



Harling Herald

'Endeavour, Enjoy and Achieve Together'

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A Great Start to the Year!

We've had a fantastic start to the new school year. It has been wonderful to see all the children settling so well into their new classes and routines. Mulberry Class have already enjoyed a fabulous day at East Runton to learn more about coastal erosion and to hunt for fossils and there are lots more exciting learning opportunities to look forward to in the coming weeks for everyone.

Our new Cherries (Reception Class) have made a brilliant start, and it's been lovely to get to know them all. They are building new friendships, growing in confidence and making us smile every day!

Last week, the children were busy electing their new School Councillors; inspired by our year six children who gave amazing speeches to the whole school. The children all spoke with real confidence and enthusiasm as they sought to persuade us all that they should be elected as the new leaders of our School Council. It really was a very difficult choice as every child spoke brilliantly. Congratulations to Archie, Verity and Amelie from year six who won the election and will lead our new School Council.

PTFA News

We have a new PTA committee! At the end of last term, after several years of sterling service, Em Kuntze, Alice Saunders, Alex Willis and Claire Allan-Brooks all stepped down from their roles as PTFA committee members. We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy and enthusiasm they have given to supporting the school community. Through their hard work in organising a wide range of events, they have created many fun experiences for our children while also raising valuable funds that have benefited the school.

We are really fortunate that Charlotte Garrod, Kathryn Hamelin and Sarah Fulcher have stepped forward to take the baton and lead the PTA going forward. All parents and carers are become members of our PTA when they join our school and they'd love your support to help organise events for our families and to raise monies for the school. Keep an eye out for news of the events planned for this year.

The first PTA event of the year is Treaty Friday. Each class takes it in turns to bake (or supply!) cakes/biscuits to be sold at the end of the school. Each Treaty Friday falls on the first Friday of the month – starting with year six's turn on Friday 2nd October.

Governing Body News

At the first meeting of the Governing Body this year, a new Chair and Vice-Chair were elected. Natalie Williams has been elected as the new Chair of the Governing Body and Sue Barker our new Vice-Chair of the Governing Body. Natalie is our Local Authority appointed governor (she also has children in the



school) and Sue is one of our co-opted governors, with responsibility for SEND (so many of you may have met her at one of Miss BB's SEND cafes).

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Simon Allan-Brooks, who recently stepped down as a co-opted governor after six years of service on the governing body. During his time with us, Simon served as Chair of the Finance Committee and as Vice-Chair of Governors. His expertise and support have made a significant contribution to the school, and we are extremely grateful for all he has done.

Break time snacks

Please could we remind families that children should have a healthy snack to eat breaktimes; items such as crisps, chocolate bars, sugary cereal bars or packets of sweets should not brought in to be eaten at breaktime. We want children to eat a snack that will help to sustain them until lunchtime and support a balanced diet.

All children in Reception and years 1 and 2 are offered a piece of fruit or vegetable through the free scheme for schools and there are often spares available for older children if they forget to bring a healthy snack.

Please support our drive to encourage healthier eating by ensuring that your child has a snack option from the list below for playtimes.

Ideas for healthier playtime snacks:

- Any item of fruit—banana, apple, satsuma/orange, strawberries, grapes (please cut in half length ways for infants)
- Raw vegetables—carrots, cucumber, celery, tomatoes, peppers
- Cheese (such as Baby-bel or cheddar chunks)
- Hummus with pita bread, tortilla or vegetables
- Low salt crackers, bread sticks, rice cakes, oat cakes, pretzels or plain popcorn
- Raisins

If you would like any further ideas please click on the link below: [Healthier snacks-Food facts- Healthier families- NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-snacks-food-facts-healthier-families/)

Our Parent Support Advisor

Tracey Mitchell is our lovely Parent Support Advisor; she works across Banham, Bunwell, Thompson and East Harling primary schools and is available to offer free, confidential advice and support to our families. She is a fountain of knowledge and support, and if she cannot answer your questions, she will find out the answer! **This year Tracey will be in our school each Wednesday** (but can offer support on other days of the week). She can be contacted during school hours by email (psa@cee.coop) or via mobile on 07745523537.

Name it or lose it!

