

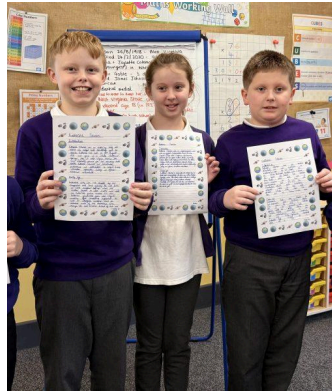
Newsletter

February 2026



The new term has brought a real buzz of learning around the school!

Year 1 enjoyed their trip to Thrigby Hall, where they loved seeing the animals - especially the swinging gibbons and Raja the tiger.



Year 3 had a brilliant time at Norwich Castle Museum exploring Ancient Egypt, and Year 4 have been creating artwork inspired by The Iron Man as well as trying out electric circuits in science.

Year 5 hosted a fantastic star-gazing evening, which sparked even more interest in space. Our Reception children have also been busy investigating the world by making their own erupting volcanoes!

This term, we are marking Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day, helping children learn how to stay safe, feel supported and look after themselves. We are also celebrating the wonderful diversity within our school through events such as LGBT+ History Month and Neurodiversity Celebration Week. We want every child to feel represented, included and valued.

We love learning about the different celebrations and traditions that families enjoy at home. If your family marks a particular event, we would be delighted to hear about it so we can continue to reflect and celebrate the diversity of our whole community. [Email us and let us know!](#)

Warm regards,

Mr. Matthew Cross
Headteacher

Celebrating Hair Diversity - Halo Code

We are proud to adopt the **Halo Code**, a pledge that protects every child's right to wear their hair naturally and without discrimination. This means all hairstyles that reflect our pupils' heritage, culture, and identity are welcomed and respected in our school.



The [Halo Code](#) was created to ensure no child is ever treated unfairly because of their hair. By embracing this, we are promoting inclusion and celebrating individuality.

Social Media Channels



Thank you to everyone who completed the survey in September about our social media channels. This has informed how we best use these channels to communicate and share updates with our school community. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes of your time to complete [this follow up survey](#) to help us understand how to better connect with our school community.

Children's Mental Health Week

During the week commencing 9th February, we will be focussing on Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is ***This is My Place***, and explores belonging as individuals, in friendships, in school and in communities. Throughout the week there will be activities around this topic.



KS2 Reading Morning Success!

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us for our first KS2 Reading Morning. It was wonderful to hear children sharing their favourite books, retelling stories, and even translating tales into their home languages.



Given the success of this first event, we'll be looking to continue it next term!

World Book Day 2026

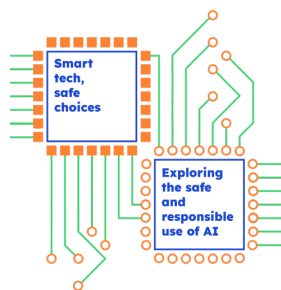
World Book Day is coming up in March. We will be celebrating illustrators, books and the joy of reading. Children can also come to school dressed as their favourite book character on **Thursday 5th March 2026**.



Safer Internet Day

This safer internet day focuses on helping children to make safe choices with smart tech, especially with the rise in use of AI.

Children in school will be learning about how to use technology safely and responsibly. Have conversations with them at home about how to access the online world safely and responsibly. [Use these top tips to help keep you and your family safe online.](#)



Norwich Science Festival

During half term, the Norwich Science Festival is happening at The Forum, with a range of explosive shows, fascinating talks and hands-on workshops for children and adults! Have a look at their events [here](#).



ESKA Karate

[ESKA Karate](#) is offering every child in our school a free, four week trial at their traditional Shotokan Karate clubs for children. Their closest session is at Costessey Community Centre on Longwater Lane.

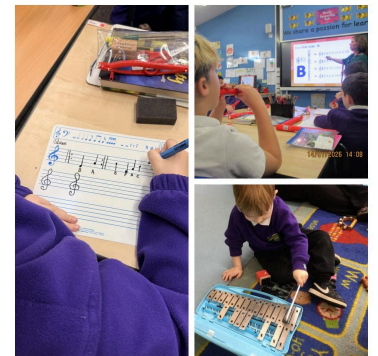


For more information about how to claim these sessions, please have a look at their brochure attached for your information.

Celebrating Music in Our School

We are fortunate to have some very talented musicians and singers in our school who help to lead music lessons and assemblies.

This term, children in Year 5 have been learning how to write musical notation, Year 4 pupils have begun learning the recorder, and even our Nursery children have been enjoying making sounds with a variety of instruments.



Term Dates: 2026-2027

These dates are now available on our [school website](#)

5th February - 3pm	Work Celebration	Whole school
13th February - 9.30am	Mrs Killow's Class Assembly	Swallow adults
19th February - 3pm	Library Bus	
Half Term 16th February - 20th February		
23rd February	First day back	All pupils
5th March	World Book Day	All pupils
18th March	Class Photos	All years
19th March - 3pm	Library Bus	
20th March - 9.30am	Mrs Marsh's Class Assembly	Grasshopper adults
20th March	Year 2 Snettisham Park	Year 2
23rd March	Work Celebration	Whole School
27th March - 9.30am	Miss Taylor's Class Assembly	Ladybird adults
Spring Term Break 30th April - 11th April		
13th April	INSET Day - School closed to pupils	All pupils
16th April - 3pm	Library Bus	
17th April - 9.30am	Miss Walsh's Class Assembly	Bee's Parents