



Winterton Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

14th February 2025

News From the Academy Head



Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to take a moment to express my sincere thanks for your support this term. It has been wonderful to see parents reaching out when needed, allowing us to work together to find solutions. Likewise, when we have sought support from home, you have wholeheartedly stepped in, and that collaboration has made a real difference. Working together truly strengthens our small school community, and I appreciate the role each of you plays in making this a positive environment for our pupils.

One way our school has deepened its connection with the community is by inviting the John G Plummer Dental Surgery to visit. The children not only had a chance to receive dental check-ups but also attended an informative talk on how to care for their teeth. This initiative got me thinking about other ways we can support our pupils' oral health—starting with ensuring that only water is brought to school in their water bottles. This small change could have a big impact, helping children develop healthy habits while also protecting our school carpets from sticky, sugary drinks.

A big thank you as well to everyone engaging with Learning Pi! Staff have really enjoyed sharing posts that highlight the 18 learning characteristics. Each week, one of these characteristics is the focus of an assembly, where we discuss how it helps us strive to be the best we can be. Your engagement makes a real difference in reinforcing these important values.

Finally, today is an exciting day! Right after our Celebration Assembly, we will officially open the new play equipment. This wouldn't have been possible without your incredible fundraising efforts—thank you so much for your generosity! It has been a pleasure watching the children enjoy the equipment this term.

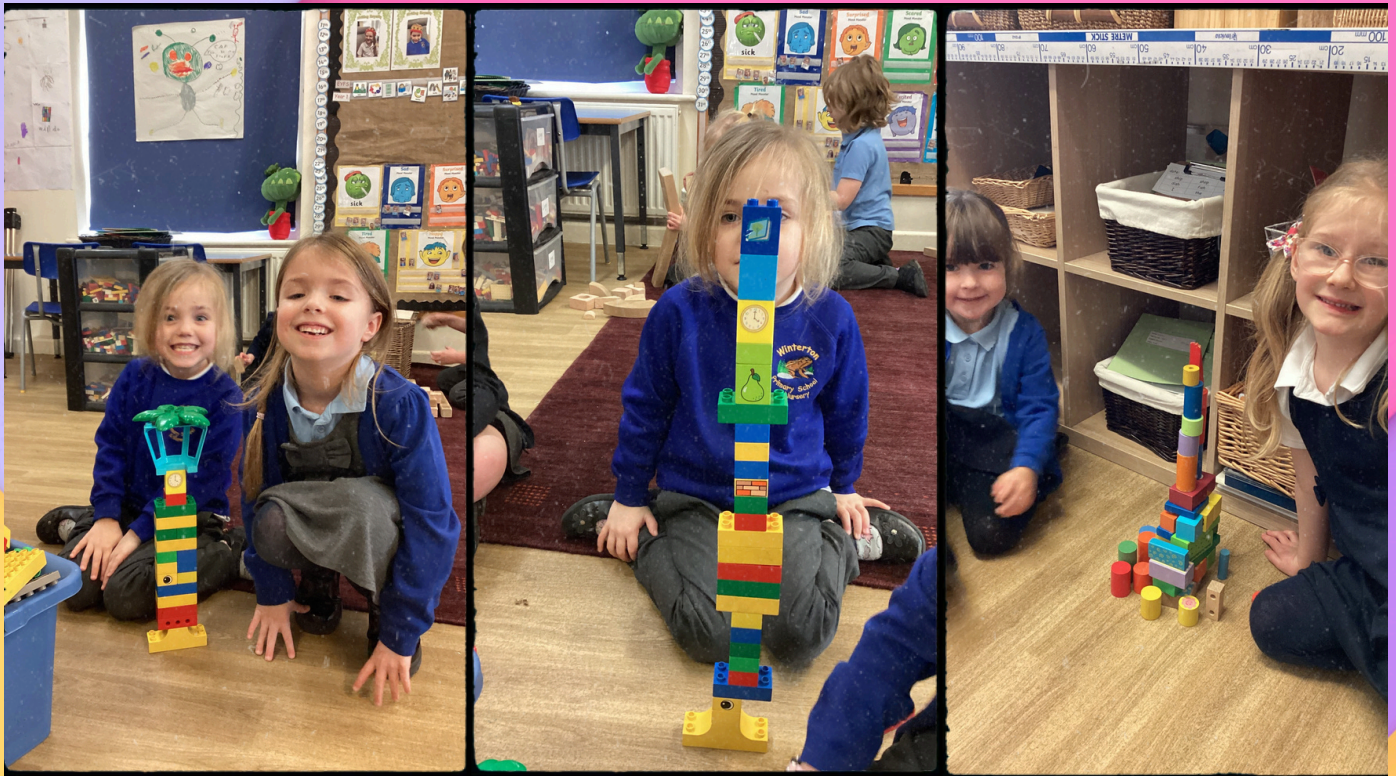
I hope you all have a wonderful half-term break and enjoy some well-deserved rest.

