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What a fantastic start back to school life it has been this week! The summer term is always my favourite as we can do as much fun outdoor learning as possible when the weather is warm and sunny. This week, this has included all of the 26 Year 5 children in the Federation enjoying a wonderful residential stay at How Hill on the broads. There is so much more for us all to look forward to this term and I look forward to us all continuing to work together to provide wonderful experiences and a brilliant education for your children.

We have been updating phone and computer systems used in the Federation over the past 12 months. We introduced a new digital phone system last Spring which is much more flexible for us. Afternoon calls will go to the office at Kelling who will ensure any messages are passed on to the relevant staff/school. We are also in the process of changing our email addresses. This will be completed in the next two weeks – all addresses will end in pilgrimfed.org.uk. We have also changed our main computer system which will also provide lots of opportunities to modernise. We will be exploring the ability to go cashless over the coming months and will tell you more later this term.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Mr Snowdon

SCHOOL NEWS

We are pleased to welcome everybody back from the Easter break to what is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting term! Please note that a few diary dates have been added overleaf with more to follow. We will send further details nearer the date of each event so please look out for letters in bookbags and announcements on Dojo.

The children are excited about the arrival of dry(ish) weather as it means they can use the field once more at breaktimes. We are incredibly lucky to have this space at Walsingham and pupils enjoy playing on the field at this time of the year.







CLASS NEWS – FOXES

Hello there!

The children in Foxes class have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, effort and growing confidence—what a fantastic start to this half term! Our writing sessions are going from strength to strength with the children using their phonics and becoming even better spellers. And as well as the maths flashcards they are doing daily mini maths tests to check that they have understood what they have learnt, and can use their skills. We are so proud of how hard they are working.

Playtimes continue to be a lovely part of the day, with the bikes saved until Friday to allow the children to play with other toys and make up different games. They can still choose between the Foxes play area and the main playground, and of course as the weather holds out they go onto the field at lunch! It's been fantastic to see their kindness, sharing and teamwork as they play together. This half term, our learning theme is Transport, and we are very excited about all the engaging activities planned! We will be exploring a range of wonderful books including Mr Gumpy's Outing, The Naughty Bus, Who Sank the Boat?, and Amelia Earhart: Little People, Big Dreams, along with other exciting stories. These texts will inspire our reading, writing and discussions throughout the term.

We will be using our Transport theme across the curriculum. In Science, we will explore how things move and begin to think about materials and forces. In Geography, we will look at how people travel in different places, and in History, we will learn about transport from the past and significant figures like Amelia Earhart. Our creative lessons, including Art and Music, will also link to Transport, giving children lots of opportunities to express their ideas in different ways.

Thank you, as always, to all parents and carers for your ongoing support. Whether it's asking questions, sharing updates, or simply encouraging your child at home, your communication makes a real difference. We are looking forward to another exciting and productive half term!

CLASS NEWS – BADGERS

Children in Badger class have hit the ground running in the Summer term with Year 6 pupils attending a Lego Robotics activity at Blakeney Primary on Tuesday afternoon. They worked with other Y6 pupils in the Pilgrim Federation on a coding activity and they will be using their learning to take part in a competition at Alderman Peel High School on Monday 20th April 2026. We wish them luck!

By the time this newsletter reaches you, Year 5's will have returned from their residential visit to How Hill. Photographs will be added to the next newsletter.

This term our learning theme will be 'The Victorians'.



KEY UPCOMING DATES

- Monday 20th April (afternoon) – Year 6 Robotics competition at Alderman Peel High School
- Friday 24th April - Federation Founding Day at Binham Priory
- 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
- Tuesday 2nd June (afternoon) – Year 6 STEM Event at Greshams
- Monday 8th June (morning) – visit to Federation Art Exhibition at Salthouse Church
- Tuesday 16th June – Badger to visit Norwich Cathedral for the Benedictine Project Art Day
- Tuesday 23rd June – whole school photos
- Monday 29th June (afternoon) – Sports' Day
- Friday 10th July (11am – 1pm) – Federation Music Event at Blakeney
- Thursday, 16th July (afternoon) – Year 6 Leavers' Service
- Friday 17th July – Break up for the Summer holidays.

Safety notice

We respectfully remind you to drive carefully near the school and <u>not</u> to park on the 'keep clear' markings near the gate. Thank you for your co-operation.