

Trowse Primary School

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

Just a quick round up of things that you need to know

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break and are ready to go for another busy, but shorter, term.

A big Thank You!

Firstly, can we say a great big thank you to all of you who were so kind and generous at Christmas buying gifts for staff. This is extremely kind of you and very much appreciated.

Snow- some information....

As we start the new year we come back to school with snow! What does this mean for you?

Firstly, please make sure you leave enough time to allow for defrosting a car and the extra time needed on busy roads in snow or ice. The gates open at 8:35 to let children in and registration is at 8:45. All children should be in class, sat down for the register.

If it is snowy, we will probably still go out for playtime. It is hard packed Ice that is more of a problem where we then keep them in. So, secondly, please make sure children are appropriately dressed for the weather, assuming they might go out. Reception children definitely will go outside for their continuous provision in lesson time. Coats are a must, but you may also want them to have outdoor boots as well as their school shoes- it's not nice hanging around all day in wet footwear.

If the school does have to close, we will text you from the school text system- not Seesaw. We will also list the school on the 'Emergency School Closures' website. If you have heard nothing from us, and we are not on the school closures list, we are open and expect everyone to try to get children to school.

Lastly, PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING! Wellington boots, gloves, hats... it is much easier to reunite things that have a name, to their owner!



Some Key Dates...

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Term starts !
Yr 5 – Ancient Greek experience

Friday, 9th January

Year 3 Group A start swimming

Tuesday, 13th January

Yr 6 Active Leaders Day
Yr 4 Skiing (10 week course)

Tuesday, 20th January

Yr 1 and 2 Parents – Maths Workshop (2.00 – 3.00pm)

Friday, 30th January

9.00 – 10.30am "Supporting Challenging Behaviour" workshop for Parents here at school – everyone welcome!

Friday, 13th February

Last day of this half term

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AND JUST THE USUAL REMINDERS

Playtime Snacks

As you may be aware, children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get their playtime fruit/ vegetables for free. From Year 3 this is no longer provided, so if your child wants a healthy snack at playtime, then it needs to come in from home.

Please do make sure it is a **healthy snack** though (piece of fruit, vegetable sticks etc..) and that your child knows what their snack is. No chocolate or sweet sugary snacks should be for playtime please and **NOTHING CONTAINING NUTS!**

New Reception Intake September 2026

As you may well remember, for new families wanting to look at Trowse as an option for their child we give individual or small group tours in the school day. We do not run an open evening. If you know anyone looking, get them to give us a call if they want to have a guided tour and we can get them booked in! There is always lots of interest for our school but we always make the time for everyone. All applications have to be made to Admissions at NCC by mid January.

Parent Governor Vacancy

I am pleased to advise that we had two candidates for the role of parent governor, which means that we will need to hold an election – look out for paperwork coming home later this week.

Smartphone Free Childhood

Please do consider as we approach Christmas that, as a school, we support the 'Smartphone Free Childhood' movement. Their website says... www.smartphonefreechildhood.org

Smartphone Free Childhood is a movement of families standing together to delay smartphones and social media for young children – turning isolation and the pressure of 'all my friends have got...' into collective strength. Together we're giving children back what truly matters: time to play, space to grow, freedom to be. Because childhood should be shaped by families and communities, not algorithms.

Eligibility for 'Free School Meals' Much more than just a meal...

Just another reminder that Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. This is called universal infant free school meals. This is different to benefit-related free school meals. **If you receive one of the benefits listed below, you should register.** This is because it not only means that all meals are free, but also entitles your child to lots of holiday activities for free under the 'Big Norfolk Holiday Fun' scheme and mean you get a monthly payment of a voucher you can use in your preferred supermarket to help with your food bills. It also helps the school **raise extra funds** for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and after school activities. It really is worth it- everyone benefits.

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If you get **one** of the following benefits – you can apply for Free School Meals from Reception to Year 6

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

You must apply for these free school meals.

Search 'Norfolk County Council apply for free school meals' to find out more and apply.

Uniform

New uniform purchases over Christmas? PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED!

We already have lots of items in our lost property – none of which are named!

We also have a 'NEW TO YOU' Option which is run by the school office. This is for Trowse logo'd items only - Please do bring in any donations of out-grown, clean, good quality uniform. Just contact the school office if you would like to check what items are available.

Pupil Asset- reporting absences & ordering dinners

Please make sure you can log into Pupil Asset via the app or you have a web browser ready to log in (<https://secure.pupilasset.com>). Make sure that your contact details are correct in it. If you are yet to download this app, or are struggling to make log in details work, please ask in the school office.

Top Tip from parents - Using a web browser to log in can be more effective for booking lunches for the weeks ahead, the app doesn't show as far ahead.

Breakfast Club

PLEASE BOOK NOW FOR JANUARY - Our Breakfast club is open from 7.40am every morning for all children to not only eat a good breakfast, but get busy with sport, crafts and games. We have some spaces available, so if this is a service you need, please contact the school office initially to discuss things, then book via the 'School Cloud' App <https://trowse.schoolcloud.co.uk> Children need to be booked in on the school cloud system, in advance, and the daily fee is £5, payable online to the school. In the app you select the 'club' you need (in this case, Breakfast Club, then select the week, then choose the days you need to book in for.

Bank Details for online transfers are: NCC Trowse Primary School Acct No. 60513121 Sort Code: 20-62-61

After School Club

Please use this link for ALL bookings; <https://4ward-sports.class4kids.co.uk> It is essential that both the school and the staff of 4Ward Sports know exactly who is meant to be staying and who is going home at normal time. Thank you.

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