

# Trowse Primary School

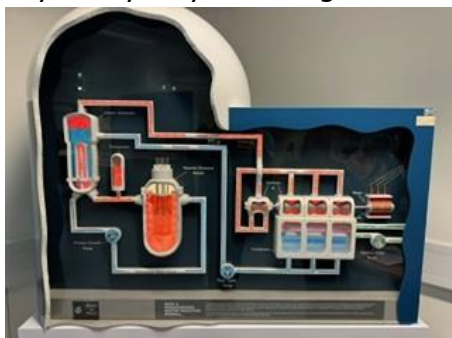
*We are in the run up to Christmas now!*

## What's been going on around and about?

Thank you for supporting us with the odd socks day! It was all part of Anti-Bullying week where the theme was 'Choose Respect'. We shared with children that if they each take responsibility for what they do and make sure they choose respectful behaviors only, then nobody would suffer with bullying.

On the Friday of that week, we raised over £180 for Children in Need with a non-uniform day. THANK YOU!

Y6 have visited **Sizewell** on the Suffolk coast to start their next topic called 'Full Power!' It was a lovely, informative day led by very knowledgeable staff.



Our '**Go-Go Giraffe**' has arrived this week, kindly sponsored by FOTS as a whole school art project. Now we all need to get our thinking heads on a decide on a design for it. Very soon children will be asked to contribute their design ideas for what our Giraffe will look like. It has to be completed by the end of February so it can go on display in Norwich over summer for the 2025 trail! After which it will be

returned to us to keep.



## Dates...

### Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

Reception and Yr 6 Height and Weight checks  
Flu vaccinations – catch up

### Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec –9:30am

Year 1/ 2 Dress rehearsal

### Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec -2pm

Year 1/ 2 performance

### Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

9.30am Year 1/ 2 Performance  
Year 4,5,6 Swimming Gala

### Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

Christmas Jumper Day raising funds for Save The Children  
2pm- Y2 Soup Kitchen!

### Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

9.30am -KS2 dress rehearsal  
2pm - Reception Christmas craft/recital for families

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

9:30am- and 3.45pm  
KS2 performance

Children's Christmas lunch

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

9.00am Celebration assembly  
& Trowse has Got Talent!

### Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December

Elf workshop

## Need to contact us?

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## Sporting Opportunities

With sport, our Y5 & 6 rugby team went out to Wymondham Rugby Club to represent the school at a festival event.

We took the cross-country team to the South Norfolk races. We were very proud of the whole team and we even have two of our runners through to the Norfolk Finals!

We also have a swimming Gala coming up soon for a Years 4 -6 Swimmers.

Soon after we return in January, we have a dance festival booked for Years 1 and 2. This will be a team of 10 x Year 1's and 10 x Year 2's who will represent the school!

## Governor Vacancies

I am pleased to advise that alongside Stephanie Summers as our new parent governor, we also have recruited Joe Allen-Aldus as a Co-opted Governor and we also have two interested applicants to fill our other vacancy.

## Smartphone Free Childhood

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

As a school we are becoming more concerned about the impact of smartphones on children. We want to work together with you to make sure your children are safe.

Please see attached a flyer from the 'Smartphone Free Childhood' movement which has been shared with the school by several parents. Interestingly, within Norfolk, we are already 5<sup>th</sup> on the leader board on their site of Norfolk schools for parents who have signed up to the charter. DO NOT THINK YOU WILL BE ALONE IN THIS- lots of families of Trowse all think the same on this topic. We will be following this up with a survey to gather your opinions on children and smartphones.

In the meantime, there is a very interesting film been produced on the topic for parents to watch and learn. This is hosted on You Tube- search 'Nip in the Bud Stolen Childhood'. The full version says (main film) and is 11:55 long. It is not for children to watch, but does tell you the facts about the risks.

## Christmas Performances



It is wonderful to hear all the rehearsals going ahead for the Christmas performances – ticket request information has been sent out for KS1 and KS2 families and we will issue tickets shortly and try to offer any additional ones as long as we have capacity in the hall. We look forward to seeing you here. Please note, pre-school children are not invited to our Year 1 and 2 performances, but are welcome to come along to the dress rehearsal. We have 5 fabulous hampers (one for each performance, including the Reception recital afternoon) which have been donated to us by a parent of an ex-pupil. All money raised from the raffle goes to buy equipment or resources for our children, so please bring your cash along for raffle tickets which will be sold on the day and drawn at the end of each performance.

