

NewsLetter

July 2026

School Round Up

This is the last newsletter for this academic year; thank you for sharing in all that we have achieved across the past year, and for the support you show your children and our school. It certainly has been a busy one, but a very successful one too!

On Monday, we were able to interview and appoint a new member of staff to support at lunchtime as a Midday Supervisor, to replace Mrs Cook who has decided to step back from her role. She will be continuing in her role as Breakfast Club lead, and be an important part of our school staff team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution at lunchtimes and all she has done for the children over lunch. Once all the necessary checks have been completed I will announce who will be stepping to the role.

In the last newsletter, I shared that the PE and School Sports Premium is being reallocated by the Government, and that we will only be getting a small share of it across the Autumn term. This has enabled us to secure clubs for the coming term. However, there will be an increased charge of £2 per pupil per session across all clubs. Unfortunately, we are in a position where we can no longer subsidise all the cost, we will need to continually review this as we move through the term, and after we receive exact guidance from the Department for Education.

I am sure you will also have seen that there is a hold up in the Year Six SATs results this year. This is due to a problem with the portal where the results are uploaded for schools. The decision was taken to continue to send out the end of year reports as planned this week to all children. The results are expected on Thursday 16th July, at which point we will download and share with parents. I hope that you are all happy with your child's reports, and questions please do see your child's class teacher.

All transition sessions have now taken place, and next year's class names have been voted on by the children. I look forward to announcing these in Celebration Assembly next week. If you have any concerns regarding your child's transition into school, or into the next class please do come in and speak to the class teacher.

Jesus said:

**"I have come that you might have life,
life in all its fullness."**

John 10:10

Respect. Aspire. Challenge. Succeed

Our church inspection finally happened! We were one of the last schools to be inspected for this year. We are all really pleased with how the day went, and what we were able to show the inspector about our school; I am incredibly proud of both the staff and the pupils.

Thank you to all the parents that came in to speak with the Inspector; it was important for her to be able to speak to our wider school community.

I am expecting the draft report anytime now to check for factual accuracy; and the final report should be with me by the end of the school term. As soon as we have it, it will be released to you all.

We are looking forward to our trip to Sandringham next week and bringing our school year to an end with Celebration Assembly, where we will say good bye to our Year Six children. This will start at 1.30pm, the gate will open at 1.15pm. Please bear in mind that there are presentations by the children throughout - if you do plan on bringing younger children, please can I ask that they are sat with you all all times, or be taken out into Miss Batterham's classroom if needed.

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Community Council We are in need of members

Following the Governance restructures within our Trust, I am keen to ensure that our school Community Council is established for the Autumn Term.

Each member of the council known as a Community Ambassador, they will have a clearly defined role in supporting headteachers with community & parental engagement activity, providing insights into perceptions of the community and promoting the Christian ethos of each school. Community Councils will report to the Regional School Board via the school's headteacher.

This involves a termly meeting with a specified agenda, at a time suitable for all involved - one/ two hours at a max.

I am hoping that some of you may be interested in joining our Community Council.

Application links and further information in about applying to become a Community Ambassador can be found through the links below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSjnMUA5fsRr_iNWv9CH4Pi6gCckAKRtSOXtWhVxhy9DOPiA/viewform

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Attendance Matters



Attendance has remained steady across the last month; well done to all the children who have maintained their 100% attendance for the year, and those who have managed to be here every day so far this term!

There are lots of certificates and trophies to be given out next week!

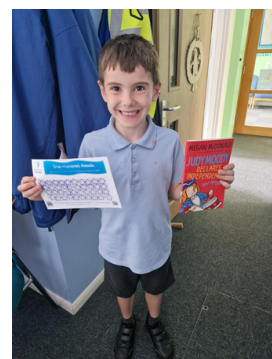
Current Attendance is: 96.3%

Year 2 have now taken the lead, but only by 0.2%.

100 READS

It has been great to see an influx of children over the past few weeks coming and choosing books. In fact, we are going to need to restock for the coming year.

Well done to all the children who have been to see me.



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Class News

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Wright

We are almost at the end of another year. We were excited to be able to put the summer season onto our calendar. Looking back over the year and seeing how all of our children have grown and how much they have learnt is amazing. We have enjoyed all of our topics this year from All about me and getting to know the children to probably the most loved topic of Dinosaurs and ending with Heroes and Adventures, where we are learning about those special people in the world who care for us. The children have shared what they would like to do when they grow up and there are some super careers ahead of us.

