NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

What a great start back it has been after half term! All of the children have really hit the ground running again since we came back last Monday. I'm sure the weather getting slightly better has helped cheer everyone up!

We've got lots to look forward to across the schools for the rest of this half term, even though there is now only three weeks left until the Easter Holidays.

I'm very happy to report that Blakeney have now got their new minibus. A big thank you to their PTFA for supporting this as it will directly benefit all of the children in the Federation.

Thank you to those of you who completed the summer school consultation. I will write to you all with an update about this next week. I will also provide an update next week about the Parent Governor vacancy at the Federation.

I hope you enjoy reading this month's newsletter for your school. And, as ever, thank you for all of your support of our fantastic schools.

Best wishes,

Mr Snowdon

SCHOOL NEWS

It was good to get outside in the fresh air after such a long wet spell and to visit Walsingham Abbey to see the snowdrops.





Children also enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Please see photos overleaf.

Pupils in Badger Class will be visiting the shrine on Monday, 9th March 2026 to learn about the Stations of the Cross with Fr. Graeme. Fr Graeme will also be leading an Easter service for all children in school on Thursday, 26th March 2026.

Parent consultations will be taking place on Monday and Wednesday next week. If you haven't booked an appointment and would like to do so, please speak to Mrs Sands in the office. Please note that the only club running during the week beginning 9th March, will be Football club with Duncan (on Wednesday).

We also welcome Teaching Assistant Mrs Howlett to the Walsingham team.

CLASS NEWS - FOXES

Hello there! The children in Foxes class have continued to impress with their effort and achievements. We start most days with phonics, as well as having a catch up session in the afternoon. You may have seen or heard about the monsters that we use to support the learning!

We then have writing and the work is looking so good – everyone is improving from their starting point, whether it is in neatness, creativity, independence or in using expanded noun phrases! (I was never taught that in my day!)

Playtime is now a choice of Foxes play area or the main playground, and the sharing and turn taking and kindness is lovely to see!

Maths follows play and everyone is working on their year group targets, and making progress in key underpinning skills by using flashcards.

I will provide more information about the afternoons in the next newsletter but just to say thank you to all the parents and carers who ask questions or makes comments – that communication really helps the children!



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CLASS NEWS - BADGERS

Pupils have been continuing with their learning about the Tudors, looking in particular at Tudor exploration and the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. We have been researching information about the Mary Rose and the Golden Hind and writing fact files about these famous Tudor ships. In Art, we have been re-creating Tudor portraits and children are currently working on portraits of themselves in Tudor costumes!

The Year 5's are getting very excited about their residential trip to How Hill which will take place after the Easter break and have started counting down the days! Year 6's are working very hard in preparation for their SATS tests in May – I have been very impressed by their mature attitude and commitment.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

Some of the wonderful costumes worn for World Book Day 2026.



Well done to all the children and staff.

KEY UPCOMING DATES

- Monday 9th March – Badger class to visit the Shrine to learn about the Stations of the Cross
- Monday 9th March and Wednesday 11th March - Parents' Evenings
- Wednesday 11th March and Thursday 12th March - Bikeability (Y5/6)

Thursday, 26th March – Easter service for children (in school)

- 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