



Trowse Primary School

We wish you all a fabulous summer holiday – how quickly has this academic year has flown by!

What another fabulous year we have all had at Trowse Primary and as we wrap up this academic year, we look back at all that has been achieved.

Our new reception children are now confident and delightful members of the school and ready to embrace all that Year 1 has to offer them.

Our Year 1 children can be very proud of what they have achieved this year and our Year 2 group will be KS2 as we start in September, ready to take on all the challenges that being KS2 means – more independent work and having their own lockers for the first time!

Our current KS2 children have all matured and grown so much over the past year and are excited about the challenges ahead of them.

We say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they head to their new high schools in September. We wish them all the very best of luck – they are ready and excited for the new opportunities ahead of them.

From September, it will be the first year that the school is “full” – every classroom will be at or near capacity of single form entry, something that has evolved since our move here in 2020.

The things that we have done over the year have been countless. Our events, visits, sporting opportunities and social get togethers. Plus, we finally had the Ofsted inspection – wow- what a busy year!

Dates...

See list of autumn term dates

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Staffing for September

As usual at this time of year we have some hello's and goodbyes

- Mrs Anstiss leaves our Reception Class to take up a role much closer to home. She will be replaced by Mrs Wayman as Reception TA on a Monday and Tuesday.
- Mrs Disney and Mrs Webb both continue to be on maternity leave.
- Mrs Wayman will also be working as a pupil specific TA at the end of the week in KS2.
- Mrs Strange joins us as TA working with Year 5 at the end of the week, alongside Mrs Simmonds.
- Mrs Webster will be Year 6 TA on Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Alison Johnson will be moving up to Year 6 with the Year 5 children.
- We also say goodbye to Mrs Mary Johnson, who has been with us in Year 3 covering maternity leave – she will be returning home to Australia in the Autumn and we wish her all the very best.
- We also want to say a huge thank you to Teresa Berry, who steps down after three years as Chair of FOTS. Thank you- for all you have done enrich our children's opportunities and education.

Good News!!

We are delighted to advise you that we have our own, new, dedicated fund to support our families that may struggle more financially from September. The money is designed to enhance our children's education - so that no child has to miss out on opportunities offered by the school, or the cost doesn't stretch families beyond what they can pay for. Initially this will be for families in receipt of Free School Meals, but we are aware that there are many families, due to the thresholds on income imposed, who are missing out on state benefits but still really struggling with living costs and school activities add to that pressure. So, when we organise trips and activities, if you feel that paying for something is difficult please contact myself or Mrs Andrews and we will hope to be able to help. How brilliant is that!!

We would really like to grow the fund too- so if this is the kind of thing you, or someone you know, would like to help contribute to (a one off, a yearly contribution, a quarterly payment- anything works for us!), then do get in touch. The more people help out with this, the more we can support all families. If you know or own a business that would like to contribute, then payment would be through the FOTS, which is a registered charity- which helps too!

Secondly, we have complained (a lot) to Norfolk County Council about the state of our **school field**. I am pleased to say that NCC have agreed to fund a field repair project so that we have an outdoor space that we are proud of and is fit for purpose for our children again. The project will be 75% funded by NCC and the balance will come from our capital fund. The field is likely to be out of action from October half term to Easter, weather dependent – but looking at similar work done at another primary schools built when ours was, it will definitely be worth it!

Lastly, we have a **new school hall projector**. The last one failed and we were wondering how we would ever afford a new replacement – but we made a grant application to Snellings Charitable Trust and are delighted that they have agreed to finance 50% of the cost. The new one is now installed and a real asset to the school. Assemblies are back to normal again!

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In Other News

Music Tuition - Rock Steady

We have been somewhat overwhelmed by the interest expressed in music tuition with Rock Steady, and the fantastic feedback following their assembly. The first session on a Friday morning filled really quickly, due to the number of children wanting to join, you talked we listened and Rock Steady have put on another session which will be on a Monday afternoon. I hope all children on the waiting list have now been catered for. Naturally with all new things, it will take a few weeks to get settled in, but we are really excited about this new musical opportunity for our pupils! Tuition will start week commencing 8th September!

