

# NewsLetter

June 2026

## School Round Up

I hope you had a great half term holiday, and enjoyed the fabulous weather we had! It is not often that we get that amount of sun and temperatures. I have heard about different day trips out, bbqs and family holidays - all of which are made better by the great weather!

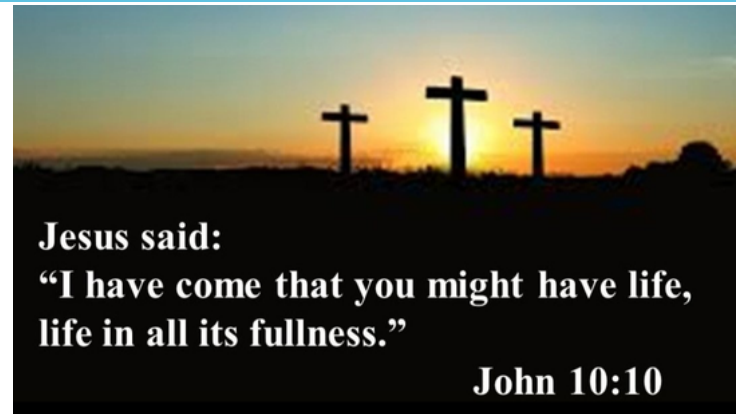
We are hoping that we may see some more of the hot weather as the term progresses, and so please can we ask that children have plenty of drink, hats and sun cream (applied before school) so we can enjoy it!

The unsettled weather this week has not stopped the children from being outside, and they have just finished participating in an IntraSchool event led by the West Norfolk Sports Partnership where the children have had a taster session in Pickleball - not a sport I am particularly familiar with but it looked like they have picked up some new skills.

Whilst I am on the subject of Sports, you may have heard that schools are losing their PE and School Sports Premium funding. Currently, we are given approximately £16,000 per year to support the additional sports activities that the children participate in like the Daily mile, competitions, extra swimming, clubs etc. We are going to receive some funding for the Autumn term but it is unclear how much this is. Ultimately, I do not want to lose any of the opportunities that our children are given and so over the coming weeks Miss Thorne and I will be looking at what, and how, we can still maintain our core offer.

Thank you to all the parents we saw at Parents Evening, and to those who completed the Parent Survey. I am very touched by the responses and the lovely comments that have been written - a summary of the survey can be found on the next page, along with some feedback regarding the Areas for Improvement that were noted. If you didn't make it to Parents Evening do please make contact with the office or your child's teacher to book another appointment.

We have reached the final term of the year, and there is lots happening! Please ensure you check the calendar dates at the end of the newsletter so you know what is coming up, we hope to see you at Sports Day, Picnic lunch and the Leavers Assembly.



*Respect. Aspire. Challenge. Succeed*

In my last newsletter, I shared the new awards for Courageous Advocacy, and on Monday we were delighted to have received a visit from Jon Young, the Director of Education at the Diocese of Ely to present some certificates to three of our children. These were given to:

- Courageous Advocacy for Charity – Adam - who has completed a 25mile bike ride over the holiday in aid of Water Aid
- Courageous Advocacy for Creation – Norah and Ava-Rose - spearheading a campaign in school to reduce the amount of litter - through regular litter picks and designing posters.

We will present these certificates again at the end of term assembly as they are currently on display in school. Please do let us know of anything your child does in this area.

Just before the holiday, we received a visit from Mrs Coulson, our link with the Diocese, who worked with myself, and the staff to review our Christian Distinctiveness, and it was a really positive visit. We continue to await our visit from SIAMs to carry out our church inspection and will let you know when this is taking place - I suspect within the next couple of weeks!

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## Parent Survey Feedback

A big thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire whilst attending Parents Evening, It was fantastic to see so many of you meeting with your children's teachers, and allowing us time to share all the good things, and the targets, that we have set for your children. It is also good to hear your thoughts regarding our school.

The response to the questionnaires was overwhelmingly positive, it is always really lovely to read all the positive comments that have been made. These have been shared with the staff, and I will share these with our Hub Director, who will share these with Trustees later in the term.

We take on board all the feedback given and wanted to just follow up on a few of the comments regarding development areas:

\*Noise in Friday assembly and being unable to hear the celebrations - our youngest children do attend our assembly and are very much a part of those celebrations, for some this is a new experience, and we are very much support them in learning about the social conventions of listening and being quiet - this is a work in progress!  
Please can I ask that if you are bringing younger children, and by no means do we want to exclude the entire community attending but please be mindful to the amount of noise that they are making, the classroom next to the hall and the corridor area are available for you if you do need to take them out for a period of time.

\*We are working hard to try and get all information out on MCAS regarding events and clubs in a timely manner, and will continue to try and improve this. Please remember that we include all calendar dates on the newsletter and they are available on the calendar on the website.