Thank you to all who have sent in pictures of the adventures you have had when you are at home, please keep sending these in, we love seeing what you have been up to. We will be checking over the Summer so please keep sharing :-)

Wright Class loved meeting our new Reception friends and a few of our preschoolers. We are looking forward to them joining us next year.

Peake

It's the final stretch before the summer holidays! We are finishing our final topics of learning and ensuring any gaps are filled. This half term, our English topic based around 'Traction Man is Here!' sparked a lot of interest amongst the children, and some children have even been writing Traction Man themed stories at home to share with the class.

We currently have a class competition, themed around the World Cup - table teams are battling it out to see who can earn the most points for a special prize at the end of term...who will take home the 'trophy'? Year Two children are working on developing their independence ready for the move to KS2 next year and are starting to think for themselves more. We still have our trip to Sandringham to go and we're all very excited for our day out, hopefully with lots of sunshine!

Armstrong

The last few weeks have gone incredibly quickly, and there has been lots of learning that has happened and still to complete! The children have been completing their learning in History about the Tudor period and the War of the Roses, as well as finishing learning about Western Europe. Next week, the children will complete their Art - creating designs and buildings based upon Modern Architecture. As well as having a day focused around DT - making bread and butter from scratch!

We particularly enjoyed our time out at the Tag Rugby Festival, we were very impressed by how well the children played as part of a team, and took on board all the referees and coaches had to say to support their development.

It has been a pleasure for Miss Thorne and I, to have taught the class this year, and we look forward to passing Year Four to Mrs Moore and getting to know our new Year Threes better.

Vancouver

This half term, Vancouver Class has been busy delving into the fascinating world of meteorology in our science lessons. Students have engaged with real-world phenomena, learning about weather patterns and the science behind forecasting. In art, our budding artists have been inspired by Claude Monet's iconic Water Lily Pond. The skills they are developing such as colour mixing and composition, are invaluable and foster a love for artistic expression. In maths, some pupils have been exploring the concepts of area and perimeter, while others have focused on coordinates. Our recent topic in Religious Education, "Are All People Equal," has sparked meaningful discussions. We have been exploring themes of equality and justice, which are crucial in fostering social awareness and empathy. As part of this unit, Vancouver are currently working producing their own collective worship presentation that encapsulates their thoughts and insights on equality, empowering them to voice their opinions and values. As we approach the end of the school year, we are excited to begin preparations for the Year Six leavers assembly. This event will celebrate the achievements of our students and mark their transition to the next stage of their education where we wish them lots of luck-we will miss you all.

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Sports Update

Daily Mile - well done to all of you that have completed so many miles so far! Remember that the all important tally of miles continues up until the very last Friday. You must be present at 8.20am to get registered by Miss Thorne in order to get the stamp on your card. There are many hoodies to be given out during Celebration Assembly next week!

The children in Key Stage One have done really well in their swimming lessons, every week there is a progress occurring. Swimming will continue until the last Friday of term. The children also had a great morning out at the Active Kids festival - where they joined other schools led by Sports Leaders to experience a number of different sports.

Year Four and Five children have completed their Young Leaders course, and on Monday were given the opportunity to put their skills to use when they led the entire school in a number of different activities. Well done to all involved, as well as the Sports Leaders who have run their own club this half term, leading the younger children in different games and sports.

The children in Key Stage Two attended the Tag Rugby Festival earlier this month, it was really good to see the children applying some of the skills they had learnt from the sessions led by West Norfolk Rugby Club earlier this year; as well as learning from others in the moment. They have been presented by medals for participation this week from Jenna (WNRFC).

We send our thanks to Mr and Mrs Chapman, and Mrs Cook, over the past few weeks, who have facilitated the Year Five and Six children visiting the village bowls club to experience a different sport. It seems that some may be bowlers in the making!

Well done to all who represented the school as part of the Area Sports this week; with congratulations to Adam, Ruby and Jasmin - who all won medals.



PE Days for September

Monday/ Wednesday - Yr 1/2
Thursday - Yr 3/4/5/6
Friday - Swimming for Yr 3/4/5/6
Friday - Yr R

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PARKING



There are no plans to paint any additional lines on the opposite side of the road outside of school, either side of the pinch point. However, I would encourage you not to park right next to it. This is for the safety of the children - when cars park there the pinch point is not easily seen, and therefore children are not easily seen. We would appreciate your co-operation with this.



DINNERS - Please remember to book in advance.

Please note that the order cut off is Tuesday week before the meals are to be served. Lunches must be ordered in advance as numbers have to be sent to the caterer so they can order supplies for the coming week.



Bromcom - MCAS

Please ensure you have notifications enabled or check the app daily.