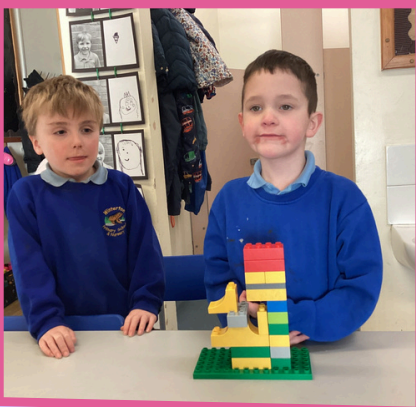
**Jemima Williams
Academy Head
Trust Phonics and EY Strategic Lead**

Starfish Class News



Starfish Class have been busy exploring towers in DT! They discovered that a strong, stable base is essential for keeping towers upright. Using a variety of materials, the children worked independently to design and build their own towers. With careful planning, creativity, and problem-solving, they showed fantastic determination and resilience. Even when their structures wobbled or fell, they didn't give up—instead, they adjusted their designs and kept building. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and teamwork in action. Well done, Starfish Class, for your incredible efforts and impressive tower creations!



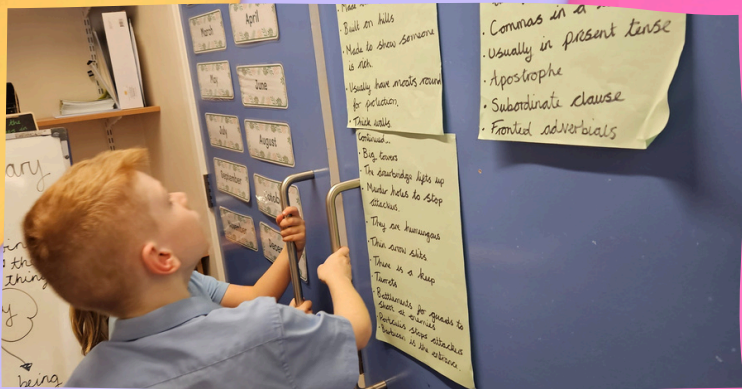


Seal Class News



Seal Class have been full of curiosity this half term! In Science, we have explored different materials, investigating their properties and uses through exciting experiments. Our Maths lessons have focused on measurement, with plenty of hands-on activities to deepen our understanding. In History, we have loved learning about castles—how they were built, their defences, and their role in the past. This linked perfectly with our English work, where we wrote recounts of a pretend trip to a castle and created detailed information texts. Well done, Seal Class, for your enthusiasm and eagerness to learn!

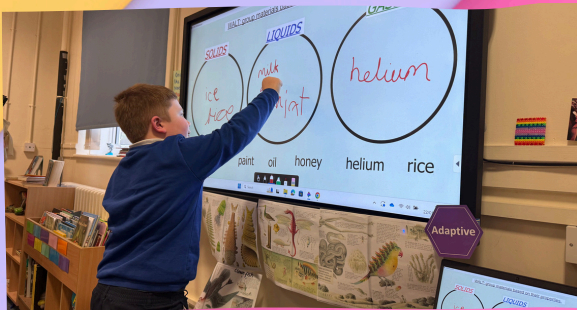


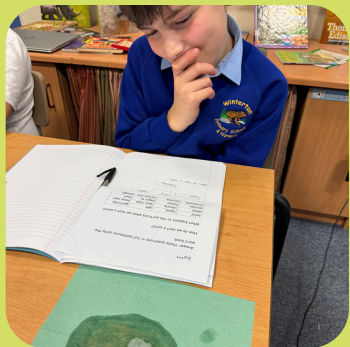
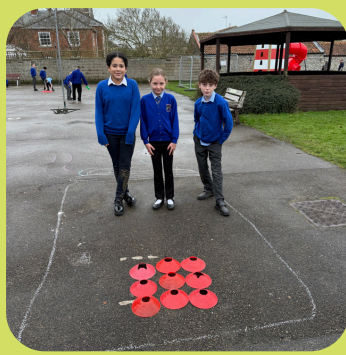
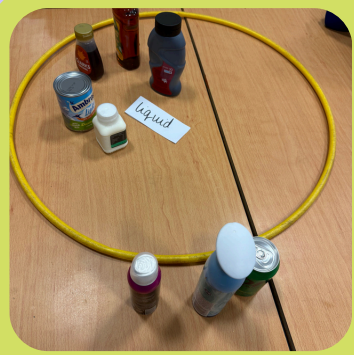


