTER 9 AM - 1 PM

£25 PER DAY or 4 days for just **£90**

Scan to book



LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!

E: info@nextthing.education T: 01442 873150

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Beezee FAMILIES

Hello Easter Holidays!

Longer days, lighter mornings and a fresh little window to reset as a family. This Easter break, let's move more, eat well, and feel good together with no pressure, just progress. Here's a few tips to get you started;

Activity 1:
Get active as a family
Park trip, bike ride, or follow along movement video

Activity 2:
Try a mini "mission"
A nature walk, screen free hour, new fruit/veg, or learn some new dance moves

Activity 3:
Keep it simple with food
Why not bake something wholesome together like Easter carrot cupcakes or wholemeal hot cross buns

Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Hop into a healthier you this Easter holidays and see the difference all year round!

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

Gloucestershire

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

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



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- ★ MAIN COMPANY 6-18 YEARS

TUESDAY • COOPERS EDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

- ★ MUSICAL THEATRE 6-12 YEARS

gloucester@theatretretrain.co.uk
07554 816363

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

#giveitago with different sports games and activities at our camps this Easter

Tues 31 st March	MultiSports
Weds 1 st April	Robin Hood
Thurs 2 nd April	Football
Tues 7 th April	Multi Sports
Weds 8 th April	Basketball
Thurs 9 th April	Ball/Invasion Games

School years 1 - 6 (apart from Weds 1st April which is for school years 3 - 6)

10am - 2pm

Lunch Provided

Innsworth Community Hall,
Rookery Road GL3 1AU

➤ Head to the website for more info and to book now.

For more information contact
kelsey.martyn@sportily.org.uk

sportily.org.uk

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PLAY SPORTS, TALK LIFE

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HAF
Tewkesbury district

Join us this holiday for fun and food

For our Spring 2026 Holiday and Food Programme, we have a wide range of activities on offer, including circus, yoga, drama clubs, holiday camps, and some fantastic ticketed experiences.

Bookings open on Monday 23rd March 2026.

Once bookings go live, if you need any assistance with the HAF programme, please contact our Community Connectors, Young Gloucestershire on email:
Sharon.Houlton@youngglos.org.uk



[Click Here for the booking site](#)

HAF@bloodhoundeducation.com



world jungle

GO WILD

9th April 2026
2pm-5pm
Mill Lane Playing Fields,
Mill Lane,
Brockworth
Tewkesbury
GL3 4QJ

**ALL FREE,
EVERYONE
WELCOME**

FOOD PROVIDED

**Circus Skills,
African Drumming, Henna,
Sports, Giant Bubbles,
Vinyl Art and more...**



TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE



LEVENS HOLIDAY CAMP
REAL LIFE EAFC ULTIMATE TEAM

★ **Dates:**

- **Week 1:** Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April
- **Week 2:** Tuesday 7th April - Friday 10th April

• **Times:** 9am-3pm
- If you need early drop off or late pick up please contact (Additional charges apply).

🏆 **Ages:** 7-14 years old

PAY ON THE DAY PRICES	PREPAY DISCOUNTED PRICES
£25 full day	£20 full day
£15 half day	£10 half day
£90 for the week	£70 for the week
£170 for all 8 days	£130 for all 8 days

Required to bring:

- ✓ Football boots (for grass)
- ✓ Shin pads
- ✓ Trainers
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Spare clothes
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Drink

Email LevensSocial@hotmail.com to book your spot