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## Trowse Has Got Talent



We will be holding our annual 'Trowse has got Talent' celebration on the afternoon of **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Just like the show, any talent is fine- it doesn't have to be musical. Children can be as individual, a small group of friends from the same class, or you might decide to enter as a family!

All performances need to be recorded and the videos submitted to [head@trrowse.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@trrowse.norfolk.sch.uk) by Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. Recording also gives you the opportunity to edit the video and add music and special effects if these enhance the act! Ideally the videos should be approximately 2 minutes or sometimes the length of a song choice.

So, get involved and let the office know if you will be entering. It's a lovely celebration of individuality that all the staff and children look forward to.

## ELF WORKSHOP – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Following discussions with our fabulous FOTS crew, I am delighted to advise you that we will be holding an Elf Workshop this year, in it's new home of the school hall !! You will remember that we have held it in a classroom previously, but as every class is now fully up and running, it was a question of where can we hold it – FOTS members love this event as much as the children, so I am really pleased we have found a solution. More details will come out from FOTS very soon, but please start sorting through your "squirrel cupboards" and donating any gifts that are suitable for adults, children, cats, dogs or significant others ....

## AND SOME OF OUR FREQUENT REMINDERS...

### Uniform

FIRSTLY, PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED! We still have a lot of lost property with no names!

We also have a 'NEW TO YOU' Option which is run by the school office. Please do bring in any donations of out-grown, clean, good quality uniform, then the rail will be available every Friday afternoon or occasions such as parents' evenings. You can always email or phone the school office if you cannot get here on a Friday.

### Breakfast Club Christmas Craft

On Mondays and Thursdays between now and Christmas, Breakfast Club will be running Craft sessions in addition to the normal offer. Please book in the normal way if you would like your child to come along!

Breakfast will be included of course! If this interests you, then book via the 'School Cloud' App

[www.trrowse.schoolcloud.co.uk](http://www.trrowse.schoolcloud.co.uk)

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Working parents of Primary School aged children who are accessing before and after school childcare (also known as wraparound provision) can use **Tax-Free**

**Childcare** or **Universal Credit Childcare** to help pay for Breakfast and After School childcare.

Tax-Free Childcare can be used by working families with children aged 0-11 years and earning under £100k and at least £167 per week, and who aren't receiving Universal Credit or Tax Credits. For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2000 per child per year.

Universal Credit Childcare can be used by working families claiming Universal Credit with children under 17 years old. Up to 85% of eligible childcare costs can be reclaimed. Parents will need to speak to their work coach for more information. Find out more information from the [Childcare Choices website](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/combining-schemes).

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## Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 4-16 in Norfolk. Children eligible for benefits-related free school meals can claim 4 free spaces on the winter programme, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't.

<https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>

## Winter Wear- Coats and Shoes

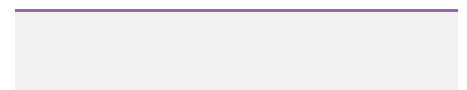
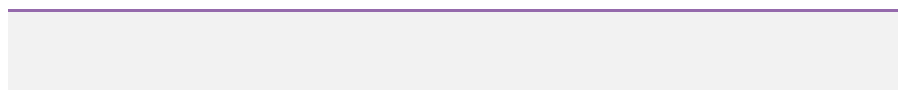
All children need to bring a coat to school. They will go outside to get fresh air at playtime and lunchtime through the cold or drizzly weather. Please also ensure they have suitable footwear that will be warm and dry on a wet playground!

## Long Hair

Could we remind all families that children who have long hair (girls and boys) should have it tied back all the time. It is not just a PE requirement, it is for Health and Safety reasons and it also helps to keep head lice transmission down if hair is tied up. If children come into school with their hair down, they will be asked to tie it up.

***That's all for now. See you at a Christmas Performance!***

**Stuart Odell, Headteacher**



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