Shark Class News



This term, Sharks have been investigating solids, liquids and gases. We've learnt about the particle structure of each of these states of matter, we've replicated them and even role played at them, sorted materials into categories - including many tricky examples - and identified how water can become solid and gas, including how evaporation and condensation have roles in the Earth's water cycle. To end our study, the children designed a fair test to investigate whether the temperature of a location effects the rate of evaporation. Across the school, the children have left 100ml containers of water and we will wait until after half term to measure how much water, in each location, has evaporated to make our final conclusions.





SENDCo Update

Family Voice Norfolk (FVN) regularly publishes newsletters that provide valuable information on Special Educational Needs (SEN) and related topics.

These newsletters are designed to keep families, carers, and professionals informed about the latest developments, events, and resources in the SEN community.

Accessing the Newsletters:

You can view the latest newsletters by visiting the Family Voice Norfolk website's newsletter section:

The newsletters cover a range of topics, including:

- Upcoming Events:** Information on conferences, workshops, and local meetings related to SEN.
- Resources:** Guides, support services, and tools available for families and professionals.
- Community News:** Updates on local initiatives, success stories, and opportunities to get involved.

For instance, the August 2024 newsletter highlights the "Making Sense of SEND" event held on 19 September at the Charles Burrell Centre in Thetford, among other topics.

To stay updated with the latest SEN information and resources, consider subscribing to the Family Voice Norfolk newsletters or regularly visiting their website.

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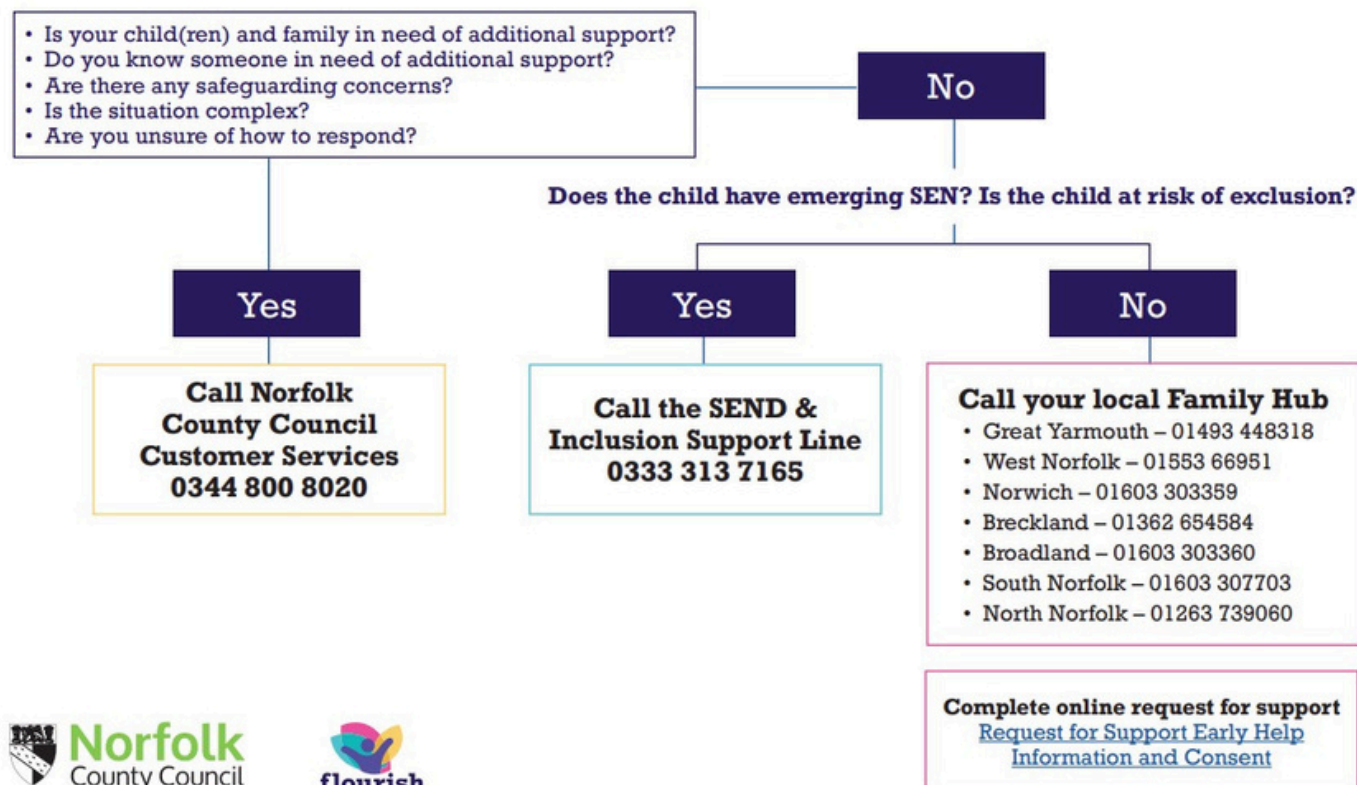
We have attached the Latest newsletter.