\*Notifications regarding the Daily Mile - this is a trickier area, as many of our staff live further away from the school, up to 15/20 miles in some cases, and therefore we are not always aware of the weather conditions until we arrive at school. We are going to attempt to make contact with some village contacts to see what the weather is like in Runcton Holme in the future. Please also remember that if the mile is cancelled and you are not aware of this until you arrive at school, your child can go to breakfast club.

\*Homework - as we get to the end of an academic year, we do review our homework approaches and are currently looking at the level of this from September. We will communicate any changes we make.  
Home-school communication -we do endeavour to ensure we tell parents as much as we possibly can, but please do not hesitate to contact us either through the office, or speak to your class teachers at drop off and pick up if there is anything you want to know.

\*Extra curricular trips/ activities (not sports based) - this is something that we are aware of, and is a focus in our staff meeting this term. We will be looking at our curriculum map and where we can add in opportunities. We have previously been mindful to costs involved with this as these are ultimately passed on to our parents, but we will endeavour to see what we can add in as cost-effective as possible.

\*Adding a little humour to these feedback, I am unable to control the staff's choices of football teams they support, but will ensure that our children are involved in competition - both winning and losing 😊

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## Community Council

Following the Governance restructures within our Trust, I am keen to ensure that our school Community Council is established for the Autumn Term.

Each member of the council known as a Community Ambassador, they will have a clearly defined role in supporting headteachers with community & parental engagement activity, providing insights into perceptions of the community and promoting the Christian ethos of each school. Community Councils will report to the Regional School Board via the school's headteacher.

This involves a termly meeting with a specified agenda, at a time suitable for all involved - one/ two hours at a max.

I am hoping that some of you may be interested in joining our Community Council.

Application links and further information in about applying to become a Community Ambassador can be found through the links below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSjnMUA5fsRr\\_iNWv9CH4Pi6gCckAKRtSOXtWhVxhy9DOPiA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSjnMUA5fsRr_iNWv9CH4Pi6gCckAKRtSOXtWhVxhy9DOPiA/viewform)

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## Attendance Matters

Attendance has remained steady across the last month; well done to all the children who have maintained their 100% attendance for the year, and those who have managed to be here every day so far this term! There will be lots of certificates to give out if it stays this way.

Current Attendance is: 96.3%

Year 2 have now taken the lead, but only by 0.5%.



## 100 READS

I still continue to have children coming to see me having completed their 100 Reads, well done to those children! It is impressive to see the challenging texts they are choosing for themselves. Reading is such an important skill for the children to learn, and practise can only make them more proficient at it - so thank you for listening to your children reading at home. We all want our children to have more opportunities to life chances and lead successful futures, and learning to read is such a key part of this.

There are lots of children who could complete their 100 Reads before the end of the school year! Who will be one of them?



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**Class News**

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## Wright

A fabulous start back to the last half term of the school year. We came back to school and found a rocket in our role play area. We have taken turns to be astronauts, travelling to the moon, Jupiter and flying past the sparkly stars. We have to have someone in ground control looking after us and counting down to blast off. We have made our names out of starry letters which we found in the sand tray and played a doubling space game. We read the story 'Whatever Next' and pretended we were baby bear with our welly boots and colander helmet. We even learnt about what happens to astronaut poop!

We have enjoyed looking at pictures from the half term, please keep sending them in. Our class love to share with their friends and it encourages them to speak out loud in front of an ever growing audience.

We look forward to our transition days where we will meet our new friends in Reception.

We have got an exciting term ahead with adventures and heroes as our topic. We will learn about the polar regions, mountaineering and local heroes. We can't wait to share our adventures with you via Tapestry.

## Peake

We have made it to the final half term of the academic year! We have such a fun-filled few weeks ahead of us but still have lots of learning to pack in. In maths we have just started a new topic of fractions where the children will be introduced to the concept that numbers aren't always whole- there are 'parts' too.

In history, we are learning about parliament and prime ministers and are really enjoying acting out historical events to support our learning. In art we will be getting messy! Our new topic is 'sculpture'- children will be using clay to make their own sculptures of people and animals as we spend time looking at historical and famous sculptures by prominent artists. We will of course be starting our much-anticipated swimming lessons this half term too.

Please remember to send your child in with their swimming kit (including a swim hat) on Fridays.

## Armstrong

We started this week by taking home our painted tiles based upon the world architecture they had learnt about in Art. Miss Thorne and Mrs Zeil, along with the children are really impressed with what they produced. I hope to hear that many of these are on display in their home.

Whilst Art continues upon the architecture theme, Geography is currently about Western Europe: destinations, climate and human/ physical geography. The children will make Bread and Butter from scratch as part of their DT learning later on in the term.

