

Trowse Primary School



End of Year round-up

What's been going on around and about?

At this really busy and expensive time for families, we'd like to say a huge thank you for supporting us with all our fund-raising things.

We banked a total of £188.04 for Children in Need and £106.95 for Save the Children, from our Christmas jumper day.

Our Year 2 children organized a Soup Café for their families, they did everything from scratch, preparing the vegetables, making the soup and making the bread rolls – the compliments for the food and the children's behaviour were superb, see more images and comments on our website. The money raised went to Shelter, the homeless charity.

The sugar collection for hot drinks for the homeless was a big success and that has now all gone off to the organisers. Donations to the elf workshop are coming in also – you are all very generous!

Christmas Performances



Our Year1 and 2 production of the Landlord's Cat started off our festive performances. Both days saw packed out audiences and the children were absolutely amazing – so confident and professional, lovely clear voices and the singing was brilliant.

Tuesday afternoon saw our little reception children entertaining their families with their Christmas craft afternoon and recital. Thank you to all of you who came along!

The KS2 Christmas Performances which happened on Wednesday were also fantastic – beautiful singing and performances from the samba band – it certainly made us all feel very festive.

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, raising funds for school equipment and experiences.



Dates...

Monday, 6th January 2025

INSET DAY

Tuesday, 7th January 2025

Children return to School
Yr 3 – Group B Swimming

Wednesday, 8th January

Yr 5 – Ancient Greek
Experience in school
Yr 1 and Yr 2 Dance Festival

Tuesday, 14th January

Yr 4 Skiing (10 wk block)

Friday, 24th Jan

Elsa Diabetes Screening

Friday, 31st Jan

Family Hub Parent Café

Tuesday, 11th Feb

YR3/4 Olly Day Road Safety
Show

Friday, 14th Feb

Last day of half-term
9.00am Celebration Assembly

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Finally, a BIG thank you to all the staff for the huge hours that went into bringing all these amazing events together.

Sporting Opportunities

Our two runners in the Norfolk Finals did really well, each competed in fields of over 90 runners, with them gaining a 14th and 21st position. Well done Imogen and Lucy, you represented your school fantastically!

We also WON the cluster swimming Gala – our team put in lots of really good individual races, culminating in Trowse winning the competition by one point, all hinging on the last race. Amazing !



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 !

Family Hub Information

Norfolk have **Family Hubs**, that can offer all sorts of practical and advice for families. There is an office in Long Stratton which covers our area (there is one in Norwich if you prefer) that you can visit. There is a phone number (01603 307703) or an online referral form. Don't struggle alone, there is help out there for families of children from conception to age 19.

Daisy Palmer from the Family Hub team will also be coming into school on **Friday 31st January at 9.00am** to run a parent's café where you can find out lots more information about the service and help they can offer. DO come and talk- even if you don't think you need any help now- at least you'll know more about what's out there to help you if you need it one day.

Daisy is an Early Help Community Worker and is part of the Family Hubs approach which supports children 0 - 19 years, up to 25 years with Special Educational Needs. Family Hub support includes, but is not limited to: behavioral challenges, parenting support, finances, education and mental health. Daisy will be available to chat, to offer information, guidance and advice for your family.

The School and Community Team support children one-to-one and they can do group work with children in school, delivering interventions for children who have emerging needs whether that be emotional and social development, or an additional need. The Team will be available to offer support.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs>

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Our **'Go-Go Giraffe'** has been revealed to the children and we have had some lovely ideas for what he should look like ! We have to have it finished by the end of February, so if there are any more ideas to come back, please bring them to the office on return from Christmas break.

Items From Home

Please do check that your children are not bringing in toys, cards, lots of stationary etc. from home. This can be particularly relevant in the new year when children have new things! We have had situations in school recently where children are giving each other things, (or children asking for things from a friend) which then becomes difficult and sometimes upsetting. The easiest way to avoid any of this, is to not bring anything in from home that may then cause upset.

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

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.trowse.schoolcloud.co.uk

Please note, sadly we have parents driving at speed into our car park to drop off children to Breakfast Club. The same considerations apply to breakfast club as normal school drop off – please park on the roundabout and walk your children in. The car park is for Chapelfield nursery children and staff coming to work. We have seen some close calls with cars and children and this needs to stop. Only in an emergency should you come onto the car park and then it is a MAXIMUM OF 5mph.

Next half term's dates are live on the school cloud system to enable you to book them in.

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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) <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/combining-schemes>

A green and white poster from the HM Government. It features a woman kneeling to help a young boy with a red backpack. The text on the poster reads: '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.' There is a small 'Help for Households' logo in the top right corner.

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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.

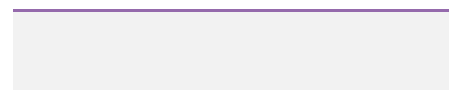
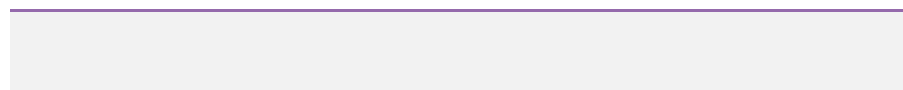
<https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>

And Finally,

Thank you, on behalf of all the staff for your generosity and kindness towards us this Christmas with cards and gifts. We all really do appreciate it. THANK YOU!

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Stuart Odell, Headteacher



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