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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

What a busy start back it has been this half term! It's been great to see all of the pupils hit the ground running again with their learning. Across the Federation this half term, as part of our cycle of monitoring the whole curriculum each year, we've been reviewing the work in pupils' maths, history and geography books and it's been great to see all of the excellent learning that has been going on.

It's been brilliant to welcome Ms Frier back to work this week - I know how much she has been missed by all of the staff and pupils.

Unfortunately, Active Education have informed us that due to staffing issues, after half term they will no longer be able to run the weekly after school sports clubs. We will look at securing another provider to offer this provision, free of charge for you, as soon as possible.

And finally - thank you so much to all of you who took the time to complete the parent surveys. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and this has been very appreciated by all of the staff. Thank you for your support.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter.

Best wishes to you all,

Mr Snowdon.

SCHOOL NEWS

We were delighted to hear the exciting news that Miss Collison's baby boy had arrived safely. Arthur was born in the afternoon on Friday, 23rd January 2026 weighing in at 7lb 11oz. We wish Miss Collison and her family every happiness.

The after school clubs have been very well attended this half-term. Sadly, Active Sports staff are unable to continue with Multi-sports clubs on Mondays next half-term but we are looking forward to welcoming Duncan back in March for football club. Look out for letters re clubs for next half-term, as follows:

Tuesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm Lego Club with Mrs Wilson (whole school)
Wednesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm Maths SATS Club with Mrs Wilson (Y6)
Wednesdays (from 4.3.26) 3.15pm – 4.15pm Football club with Duncan (KS2)
Thursdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm Reading club with Mr Cotton (KS2).

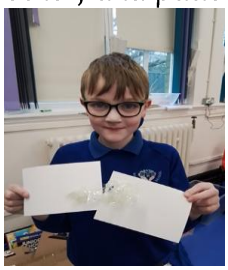
Fr Graeme led a beautiful Candlemas service this week to mark the end of the Epiphany season. All pupils were given a candle to remind them of the Christian feast of light.

Whilst the weather has been cold and wet, we haven't been going very far but we're hoping to go on our annual snowdrop walk after half term (so keep your fingers crossed for dry weather). It's always lovely to see the first signs of Spring.

CLASS NEWS – FOXES

Foxes are making so much progress in so many areas, it is wonderful to see! The Superheroes theme is finishing next week and has engaged everyone! We have run Superhero training academies, designed and built Superhero shields, as well as reading and writing about Superhero themed books.

Maths work has progressed as well, with Reception learning about 6, 7 and 8, doubling and measuring, and the Year 1 and 2 children practicing key underpinning skills in maths. They have all been developing resilience and enjoyment in their maths too. Sometimes it is easy to forget that school is as much about learning to play, and get on, and deal with friendship issues as well as maths and English! And it is amazing to see the children step up in these areas too - encouraging each other, having empathy for each other, and patience too. What a half term!






CLASS NEWS - BADGERS

Badgers are really enjoying learning about the Tudors and showing an impressive array of knowledge on the subject!

We recently welcomed Lindsay and Julia from Norwich Cathedral who are leading the Benedictine Project. Children found out how the Benedictine monks lived and were surprised to discover that some of their practices and values were similar to their own. They were, however, a little horrified to learn that monks would typically start their day at 2.30am! We will be welcoming visiting artist Lily on Friday to work with us on producing art work in relation to the Benedictine Project.





KEY UPCOMING DATES

- Friday 13th February - Break Up for Half Term
- Monday 23rd February - Back at School
- Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March - Parents' Evenings
- Wednesday 11th March and Thursday 12th March - Bikeability (Y5/6)
- 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)
- Monday 11th Start of SATS week
- Friday 15th May - EYFS/KS1 Federation Art Morning @ Hindringham
- Friday 22nd May - Break Up Half Term
- Monday 1st June - Back to School

Candlemas with Fr Graeme