Swimming

We have also been reviewing our swimming offer and want to say thank you to everyone who gave us feedback. We will be taking all Year 3 children swimming each for a 6 week block and then the weaker or non-swimmers from Years 4, 5 and 6.

We have also changed our venue for swimming lessons and will be using the UEA Sportspark for our swimming provision next year, when we will have sole use of two lanes of the pool, with two instructors, with each lesson being 45 minutes. Lessons will be on a Friday afternoon!

We will start with taking our Year 4 swimmers from 19th September to October half term. Then it will be half of year 3 up to Christmas, the other half of year 3 from January to February half term and our Year 5 – 6 swimmers from February half term to Easter. More individualised details will go out to the swimming groups nearer the time.

Thank you all for your support.

Have the most wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Stuart Odell

Headteacher

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Diary dates...

Some diary dates for you- so you can plan ahead for the rest of 2025.

PROVISIONAL DIARY DATES – Autumn Term 2025

Autumn 1

Monday 1st September	INSET DAY – Staff business meeting and safeguarding update
Tuesday 2nd September	INSET DAY – Class preparation
Wednesday 3rd September	Children return to School (Reception in small groups)
Monday, 8th September	All reception children in until 1.30 Pm – Rock Steady band tuition
Wednesday, 10th September	Meet the Teacher- 3:30 & 4:15 (40 minute meetings) (Yrs1-6)
Thursday, 11th September	How Hill Visit – Year 3
Friday, 12th September	AM - Rock Steady band tuition
Monday 15th September	All reception children in all day (unless opted for part time)
Tuesday 16th September	PM - Flu Vaccinations – all year groups
Friday, 19th September	Pensthorpe Visit – Year 6 PM - Swimming – Some of Year 4 – 6 wk block
Friday 26th September	8.45am- Macmillan coffee morning (Everyone welcome)
Monday, 29th September	National Space Centre Visit – Year 5
Wednesday, 1st October	Cross country @ Langley – Yrs 3,4,5,6
Friday, 10th October	World Mental Health Day – Non-uniform “ <i>Wear It Green Day</i> ”
Wednesday 15th October	Parents evenings 3:30-6:30pm
Thursday, 16th October	2 -3 pm Phonics Workshop in hall – All Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 Parents welcome – date and time TBC
Wednesday 22nd October	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday, 23rd October	AM - School Photographer here – individual and family group photos AM – School Nursing Team – Yr R and 6 height and weight PM – Flu Vaccinations – mop-up session
Friday, 24th October	Celebration assembly- 9am Last day of half-term

Half Term (Monday 27th to Friday 31st October)

Autumn 2

Monday 3rd November	Back to school
Friday, 7 th November	Year 3 (Group 1) start swimming (details to follow)
TBA	Road Safety Training – Reception and Year 2 – TO BE CONFIRMED
Monday 10 th November	Anti-bullying week - Odd Socks Day
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day (non- uniform)
Monday 8 th December	9.15 KS1 dress rehearsal to rest of school
Tuesday, 9 th December	2pm KS1 Performance
Wednesday, 10 th December	9.15am KS1 Performance
Thursday, 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) 2pm Year 2 Soup kitchen in the hall
Tuesday 16 th December	9.15am KS2 Dress rehearsal to rest of school 2pm Reception Christmas crafts/recital for families in hall
Wednesday 17 th December	Y3-6, Christmas Carol Concert (9.15 and 3.45) Christmas lunch for the children (TBC) incl Christmas jumpers
Thursday 18 th December	Trowse Has Got Talent- all afternoon
Friday 19th December	9am Celebration Assembly. End of term
Monday, 5th January 2026	INSET DAY – Staff training
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Children Back to school

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