We continue to be challenged by Fractions and Decimals in Maths, and will next week put behind us the preparation for the Multiplication check! At least for Year 4 children, anyway!

We are looking forward to a busy, but enjoyable six weeks before the end of the school year.

## Vancouver

Vancouver Class have had a very busy and successful half-term, particularly Year 6, who coped exceptionally well with the challenge of their SATs. They have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, and we are extremely proud of all their efforts and achievements.

In English, our writing unit based on a spooky house has inspired some fantastic pieces of work, including persuasive adverts designed to sell the mysterious property. The creativity and enthusiasm shown by the class have been wonderful to see.

In Science, everyone has thoroughly enjoyed our Astronomy topic. We have explored the vastness of the universe and created impressive fact files about the planets, demonstrating great curiosity and understanding. Looking ahead to this half-term, we are excited to begin our DT project, where pupils will be upcycling old T-shirts into handy bags. We are looking forward to developing both creativity and sustainability skills through this practical activity. Well done, Vancouver Class, for another fantastic half-term!

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## Sports Update

Thank you to all who are still working hard to get as many Daily Mile stamps as they can before the end of the year. Remember you need to be there at 8:20am for the start of the mile to get your stamp, although you are welcome to join if you get there a little later. Some children are getting really close to achieving their hoodies - keep it up.

Our Year 4 and 5 children are currently completing their Young Leader course and over the next 3 weeks will work hard to learn games and how to lead their peers in playground games. This program helps the children to lead their peers, communicate effectively and organise equipment and participants so that all can have a good time.

Our current sports leaders are running their own club this half term - well done, we have heard that the first week went well and all of those involved enjoyed their after school club.

Reception, Year One and Two have started their swimming lessons. Well done to all of our children who were brave and enjoyed a dip in the pool. Make sure your child has their swimming hat, swimming costume/trunks and towel ready for our next session. Thank you for all being in school promptly on Friday - leaving earlier gives us time to be ready at the other end and more time in the pool.

This Friday we have our Tag Rugby festival, all children who received coaching from West Norfolk Rugby Club have been invited to take part in the festival and we are looking forward to a fun filled day and being able to showcase the skills that we have learnt.

### Upcoming Events:

- Tag Rugby Tournament (Key Stage Two) - 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Quad Kids (Key Stage Two) - 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- Active Kids (Reception, Key Stage One) - 29<sup>th</sup> June
- Area Sports (Key Stage Two) - 30<sup>th</sup> June

### PE Days

Wednesday - Wright and Peake  
Friday - Swimming for R,1,2  
Thursday and Friday - Armstrong and Vancouver

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## PARKING



There are no plans to paint any additional lines on the opposite side of the road outside of school, either side of the pinch point. However, I would encourage you not to park right next to it. This is for the safety of the children - when cars park there the pinch point is not easily seen, and therefore children are not easily seen. We would appreciate your co-operation with this.



## DINNERS - Please remember to book in advance.

Please note that the order cut off is Tuesday week before the meals are to be served. Lunches must be ordered in advance as numbers have to be sent to the caterer so they can order supplies for the coming week.



## Bromcom - MCAS

Please ensure you have notifications enabled or check the app daily.



## BREAKFAST CLUB and WRAP AROUND CARE - Our clubs are getting busier! Please remember to book in advance.

If you would like your child to attend either Breakfast Club or Wrap Around Care, can you please ensure that this is booked via the MCAS App in advance. Booking shuts 3 days prior. We need these to be booked in advance to ensure we have the correct staffing levels.

**Stay & Play**  
Mondays 9.45am - 11.15am  
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- \* Come and meet new people
- \* Run by school staff
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Telephone 01553 810394 or email  
office@holycross.norfolk.sch.uk

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Stay and Play is held on Mondays, 9.45am - 11.15am - please tell all your friends!

If you are dropping other children at school, you are more than welcome to stay at school.

Please do come and join Mrs Waterson, Miss Fowler and Mrs Carter, and others for a chat and play!

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## Friends News

We are hoping that we will be able to start using our wildlife area this half term and will be creeping in there as part of our wildlife club. We had a sneaky peek during our Friends' meeting and discussed what needs completing.

We look forward to seeing who will win our World Cup Sweepstake... good luck to all who enter, draw will be announced on the 11th June in time for the first match. We have a non-uniform day for the first England game on 17th June - wear red or/and white and bring a prize for our tombola at the summer fayre. Make sure you have ordered your Fathers' day gift by the end of the week, we will have our shop on 19th June ready for Fathers' day.

