Walsingham CE VA Primary School Newsletter – 9th January 2026

Happy New Year!

GENERAL UPDATE

Happy New Year to all—I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and festivities.

The year finished well with a lot of exciting events. Our 'Twinkly Nativity' was a particularly good performance I thought, and we thank all involved in putting on the show. Particular thanks go to Fr Graeme who helped us with rehearsals and played the piano on the day. The children also enjoyed their Christmas dinner and the party on the last day of term. Once again, it was lovely to see how well the children work together during whole school activities and, in particular, how supportive the older children are of the youngest.

We said our goodbyes to Miss Collison before we broke for the Christmas holidays—we will miss her but wish her and her partner Luke well with the exciting times that lay ahead. Miss Collison has promised to keep us posted with news so we look forward to receiving updates.

In her absence, we welcome Mr Cotton who will be teaching Foxes class for the remainder of the academic year. Mr Cotton is a very experienced teacher and I know he is looking forward to working with children and parents.

As I write this message, I can see one or two snowflakes trying to settle in the garden which serves as a good reminder about wrapping up warm. We try to get outside as much as possible all year round, so please make sure that your child brings a thick coat, hat and gloves to school each day.

In the event of heavy snow, please check the Norfolk Emergency School Closures website. We will also post on Dojo if the school is to close.

With very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2026,

Anita Wilson

FOXES

Our learning theme for the first part of Spring term will be 'Superheroes'. We will be looking at fictional superheroes and real life heroes from History. We will be looking at superheroes through Art, and Design and Technology, and in Science we will be learning about our 5 senses, exercise, food and hygiene.

PE days will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Some PE sessions may take place outside so jogging bottoms rather than shorts would be best for all bar the extremely hardy!

I am very keen to support the children in becoming winners in English and Maths – they are such happy and keen children and I know they will continue to succeed! I am more than happy to meet and chat with all parents and carers, so please make sure you come and say hello if we have not already met! I've been teaching for over 34 years now and I just want the same as you all do – happy, successful children! Also, keep a watch out for these mini superhero characters… they will be playing a big part in everyone's success!



The Pilgrim Federation

BADGERS

Just before the Christmas break, some of the younger Badgers went to APHS to collect 'worry monsters' that they had designed. They were able to meet and thank the Year 9 pupils who had made their monsters for them.





Our learning theme for the Spring term will be 'Tudors and Explorers' which is a topic that many of the children have been looking forward to. In Science, we will be continuing with our learning about living things, including classification of animals. Later in January, we will be welcoming visitors from Norwich Cathedral to support us in our learning about the Benedictine Project.

PE days will continue to be on Mondays and Wednesdays. We have yet to hear from APHS about progress on the pool so we will continue in school for the meantime. Some PE sessions may take place outside so jogging bottoms rather than shorts would be best for all bar the extremely hardy!

SPRING TERM CLUBS

Monday—Active Sport with Dylan (Badgers)

Tuesday—Julia Donaldson Book Club with Mrs Wilson (Foxes)

Wednesday—SATS Club with Mrs Wilson (Y6)

Thursday—Reading club with Mr Cotton (Badgers)

Duncan, our football coach, has been offered the exciting opportunity of teaching in Spain during January so we wish him well and look forward to welcoming him back after half-term.

If your child has not yet signed up for one of the above clubs but would like to do so, please contact Mrs Sands in the office.

FORTHCOMING DATES:



- 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' Evenings
- Wednesday 11th March and Thursday 12th March - Bikeability (Y5/6)
- 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!

Ms Frier is continuing to recover from her knee operation and plans to return to work towards the end of the month. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. Mr Snowdon.

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