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Newsletter: week beginning 12th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We have another busy term ahead. Curriculum Newsletters were sent out last week for all classes. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

In the Autumn parent questionnaire some parents indicated that they didn't feel involved in their child's education. In response to this we will be holding a class learning showcase on 13th February. This will be a chance to see what your children have been doing in their classes. It will be just before the end of the school day so hopefully lots of parents will be able to attend and combine it with the normal collection of their children at the end of the day.

As a reminder in the event of unexpected school closure— whether due to boiler issues or severe weather conditions - we will send a message to parents via email and ensure our school is listed on the Norfolk County Council School closure page. Our commitment is to make work available online within 4 hours of closing, though this is dependent on the specific circumstances at the time, for example power cuts for staff.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parents about a few key school policies. Smart watches are not permitted in school, and fizzy drinks are also prohibited. These guidelines are designed to maintain a focused learning environment and support pupil wellbeing.

DIARY DATES

Term dates –

Spring term: **Tuesday** 6th January 2026 – 27th March

(Half term 16th – 20th February)

Summer Term: **Tuesday** 14th April – 17th July

(Half term 25th – 29th May)

Class learning Showcase:

13th February

North Elmham – 2:45pm

Stibbard – 2:30pm

Parent Teacher Meetings –

wb: 2nd March

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Safeguarding remains a priority for our school community. I want to highlight some important information regarding age-restricted products.

- Trip drinks are legally not to be sold to under-18 year olds and require proof of ID for purchase. The consumption of such drinks by young people is not recommended.
- I urge parents to be vigilant about online access. Please ensure parent controls are in place on all devices, particularly any new ones received during the Christmas period. Take time to review the age appropriateness of games and digital content your children are accessing.

The children's commissioner has asked that parents look at the following guide around digital devices: https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/

Please can I also remind parents that mobile phones are not to be used on the school site.

Pupil absences May we please remind parents/carers to contact the school on the first day of absence and on any subsequent days if your child remains unwell for more than one day. If we do not hear from you we will attempt to contact you and any other emergency contacts if necessary, to ascertain the reason for the absence. In line with our Attendance policy we may attempt a home visit if we are not able to make contact with a family member. Our policy for school Attendance and absences is available to view on our website.

Thank you to everyone for supporting recent charity collections, events and fund raising in the second half of the autumn term. We delivered an amazing 101 kilograms of food to our local foodbank, the Poppy Appeal raised £50 at North Elmham and £158 at Stibbard and the Book Fair at North Elmham resulted in £161 worth of books for the school.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining a safe and productive learning environment for our children and for your support with our fund raising events.

Carol Jeary