Getting the right support to children and families – who to call

We want all children and families in Norfolk to get the help and support they need as soon as early as possible. To achieve this, we want to ensure that our partners are contacting the best person within the council when they need advice or support.

We know there are a few ways to get in touch with us and we want to make it as simple as possible to contact the right person, so we've created the flow charts attached to help and would be grateful if you disseminate this e mail and attachments as widely as you can within your organisations.

Flowchart for families



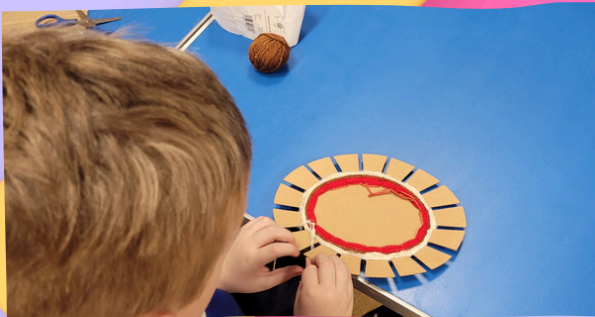
Afterschool Club

News

This half term in Cooking Club we have made lots of delicious treats. The children have planned the recipes they wanted to make, measured out the correct ingredients, mixed and personalised the bakes to their tastes. They have made sweet and savoury pizzas, flapjacks, jam tarts and many other creative cuisines.

Craft club is great for your child to embrace their feeling of art. We do all sorts of fun crafting such as crocheting, weaving and lots to do with wool. Your child will love creating anything and sometimes we create decorations for the discos. - by Florrie





Emergency Point of Contact for Half Term

Emergency Point of Contacts & Safeguarding Support

Our Trust, its schools and pupils are supported by robust safeguarding and emergency point of contact and safeguarding support during school closure periods.

Please view our emergency point of contact and safeguarding support for the forthcoming School Holiday Closure Period below.

Emergency Point of Contact (EPOC) & Designated Safeguarding Lead during the February school closure period will be (17/2/2025 - 21/2/2025)

**Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne, CEO, Tel: 07908 262623
Email: a.aalders-dunthorne@consortiumtrust.org.uk**

After hours Property/Estates emergencies should be reported to Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne, CEO, Tel: 07908 262623

School Uniform

As we look forward to the new academic year and welcome our new families, we want to ensure that everyone is informed about our school uniform guidelines.

Our uniform consists of a royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan, a white or pale blue polo shirt or school shirt, and navy, grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt, or pinafore dress.

During the warmer months summer dresses can be worn- Please see picture below.

Please wear plain white, black or grey socks. While a range of branded clothing with our school logo is available from Screens Schoolwear, you are not required to purchase these items. You may also find suitable jumpers and T-shirts in similar colours from most retailers.

Children will need comfortable black school shoes which are safe for running around outside in. Some pupils may wish to bring trainers or wellies to change into for outdoor play, especially in the wetter and colder months.

For students in Years 3 to 6, our blue and yellow school tie is part of the uniform – Please see picture below.

For PE, please ensure your child has a T-shirt, shorts, and plimsolls/trainers. T-shirts can be white or yellow (see picture below) and shorts must be navy or black. In colder weather, your child will need trainers and a tracksuit or a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms for outdoor games. PE tracksuits must be plain navy or black and void of any logos.

