



The Duchy of Lancaster Newsletter

Friday 23rd January

News and information for families and the community



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Message from Mr Finney



I wanted to share some important observations from our school community.

Recently, I have been recognising pupils who demonstrate our core values through special stickers.

These are awarded to children who show resilience, integrity, compassion, and excellence by sharing their work and achievements with me.

However, we are experiencing a challenging period where some pupils are displaying disrespectful behaviour towards our teachers.

It is crucial to understand that teachers, like professionals in any workplace, deserve to be treated with respect.

I kindly request your support in emphasising the importance of speaking to teachers respectfully and following their instructions.

By working together, we can create a positive and supportive learning environment for all our pupils.

Norfolk Steps Workshop
Supporting Positive Behaviour at Home and School

What is Norfolk Steps?
Norfolk Steps is a trusted approach used in schools across Norfolk to promote positive behaviour and emotional wellbeing.

Why attend?
Learn practical strategies to support your child's behaviour.

Workshop Details
Date: Monday 11th February 2020
Time: 9.15 - 11.15
Location: [Redacted]

How to book:
Space is limited.

Questions:
Please speak to the school office who can then direct you to the most appropriate person to support you. There is also a parent guide for you to read through prior, available from the school.

**CANCELLED
LACK OF
INTEREST**

flourish family hubs SEND Norfolk County Council

THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER PARENTS' EVENING

Teachers will be sharing information about attainment and progress.

Points to be shared

- How your child is achieving compared to the expected level for their year.
- Progress your child has made in different curriculum areas.
- Information about personal and social development
- Attendance and the importance of it
- What you can do to support your child at home.

Tuesday 10th February
Wednesday 11th February
15:30 - 18:00
Book soon using MCAS

RABBITS



Rabbits have been busy in Literacy focusing on our new text 'We're going on a Bear Hunt.'

They have also started handwriting lessons, where they have been focussing on how to hold a pencil correctly and sitting their letters on the line.

We are very proud of their efforts and the big improvements they are already making.

In Maths the children have been busy subitising, 1:1 counting and making part-whole models to make 5.

HEDGEHOGS

Hedgehogs class have been completing a particularly challenging project in Art.

We have studied self-portraits by Rembrandt and Van Gogh before painting our own self-portraits.

We looked at the proportions and composition of faces, before using red, white and a hint of green to mix skin tone colours.

We finally added features such as eye and hair colour, and expressed our personalities through our choice of background colours.









New, **Free** PEEP Move group for parents, carers and their toddlers

Join the family hub and Alive Active Community for fun move and play sessions

When:
6 sessions in January and February starting from Tuesday January 13th 10:00am-11:00am

Where:
St. George's Hall, St George's Hall Complex, 16/18 High Street, Methwold, IP26 4NT

Cost:
Free

Email cspartnercommunitywest@norfolk.gov.uk to book and receive more details.

SQUIRRELS

Squirrels have had a busy two weeks.

We have been practising our joined handwriting daily in English lessons which is helping presentation.

In maths we have started our fractions topic with a lesson on writing tenths as fractions and decimals and thinking about where they go on a number line.

In art we are making our own collages inspired by Matisse's cut outs thinking about the shapes and colours in our designs.



BADGERS

Badgers have been continuing their biography writing project about the author Eva Ibbotson, developing their skills in research and composition.

In mathematics, they have been learning to find common denominators and compare fractions to deepen their understanding of number relationships.

Additionally, Year Six have enjoyed their second yoga session, promoting mindfulness and physical well-being.



Date	Time	Venue
06 January	09:00 - 11:00	Swan Parents' Group
13 January	15:00 - 16:30	Downham Market library
20 January	15:00 - 16:30	Downham Market library
03 February	09:00 - 11:00	Swan Parents' Group
17 February	15:00 - 16:30	Downham Market library



Family Hub Drop In

Advice and support for parents and carers of children and young people from conception to 19 (25 for young adults with SEND).

Your local family hubs team are ready to help, and this month your Community Worker, Sarah will be at the following venues ready to listen and support you to find the right help.

Family hubs can help with advice and support with:

- health and wellbeing
 - mental health
 - parenting
 - relationships
 - finding activities and groups
 - infant feeding
 - money and work
 - housing
 - SEND
 - support for dads
 - substance misuse
 - transition to adulthood
- and so much more...



CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday to

OLIVIA

Be On Time Bee Winners

BADGERS - 94.8%

SCHOOL - 93.7%

Elephant of Excellence Winners

BADGERS

Positive Points

Green Mercator - 106

Yellow Hillary- 110

Blue Raleigh- 112

Red Goodall- 111

Diary Dates



STEP Workshop

9:15-11:15 AM

Monday 19th and 26th January a workshop about addressing behaviour that challenges in a way that works.



Wrap Around Care

EVERY DAY - 09:45-18:00

Our excellent Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club are open every day. You can book through MCAS.



Parents Evening

15:30-18:00

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th is our Spring Term parents' evening. Book soon through MCAS

Links



SCHOOL WEBSITE

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SCHOOL DIARY DATES

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