



# Winterton Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

24th October 2025

## News From the Academy Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy but brilliant half term. We have welcomed many new children to our school and have been supporting pupils as they settle in and transition through the different stages of school life. Transitions can be challenging for many children, but I have been so impressed by the resilience and determination our pupils have shown, as well as the caring and welcoming nature of our staff team in helping them feel supported and safe.

I would also like to take this opportunity to update you on some staffing news. After half term, Mrs Gomulak and Mrs Bradley will be joining us to offer extra support as Teaching Assistants throughout the school and to our children. We are delighted to have them on board.

We also send our very best wishes to Mrs Scott as she begins her maternity leave, and to Miss Reid, who will be starting an exciting new adventure after the break. We thank them both for their hard work and dedication and wish them the very best for the future.

We're also thrilled to announce the launch of Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots across our school, which will be happening after half term. These engaging online platforms give pupils the opportunity to practise their number and calculation facts in a fun and interactive way.

- Years 1-2: Numbots
- Years 3-6: Times Table Rock Stars

The platforms will predominantly be used at home, allowing children to compete with their friends or work on improving their own scores. We have identified that number recall can be a barrier to some pupils' fluency in maths, and this initiative will help strengthen their skills and confidence.

To celebrate the launch, we are inviting all pupils to come to school dressed as rock stars on Thursday 13th November. The day will end with a celebration assembly at 2:45pm, followed by a parent information session about Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars. We warmly welcome all parents and carers to attend both the assembly and the session.

Last night, many children attended the Halloween Disco organised by our wonderful Friends group. A huge thank you to everyone involved for the time and effort that went into making it such a success – it was also lovely to see some new faces helping out too.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a happy and restful half term. Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,  
Jemima Williams  
Academy Head

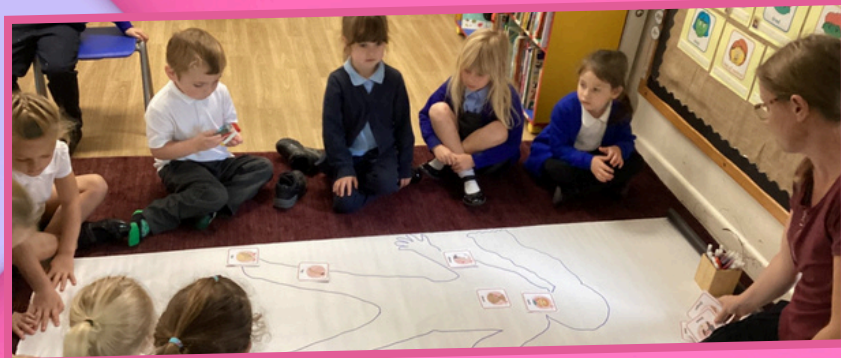
# Starfish Class News



☀ The Starfish Class have had a wonderful first half term! ☀

We've been busy making new friends and learning our class rules and routines.

The children are learning how to use and look after our resources and have enjoyed exploring English, maths, and many other subjects. It's been amazing to see them applying their new knowledge and skills in our indoor and outdoor continuous provision. What a fantastic start – we're so excited for the year ahead!





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# Seal Class News



This week, our Year 2 and 3 pupils enjoyed a wonderful trip to Strangers' Hall in Norwich. The children showed excellent behaviour throughout the day and impressed staff with their curiosity and enthusiasm.

During the visit, they explored how people lived in the 1600s, making fascinating links to their classroom learning about the Great Fire of London. The children discovered how everyday life at that time carried many more fire risks, from open hearths to candles and wooden buildings.

It was fantastic to see the children working collaboratively, asking thoughtful questions, and deepening their understanding of history through hands-on experiences. Well done, Year 2 and 3!





# Shark Class News



Sharks have been getting creative across the curriculum this term.

In science, we have been using crayons to experiment with reversible changes. We heated crayons until they melted in the oven and became a liquid. We then cooled the crayons and observed how they became solid once more.

In art, the children have been experimenting with complementary colours to create vibrant pop art prints. Stay tuned to see their final, Andy Warhol inspired designs.





# SENDCo Update

In our school we use the 7Cs Learning Portfolio to help identify pupil strengths and barriers for children who are on the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Register.