Additionally, The Friends of Winterton Primary have a pre-loved uniform shop if you require anything, please ask or email the school office.

At Winterton Primary School and Nursery, we strongly encourage adherence to the school uniform policy as it fosters a sense of belonging and supports high expectations in all aspects of school life.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Attendance

Every minute matters

If your child arrives late to school every day, their learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school every day over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



Attendance for this Year:

Starfish: 91.27%

Seals: 94.08%

Sharks: 93.28%

Whole School: 93.38%

National Average: 96%

Attendance Facts

- Attendance of 95% for the year equals 10 days that your child has been absent, that is 2 full school weeks of your child's learning missed for that year.
- Attendance of 90% for the year equals 19 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 4 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 85% for the year equals 29 days that your child has been absent, that is almost 6 school weeks missed.
- Attendance of 80% for the year equals 38 days absent per year that is over 7 school weeks missed.

Rockpool Afterschool Clubs

All of our curriculum enrichment after school clubs are chargeable and we would like the children to book for the whole half term if possible, as we will be completing projects throughout the sessions. If childcare is needed after 16:15 please contact the office.
Please make sure your child has been booked onto the club as once the club is full we cannot accept any other children.

Due to lack of demand, we have decided not to run a club on a Friday evenings. If you need childcare on a Friday please speak to Mrs Saunders

These clubs will be running from Week Commencing 24th February. Please book in under Rockpool Clubs on Arbor.

	After school Club	
Monday 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Football Club with Miss Cossens and Miss Reid Cost: £3.50	
Tuesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Science Club with Mrs Reid and Mrs Scott Cost: £3.50	
Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Craft Club with Mrs Ross Cost: £3.50	
Thursday 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Gardening Club with Mrs Ross Cost: £3.50	

Please remember to send a healthy snack for your child to eat before the start of the clubs.

Club Descriptions

Football Club - With Miss Cossens and Miss Reid. Learn some new skills and play some games. Will you be the Player of the Week?

Silly Science Club - With Mrs Reid and Mrs Scott - Mad Professor Science experiments

Craft Activities with Mrs Ross. we will be having a go at simple weaving, crocheting, some clay activities along with some winter crafts. Craft Club, We will also be doing some simple sewing. During Christmas crafts we have discussed with the children what they would like to make, we have lots planned. 🧵🧶✂️🎨

Gardening Club with Mrs Ross, Making the outdoor areas look tidy and grow some flowers as we will be part of the Consortium in Bloom competition.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club will run daily from 8:00 – 8:30am. There will be a standard charge of £2.50 for the first child and £1.00 for each sibling attending on the same day. A healthy breakfast will be provided.

Please come to the hall door through the car park for entry to Breakfast Club. The doors will be opened at 8am, please do not arrive before then.

PE Days

On your child's PE Day, as listed below, please ensure they come to school dressed in clothing suitable for PE. Lessons may be indoors or outdoors so please send warm clothing with a t-shirt or shorts underneath in case they get hot. Children must wear suitable footwear such as trainers and have separate shoes for indoors, such as plimsolls, if they do not have wellies to wear outside at playtime. Please ensure that long hair is tied up and all jewellery is removed before coming to school.

Tuesday - Sharks

Thursday - Starfish

Friday - Seals

Diary Dates

Friday 14th February	3:15pm	Break up for Half term
Monday 24th February	8:30am	School Reopens
Tuesday 25th February	9:30am	Sharks Weekly Swimming Lesson
Wednesday 26th February	AM	NSPCC Speak out
Wednesday 5th March	All Day	Seal class East Norfolk College
Thursday 6th March	All Day	World Book Day
Friday 21st March	All Day	Comic Relief
Wednesday 26th March	PM	Recp and Year 1 walk to the Beach
Friday 28th March	All Day	Sharks Time and Tide
Friday 4th April	3:15pm	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April	All Day	Inset Day
Wednesday 23rd April	8:30am	School Reopens
Monday 5th May	All Day	Bank Holiday
12th - 15th May	AM	KS2 SATs
Wednesday 14th May	AM	Reception - Vision and Hearing test
Friday 23rd May	3:15pm	Break up for Half Term
Monday 2nd June	8:30am	School Reopens
Tuesday 22nd July	3:15pm	Break up for Summer

Academic Calendar

Academic Calendar 2024/25

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