Walsingham CE VA Primary School Newsletter – 5th December 2025

Merry Christmas!



GENERAL UPDATE

It is always such as busy time of year in school and the children are happy and excited as they eagerly await their visit from Father Christmas.

This is the last newsletter of the term, and also the last newsletter I write for a while, before I head off on maternity leave. I will now be going on maternity leave at Christmas, so my last working day will be Friday 19th December, before I return on Monday 13th July.

After Christmas, Foxes Class will welcome Mr Cotton. Mr Cotton and I have had regular meetings over the last few weeks and he is excited to begin working with you as families and to get to teach the wonderful children that make up Foxes Class. I will miss them all whilst I'm off, but I know they will continue to make great progress with Mr Cotton as their teacher.

We have lots of events planned in over the next few weeks and I recognise that at times it can be hard to keep up! We will ensure that we place reminders for each event on Class Dojo, so do keep up-to-date with the app and let us know if you have any queries.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

It was another wonderful afternoon at the Christmas Tree Festival in Fakenham. This is our second time of visiting as a school and the children are always in awe of the hard work and creativity that goes into the decorating of each tree. The children love reading about the different charities and placing their coppers in their 'favourite tree' boxes, so thank you for sending these in with them.

We hope to make this an annual event and look forward to returning again next year!

THANK YOU TO FATHER GRAEME

We have been so lucky to welcome Fr Graeme into our school and are so grateful to him for the support that he provides us each week in our Collective Worship sessions. We thank Fr Graeme for giving up his time to help us learn our nativity songs and hope that you enjoy these at the service on Friday 12th December.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2025

The Christingle Service was a great success. The children enjoyed making their Christingles with the Mother's Union in the morning and learned about the meaning of each part of the Christingle. The service was one of joy and reflection and it was lovely to hear the children singing so confidently. Thank you to those families that attended the service.

The Pilgrim Federation

FOXES

It has been a busy start to the half term and the children have worked hard juggling normal day-to-day learning with nativity practice and Christmas based activities. The children have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks and I'm looking forward to spending time with them before I go on maternity leave.

In English over the last few weeks, the children have been focusing on the text 'Traction Man'. They've been thinking about Traction Man as a toy and using describing language within their writing. The children finished off by writing their own Traction Man adventure stories. This week the KS1 children are thinking all about Christmas as they write lists and letters to Santa. They excitedly await next week as they get to make mince pies! Our youngest pupils have been thinking all about the story 'Toys in Space', they have looked at the different characters and labelled these. The children are really getting to grips with their letter formation and writing now and we are very proud of them.

In mathematics, EYFS have been consolidating their learning before they move onto a new White Rose Maths unit in the spring term. The children have been practising their numbers to 5, thinking about the composition of these, whilst also revising 2D shapes. In KS1, we have finished our 'Place Value Within 100' unit and have moved onto shape. The children have been getting to grips with using rulers as they have been drawing shapes and learning about lines of symmetry.

Our afternoon sessions have been fast-paced and busy as we have been continuing with our foundation subjects whilst getting ready for Christmas. The children are particularly enjoying their computing unit, learning about robot algorithms and using the bee-bots to program.

In RE, the children are focusing on the big question 'Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?' which ties in nicely with the season and what we are learning about in worship and during play practice. The children are thinking all about Jesus' birth and the significance of this to Christians as they learn about the time of Advent.

I wish the children the very best with the rest of the academic year as I head off onto maternity leave on the 19th December. I know that Mr Cotton will make an excellent replacement and the children are very excited for him to start!

BADGERS

The Y6 residential seems like a distant memory now but we had a fun-packed few days at Manor Lakes in Lyng. New friendships were made and we got to sample lots of exciting activities such as paddleboarding, raft building, climbing, caving and axe throwing to name but a few.

In English, UKS2 have been writing persuasive letters convincing me that insects and bugs are healthy and a good dietary option! On the back of their letters, I did try some crickets and mealworms on Friday and they were actually quite tasty. Children in LKS2 have been reading 'The Tear Thief', a poem by Carol Ann Duffy. They also took part in an online lesson with Michael Rosen, in which he performed his famous poem 'Chocolate Cake'. The children had some chocolate cake to sample as they listened to the poem.

Children have been thinking about their learning on Italy and producing presentation slides on the subject. It always amazes me how quickly pupils pick up ICT skills – one quick demo from me on how to insert text and pictures and they were off!

The last couple of weeks of the Autumn term promise to be busy and fun-packed with lots of activities to enjoy.

With best wishes for a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

FORTHCOMING DATES:



- Friday 5th December - Carol Singing at Kelling from 5pm
- Monday 8th December - A Secret Visitor at 11am
- Tuesday 9th December - Foxes Christmas Craft Day @ Blakeney School
- Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 19th December - Christmas Party Day - *Christmas Party Clothes Please!*
- Friday 12th December - Nativity at St Mary's Church from 2pm
- Tuesday 16th December - Federation Pantomime @ Kings Lynn Corn Exchange
- Thursday 18th December - Christmas Lunch
- Friday 19th December - Break Up - Miss Collison's Last Day!
- Tuesday 6th January - Back at School for Spring Term
- Wednesday 28th January - Staff from the Benedictine Project Visiting Badgers
- Friday 30th January - Library Van
- Friday 13th February - Break Up for Half Term
- Monday 23rd February - Back at School
- Friday 27th February - Library Van
- Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 11th March and Thursday 12th March - Bikeability
- Friday 27th March - Library Van
- Friday 27th March - Break Up for Easter
- Tuesday 14th April - Back at School
- Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th April - How Hill (Y5) Residential
- Friday 24th April - Federation Founding Day at Norwich Cathedral
- Monday 4th May - May Day (Bank Holiday)
- Friday 15th May - EYFS/KS1 Federation Art Morning @ Hindringham
- Friday 22nd May - Break Up
- Monday 1st June - Back @ School for Summer Term
- Wednesday 3rd June to 9th June - Salthouse Art Exhibition
- Tuesday 16th June - Celebration Day at Norwich Cathedral with the Benedictine Project (Badgers)
- Tuesday 23rd June - Whole School Photographs
- Monday 29th June - Sports Day (6th July - Reserve Date)
- Thursday 16th July –Year 6 Leavers Service
- Friday 17th July - Break Up for End of Year!

Year 6 Residential





Fakenham Christmas Trees







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