

Head's Newsletter January 2026



Firstly, I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and got to spend some time with family and loved ones. Typically, the snowy weather has arrived just in time for the children to be back at school. We will be trying our hardest to keep the paths gritted to reduce the ice – but please take care when dropping the children off at school. There is more snow forecast towards the end of the week, and should we need to close the school, we will contact you as early as we possibly can as we know how much of an effect this will have on the lives of parents and grown-ups. Please keep an eye out for any messages that we send out both via email and the message centre on the My Child At School App.



All of our children will be taking part in Multicultural week from 19th January. During this week, each class will be learning about different places and cultures around the world. Please have conversations with your children about the new things they are learning as this often brings their knowledge to life and they enjoy sharing their new information with you. Alongside the learning in the classroom, the children will have the opportunity to taste foods from around the world during lunchtime from the world menu. There are foods from Australia, Spain, China, America and Morocco on the world menu and we would love children to give some new foods a try. Please order these meals in the usual way via the MCAS app.

Sadly, we have said “Goodbye” to Mrs Gant and Mrs Allan as they have retired from their roles at the After School Club at Anthony Curton. We would like to thank Mrs Gant and Mrs Allan for all of their hard work over the years while they have been running the club. We are very pleased to let you know, that after a successful interview, Mrs Lusher will be joining the After School Club team and will be there each day alongside Mrs Mitchell welcoming the children and looking after them. The new team have got some very exciting plans for the After School Club, including regular discos, so please keep an eye out for more news about this!

We are still pressing ahead with the plans for the wraparound care in both schools. As some of you will have seen recently, plans have been submitted to the local council to allow us to have a new mobile situated at Anthony Curton. We are also in the process of getting plans submitted for the brick shed at Tilney to be converted into a wraparound care building. The premises team at central DEMAT are working hard behind the scenes in order to get these projects moving forward so that our children can have quality wraparound care in lovely



premises on site at both schools. It is anticipated that both of these projects will be completed by May 2026.

We are pleased to welcome a new cleaner to our Anthony Curton family. After a very successful interview, we are pleased to let you know that Leanne Drewery is going to be working with us to keep our school gleaming for the children. We look forward to having Leanne as part of our team!

Please continue to let the office know if children are ill or are going to be late to school. We are required to have this information so that we can ensure safeguarding and have accurate entries on the school registers. If we haven't heard anything from you about an absence for your child, the ladies in the office will contact you to ask about the reason for absence.

You will have seen a message recently regarding children coming into school wearing P.E. kits. This has evolved due to a new maths programme that we are going to be using in school. All classes will now have 2 maths sessions each day; one will be new learning and the second, called an MOT (maths on track) session will be recalling previous learning. The teachers have been trying out the new programme before Christmas and the feedback is that the children have increased participating during maths and it has been noticed that more children are believing that they can do maths! Due to this increase in maths learning, it has been necessary to change timetables and "save time" where we can (we didn't really think that extending the school day was an option!!) If you missed the message about P.E. kits, we are asking for children to come into school wearing P.E. kits on the days that they are doing P.E. Please see the days below for each class:



Anthony Curton

YR - Tuesday and Wednesday
Y1 - Monday and Wednesday
Y2 - Tuesday and Friday
Y3 - Monday and Thursday
Y4 - Friday (Plus swimming until half term)
Y5 - Wednesday and Thursday
Y6 - Monday and Wednesday

Please note that Complete Maths is still in place until July, so please continue to encourage your child to log on at home to practise and enhance their maths skills.

Tilney

Dolphins - Friday
Penguins - Tuesday and Wednesday
(Swimming for Y3 as well)
Otters - Wednesday and Thursday

We are still on the lookout for a Parent Governor at Tilney. If you would like to know more about this role please contact one of our current Governors, Mr Scott MacKenzie, who can give you information and answer any questions that you might have – smackenzie@anthonycurton.norfolk.sch.uk

Dates for your Diary:

Anthony Curton:

Thurs 15th – Census Day special menu, order now via the app

Mon 19th – Multicultural Week begins – Round The World Menu, order now via the app.

Tues 20th – Year 3 & 4 Road Safety Magic Show

Fri 30th – After School Club Disco, more info on tickets and timing soon!

Tilney All Saints:

Wed 7th – Year 3 Penguin's resume weekly swimming lessons

Mon 12th – Plough Monday Church Service. Procession of the Plough will leave school at 10am, service starts at 10:30am – All welcome to join us.

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Mon 19th – Tempest Class Photos

Walpole St Peter Church Dates

Spring market – Saturday 7th March (in Church) 10am – 3.30pm

Bingo – Thursday 19th March – Walpole St Peter Parish Hall - 6.30pm for 7.30pm start

Quiz – Saturday 9th May - Walpole St Peter Parish Hall - 6.30pm for 7.30pm start

Quiz – Saturday 12th September – Walpole St Peter Parish Hall – 6.30pm for 7.30pm start

Harvest Supper – Saturday 26th September – Walpole St Peter Parish Hall – 6pm for 6.30pm start

Christmas Market – Saturday 28th November (in Church) – 10am – 3.30pm

More details can be found on the Church website at www.walpolestpeterchurch.org

Class newsletters will be sent out by the end of this week which will have extra information about what your child will be learning this term and any specific information for each class. Please have a read of these as they often answer most questions that you may have.

Kind Regards,

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