BREAKFAST CLUB and WRAP AROUND CARE - Our clubs are getting busier! Please remember to book in advance.

If you would like your child to attend either Breakfast Club or Wrap Around Care, can you please ensure that this is booked via the MCAS App in advance. Booking shuts 3 days prior. We need these to be booked in advance to ensure we have the correct staffing levels.

Stay & Play
Mondays 9.45am - 11.15am
at Holy Cross CofE Primary School

- * Birth to pre-schoolers with an adult
- * Range of activities on offer
- * Come and meet new people
- * Run by school staff
- * Just turn up, £1 per child
- * Refreshments provided

For more information:
Telephone 01553 810394 or email
office@holycross.norfolk.sch.uk

Diocese of Ely Learning Together For Life

Stay and Play is held on Mondays, 9.45am - 11.15am - please tell all your friends!

If you are dropping other children at school, you are more than welcome to stay at school.

Please do come and join Mrs Waterson, Miss Fowler and Mrs Carter, and others for a chat and play!

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Friends News

The wildlife club have been into the wildlife area to sow seeds and plant donated plants. Thank you to those who donated plants and seeds to help our area come alive. A big thank you to Nanny Julie for watering our plants each day to keep them alive during this beautiful weather.

We are all eagerly following the World Cup to see who will be the winner of the of our sweepstake. Come on England!! We will contact the winner and transfer the winnings via BACS once the final has been played on 19th July.

We hope Fathers' day gifts were pleasantly received. We appreciate any feedback.

Thank you to those who have agreed to volunteer for the Summer Fayre on Thursday 9th July. Please come to school at 11am if you are able to set up before Sport's Day.

Year six leavers trip has been paid for by the Friends - a big thank you to everyone for making this possible for our leavers.

We are looking forward to our whole school Sandringham trip on 14th July, with an ice cream for all the children. Thank you to all the swimmers and those who donated - the money for our trip has come from this fundraising event.

Don't forget.....If you are re-stocking your label stash (so that all of your children's clothing can be identified) please remember that we receive a percentage of profits from My Nametags our code is... 30293 <https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=30293>

Remember to check out EasyFundraiser if you haven't already downloaded the app. It donates money to us each time you use the app to buy through various retailers – an easy way to give whilst buying household staples.

Please continue to promote our lottery...if you don't yet have a lottery ticket through our School Lottery please buy a ticket if you can as we receive money each month from your tickets and every ticket adds up.

Remember our preloved uniform 'shop' in the foyer - whether to drop off clothes your child has outgrown or to purchase items, please help us to keep it going as part of our Green Guardians Summer challenge - talk to your child about what they have been learning in Collective Worship to find out more about this. Items cost £2 for items with a logo and 50p for non-logo items.

Don't forget the Food Waste 'shop' in the foyer – sift through your cupboards for any short date or unwanted products that you are not going to use and remember to check the shelves to see if you can make dinner and pop some pennies in the pot.

Remember to keep an eye on the Friends' FaceBook page for any upcoming activities, thank you to Kate for keeping this current and us all organised 😊

Upcoming events

World Cup Sweepstake - winnings to be paid out after the final has been played

Summer Fayre – 9th July - volunteers to set up at 11am and run stalls after sports' day



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Diary Dates

July

9th - CANCELLED - Sports Day/ Summer Fair

15th - Pre-School transition session (1-3pm)

16th - Rescheduled Sports Day/ Summer Fair (12pm - picnic, 1pm - Sports, 3pm - Summer Fair)

17th - Celebration Assembly 1.30pm - gates open at 1:15pm

17th - Last day of term

September

3rd - Back to School

4th - First swimming session - KS2

21st - Photographer in school

Every Day
Counts 

Missed minutes 

missed learning 

missed opportunities

Guidance for Parents / Carers

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

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Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued **after 19th August 2024**.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

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Wanted Adult Section Assistants

We do not have enough Section Assistants or Section Leader Assistants to keep the group open...

BEAVERS **cubs** **SCOUTS**

Are you able to help us?

Are you available on Monday or a Tuesday or a Wednesday Evening for a few hours – it does not have to be every week we can work out a rota.

You do not need any particular skills. There is a DBS check and some online training to complete - we can support you with this.

Please contact

Andy Nicol (Group Scout Leader) 07460870285
or Laura Leadbitter (Secretary) 07557196214

Scouts 
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and Watlington



HM Government

Did you know you can use **Tax-Free Childcare** or **Universal Credit Childcare** to help pay for before and after school childcare?

For more, talk to your child's school or your local authority's Family Information Service.

Childcare
Choices