It provides a language of assessment that helps us to consider 'why' a learner may be having difficulties with the curriculum subjects. If a child is finding maths difficult, it is not necessarily effective just to provide them with additional maths, it may be that they need support with their working memory, speed of processing or language skills.

The 7Cs are: curriculum, cognition, communication, creativity, compassion, coordination and control. Within each of these areas, there are seven further skills that we discuss, analyse and review to see where there are strengths and where there are areas for development.

## **Cognition:**

- Working Memory
- Speed of Processing
  - Inference
  - Anticipation
  - Reflection
  - Evaluation
  - Analysis

## **Communication:**

- Expressive Vocabulary
  - Articulation
- Language & Understanding
- Collaboration Conversation
  - Listening
- Social Communication
  - Social Interaction

## **Creativity:**

- Generate ideas
- Problem solving
  - Attention
  - Motivation
- Making things
  - Courage
  - Trust

### **Control:**

- Self Regulation
- Behaviour for Learning
  - Anxiety Management
    - Confidence
    - Resilience
- Language of Emotions
  - Independence

### **Compassion:**

- Friendships
- Turn Taking
  - Empathy
- Sense of Justice
- Self Esteem & Wellbeing
  - Self Efficacy
- Support for Others

### **Co-ordination:**

- Fine Motor Skills
- Gross Motor Skills
  - Sensory
  - Mobility
- Stability & Balance
  - Posture
- Sensory Processing

This is a strengths-based assessment system which focuses on tracking progress and analysing whether the provision in the classroom is effectively tackling any barriers a child may have to their learning. The areas of strength and target areas will be recorded on your child's Learning Plan and the Learning Plan will be focussed on overcoming or reducing these barriers for your child.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our SENDCo, Mrs Waters.

# Afterschool Club

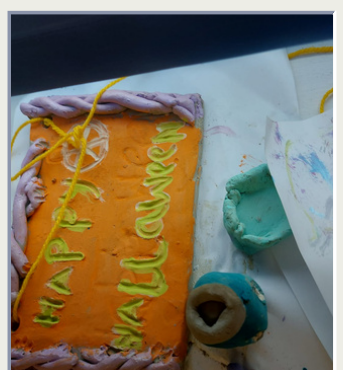
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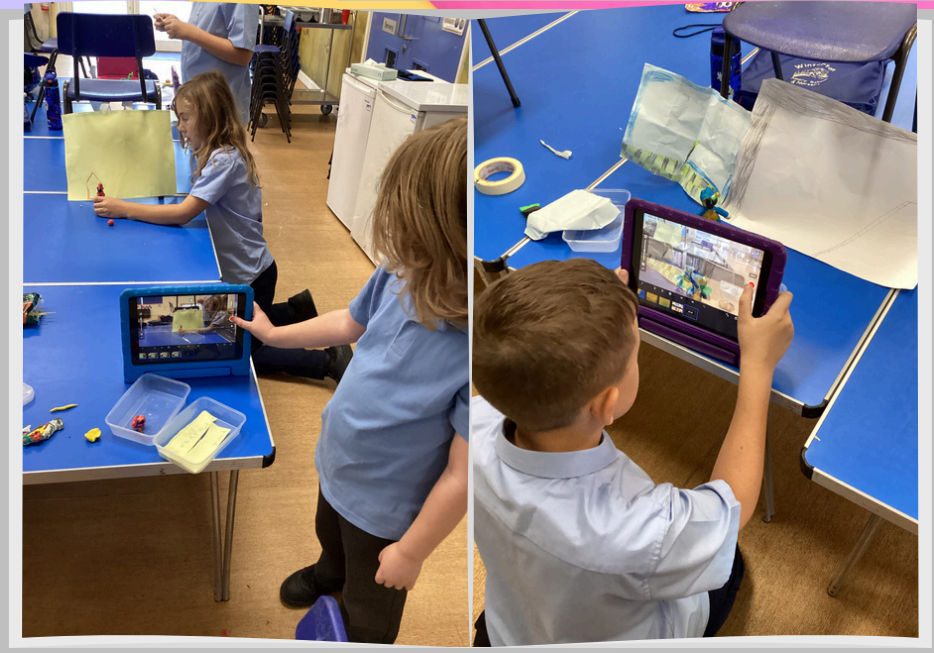
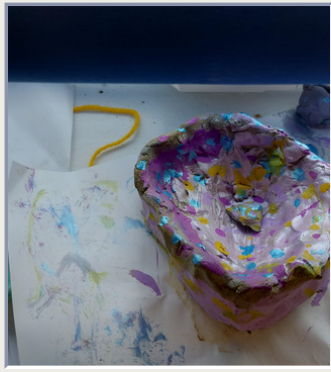
**Pottery Club** - Pottery club was a success this term, the children designed and made noughts and crosses boards as there first project. Followed by a halloween themed making session, where there were some fabulous creative spooky pumpkin treat dishes and scary sonic to creepy worms by our youngest member. Everyone had fun, got messy and also had a go on a little pottery wheel, they all took on the challenge. Hopefully will continue with the pottery club Next term.