Please could you ensure that all of your child's/children's clothing (including bottles, coats and shoes) are named. We must have filled over 15 bin bags of unnamed uniform (and endless water bottles and plastic tubs) over the course of the last year; we cannot store all of these so many of the items were sent for recycling or to landfill. There are already several brand-new items of clothing in the lost property bin that somebody must be missing. Items that are named tend to find their way back to their owners. The sniff test is not a reliable way to identify uniform; it needs to be named! Thank you.

The PTFA's collection of good quality, pre-loved uniform is available in the entrance lobby (outside the office), please come and look through the boxes if you need uniform items for your child. We just ask for a £1 donation (or what you can afford) per item.

Safeguarding children

As a school we have a statutory duty to safeguard the well-being of all of our children. The school's designated safeguarding lead professional is the Headteacher, Miss Yates (or Miss Blackburn, the Deputy Headteacher, in her absence). Parents are strongly encouraged to share/report any child protection or safeguarding concerns with the designated teacher at any time. Alternatively, anyone can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 8005000 or Norfolk Children's Services on 0344 800 8020, this can be done anonymously.

Free school meals

A reminder that free school meal entitlement was expanded over the summer. Since September 2026, there are now two types of entitlement:

- **Targeted:** you receive Universal Credit and earn under £7,400 a year or another qualifying benefit: your children are entitled to FSM and extra support for their school
- **Expanded:** you receive Universal Credit and earn above £7,400: your children are entitled to FSM only

If you think that you may be eligible, please apply online (via <https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>) or ask the school office for more information.

We receive additional monies (called Pupil Premium) based upon the number of children in receipt of targeted free school meals, which is used to support high quality teaching and learning.

Children in receipt of targeted free school meals are entitled to a reduction in fees for residential trips and can receive free peripatetic music lessons, as well as other additional support through the year, so please do apply for free school meals (even if they would prefer a packed lunch from home on some days).

School Photographer

The school photographer (from Tempest) will be in on Friday to take individual and sibling photographs. Please could all children wear their yellow polo shirt and sweatshirt this day (if they have PE they can wear their shorts/leggings with their yellow polo shirts as they will not be seen in the photos!).

Dates for your diary

Wed 30 th Sep	Year four (Oak Class) Roman Day in school
Fri 2 nd Oct	School photographer in (Tempest) to take individual and sibling photos
Thurs 8 th Oct	Open school, 3.20pm – 3.50pm, an informal opportunity to visit your child's class
	Treaty Friday after school (Year six to bake please)
Wed 7 th Oct	Parent SEND information café, 2.30pm
Wed 14 th Oct	Parent SEND information café, 6.00pm
Tues 20 th Oct	Parent teacher meetings, 3.40pm – 5.30pm online
Thurs 22 nd Oct	Parent teacher meetings, 4.00pm – 7.00pm, online
Fri 23 rd Oct	School closed for children, staff development day
Fri 23 rd - Fri 30 th Oct	Half term week, school closed
Sat 31 st Oct	Last day to apply for high school places (year 6)
Fri 6 th Nov	Treaty Friday (Year 5 to bake please)
Fri 4 th Dec	Treaty Friday (Year 4 to bake please)
Thurs 10 th Dec	Infant Christmas play (Reception, year one and two classes). 2.00pm (info about tickets will be sent out nearer the time)
Fri 11 th Dec	Infant Christmas play, 9.30am
Thurs 17 th Dec	Junior Carol Service (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6), 10.00am in East Harling Church. Parents/families welcome to attend.
Fri 18 th Dec	Last day of term
	Talent show (children only)
Mon 4 th January	Staff development day
Tues 5 th Jan	First day back for children
Fri 5 th Feb	Treaty Friday (Year 3 to bake please)
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th Feb	Half term week
Fri 5 th March	Treaty Friday (Year 2 to bake please)
Fri 26 th March – Tues 12 th April	Easter Holidays
Fri 7 th May	Treaty Friday (year 1 to bake please)
Mon 19 th – Thurs 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Mon 31 st May – Fri 4 th June	Half term week, school closed
Fri 11 th June	Treaty Friday (Reception)
Wed 21 st July	Last day of term