Thank you to all who attended our Friends' meeting. We discussed a summer visit for the children and will be in contact with more information soon. We spoke about the Summer fayre and stalls we could have. We will of course need additional volunteers - please sign up in the office with Mrs Angel-Trueman or catch one of us at the end of school and we will add you to the list.

If you are re-stocking your label stash (so that all of your children's clothing can be identified) please remember that we receive a percentage of profits from My Nametags our code is... 30293  
<https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=30293>

Remember to check out EasyFundraiser if you haven't already downloaded the app. It donates money to us each time you use the app to buy through various retailers – an easy way to give whilst buying household staples.

If you don't yet have a lottery ticket through our School Lottery please buy a ticket if you can as we receive money each month from your tickets and every ticket adds up.

Remember our preloved uniform 'shop' in the foyer - whether to drop off clothes your child has outgrown or to purchase items, please help us to keep it going as part of our Green Guardians Summer challenge - talk to your child about what they have been learning in Collective Worship to find out more about this. Items cost £2 for items with a logo and 50p for non-logo items.

Don't forget the Food Waste 'shop' in the foyer – sift through your cupboards for any short date or unwanted products that you are not going to use and remember to check the shelves to see if you can make dinner and pop some pennies in the pot.

Remember to keep an eye on the Friends' FaceBook page for any upcoming activities, thank you to Kate for keeping this current and us all organised 😊

### Upcoming events-

World Cup Sweepstake - pay and sign up by 10th June so we can assign teams on 11th June

Red and/or white non-uniform bring a prize for tombola – 17th June - England's first World Cup match

Fathers' Day pop up shop - ensure you have sent back order form and paid into our bank account by 12th June please

Summer Fayre – 9th July - volunteers needed to set up at 11am and run stalls after sports' day

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## Diary Dates

### June

12th - Tag Rugby tournament (Yr5/6)

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> - Assessment week (Yr1 - 5)

17<sup>th</sup> - New Reception transition morning and lunch, whole school move up

17th - World Cup non-uniform - wear red and white - donation of tombola prizes

19<sup>th</sup> - Pop Up Fathers Day shop

22<sup>nd</sup> - KS2 QuadKids event

23<sup>rd</sup> - New Reception transition day, whole school move up

29<sup>th</sup> - R/KS1 Active Kids Festival

30<sup>th</sup> - Area Sports (KS2)

### July

1st/ 2nd - Yr5/6 Bikeability training (selected children)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Pre-School transition session (10am-12pm)

7<sup>th</sup> - Pre-School transition session (1-3pm)

9<sup>th</sup> - Picnic Lunch/ Sports Afternoon (12pm onwards)

15<sup>th</sup> - Pre-School transition session (1-3pm)

17<sup>th</sup> - Celebration Assembly 1.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term

### September

3rd - Back to School

## We are hiring!

### **Midday Supervisor**

Working 39 weeks per year  
Monday - Friday, 11.40pm - 1pm  
Contract Type: Permanent  
Contract Term: Part-Time

Closing Date: Midday, Mon 22nd Jun, 2026

For more information and to apply visit:  
<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/141228/EDV-2026-HCCEPS-35780>



Every Day

Counts

Missed minutes

missed learning

missed opportunities

### Guidance for Parents / Carers

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

[justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance](http://justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance)



## Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:  
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.  
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

### Second Offence (within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:  
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.  
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

## Let's Talk West Norfolk

What services matter to you?



Your opinion makes a difference. Take our survey for a chance to win!

Scan the code or go to [letstalkwestnorfolk.co.uk](http://letstalkwestnorfolk.co.uk) to take the survey and find out about the prizes. Call 01553 616200 for other ways to take part.



Help for Households

## Looking for support with childcare costs?

Get help that fits your family so you can juggle work and life



Search **Childcare Choices** or scan the QR code to find out more.



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# Swimming Lessons

**SPACES AVAILABLE**

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- ✔ Mother & baby
- ✔ 1-2-1 Lessons

[alivewestnorfolk.co.uk/swimming](http://alivewestnorfolk.co.uk/swimming)

**YOUR SCOUT GROUP NEEDS YOU**

**Wanted Adult Section Assistants**

We do not have enough Section Assistants or Section Leader Assistants to keep the group open...

**BEAVERS cubs SCOUTS**

Are you able to help us?

Are you available on Monday or a Tuesday or a Wednesday Evening for a few hours – it does not have to be every week we can work out a rota.

You do not need any particular skills. There is a DBS check and some online training to complete - we can support you with this.

Please contact  
 Andy Nicol (Group Scout Leader) 07460870285  
 or Laura Leadbitter (Secretary) 07557196214



HM Government

**Help for Households**

Did you know you can use **Tax-Free Childcare** or **Universal Credit Childcare** to help pay for before and after school childcare?

For more, talk to your child's school or your local authority's Family Information Service.