### **Stop frame animation Club** - 🎬🌟 Movie Magic in the Making! 🌟🎬

Our talented young filmmakers have been hard at work in Stop Frame Animation Club! Over the past few weeks, they've:

- \* Designed their own storyboards
  - \* Used plasticine to create amazing characters and models
  - \* Built colourful backgrounds and sets
- \*Taken hundreds of photos to bring their stories to life—one frame at a time!  
Great job, animators — you've truly brought your ideas to life!





# **Emergency Point of Contact**

**Our Trust, 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.**

**The Emergency Point of Contact (EPOC) & Designated Safeguarding Lead during the October school closure period (27-31 October 2025) will be:**

**Andrew Aalders-Dunthorne, CEO.**

**Tel: 07908 262623 or**

**Email: [a.aalders-dunthorne@consortiumtrust.org.uk](mailto: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 term 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: 90.82%**

**Seals: 97.57%**

**Sharks: 96.24%**

**Whole School: 95.18%**

**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 either day please speak to Mrs Saunders.

Please remember that all clubs need to be paid in advance and clubs are for Reception to Year 6 only

These clubs will be running from Week Commencing 3rd November. Please book in under Rockpool Clubs on Arbor.

	After school Club	
Monday 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Pottery Club with Miss Cossens Cost: £3.50	
Tuesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Movie Club with Various Staff Cost: £3.70	
Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Craft Club with Miss Williams Cost: £3.70	
Thursday 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Cross Stitch Club with Mrs Waters Cost: £3.70	

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

# Club Descriptions

**Pottery Club** - With Miss Cossens - Making things from clay and using a pottery wheel

**Film Club** with Various Staff - Watching movies and popcorn

**Craft Club** with Miss Williams - making Christmas Crafts

**Cross Stitch Club** with Mrs Waters - Making designs with Cross Stitch

## Breakfast club

Breakfast club will run daily from 8:00 – 8:30am. There will be a standard charge of £2.65 for the first child and £1.10 for each sibling attending on the same day. A healthy breakfast will be provided. **Please ensure you book your child onto the days they will be attending in advance so we can cater accordingly, please remember that payment for clubs should be in advance.**

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 or use the front door as this may be locked.

## 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 and Seals

Thursday - Starfish

# Diary Dates

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	3:15pm	Break up for Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	08:30am	School Reopens
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	PM	Tempest Photography
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	11:00am	Armistice Day at the Church Memorial
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	All Day	Children come to school dressed as Rock Stars
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	2:45pm	Celebration Assembly followed by Parent Information Meeting about Times Table Rockstars and Numbots
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	AM	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Screening
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	AM	Catch Up Session Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	15:30	Friends Christmas Fayre
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	14:45 - 15:15	Christingle Service at the Church
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	09:30 - 10:30	Nativity Performance
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	17:00 - 18:30	Nativity PM Performance
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	15:30	Friends Christmas Fayre
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	3:15pm	Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	8:30am	School Reopens
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	AM	Sharks Start Swimming Lessons
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	3:15pm	Break up for Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	8:30am	School reopens
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	15:15	Break up for Easter
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	08:30	School Reopens

# Academic Calendar

## Academic calendar 2025/26

September 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
40	29	30					

October 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40			1	2	3	4	5
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42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

November 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44						1	2
45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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January 2026							
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February 2026							
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March 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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April 2026							
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May 2026							
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June 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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July 2026							
wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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### PD Days

- 1/9/2025 - Statutory Training
- 2/9/2025 - School Directed
- 5/1/2026 - School Directed
- 22/5/2026 - School Directed
- 20/7/2026 - School Directed Wellbeing