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Welcome!

A warm welcome to all of our families, both new and old, to the start of the 2026/27 school year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and managed to find time to create some lovely summer memories with your children. We are all refreshed and ready for another busy year!

It has been wonderful to see all of our children return, along with some new faces, bright and breezy and ready to take part in school life with enthusiasm.

We have upgraded our 'Class Newsletters' to 'Class Annual Handbooks' which are being uploaded over the next couple of days to our website under the 'Class Pages' tab. These share all the key information you may need for the year that is both specific to your child's class but also provides lots of useful information in one handy place such as wrap around care, behaviour procedures and office processes. Your child's PE days will be shared on email at the start of each term and you will have had this email come through to you for this term already. The overview of your child's learning for this current year will be updated shortly and will be found in the curriculum area of the website under tab 'Curriculum' and then the 'Overviews' tab.

We are looking forward to a busy year ahead, with lots booked in the diary already this term. Please keep a close eye on the dates for your diary below, along with the other information contained in this newsletter.

A huge thank you goes to those parents who have again offered their time to the school to support, we do so appreciate your continued help which ensures we are able to provide a wide range of provision to our children. If you are able to offer your support this term, please do get in touch.

As usual, please do not hesitate to get in contact should you have any queries or concerns, our door is always open. Thank you.

Mrs Stops 😊

Mobile Phones & Smart Watches

Following new statutory guidance for schools on mobile phones, please note:

Children who walk home from school or those that are moving between houses may bring their mobile phone into school, however, this must be handed into their class teacher at the start of the day for safekeeping. Children are not permitted to have a mobile phone on them during school hours. Pupils with a medical need that require a mobile phone device are excepted.

This rule extends to smart watches. If a child is wearing a smart watch and this is not for a medical reason agreed between the school and parents, their teacher will keep hold of this safely until the end of the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation with this new statutory guidance.

Updated Statutory Allergy-Safety Protections

The Government has produced a set of new statutory allergy-safety protections for schools in England which are now in effect. Please know that the school has fully trained all staff in these new protections, and has taken all required actions to ensure all children are kept as safe as possible.

As always, we will continue to be a nut and sesame free site, therefore, please ensure you do not send your child in with anything containing nuts or sesame in order to keep all of our children safe.

As per our usual procedures (which can be found on our website under the Policies tab), we will always take immediate actions in the event of an allergic reaction, or indeed any emergency situation. The school will continue to hold its own supply of Epi Pens and inhalers for use in emergencies.





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Medications

If your child has medication in school, please ensure that we are supplied with this and the appropriate form has been completed with clear instructions for its use. Forms for medication are held at the office.

Special Lunches & Prizes

This term, we have various special lunch days as follows:

Thurs 1.10.26: National Poetry Day (theme: Wonder)
PRIZES to be won

Boggling bangers & whacky waffles

Marvel cake

(veggie/vegan/allergen free available)

Snack Packs & standard pudding options also available

Mon 16.11.26: Odd Socks Day (to mark Anti-Bullying week) PRIZES to be won

Positive pizza & champion chips

Wonky cake

(veggie/vegan/allergen free available)

Snack Packs & standard pudding options also available

Weds 16.12.26: Christmas Dinner Day

Roast turkey dinner (quorn vegetarian option available), and all the trimmings
Puddings TBC

Uniform

A reminder that our uniform policy is on our website which details clearly the expectations for our children.

- Jewellery is not permitted unless this is a watch or one pair of stud earrings (not loops), this is to keep our children safe, particularly as many lessons involve physical elements where

watches and earrings must be removed.

- Bracelets or necklaces are not permitted.
- Long hair, and that which is obscuring children's vision must be tied back for safety reasons and to ensure an effective education.
- Please remember that the length of skirts and shorts must be appropriate for children and in line with our uniform requirements.

Should you have any queries regarding our uniform policy, please do not hesitate to get in contact. Thank you for your support with this.

NAME ALL CLOTHING

The reason the above is in capitals is because we consistently have a huge pile of lost clothing that is nameless. It is such a shame that our families spend the time and money on providing children with the right uniform only for it to disappear within a week or two of returning to school. If you don't want that to be you, please ensure **all** items of clothing are clearly named, this includes coats, trousers, shoes etc. If there is a name, it will find its way back to your child. Please do call or email if you have lost an item of clothing so we can reunite these with owners where possible. Thank you.

Contacts

You are always welcome to get in contact, either in person or over the phone at any time. At the end of every newsletter, you'll find information to contact the office and who to contact for what reason. Our website also details other contact information.

- Mrs Emma Spence is our School Secretary who handles all our administration such as wrap around care, bus organisation, ParentPay, pick up and drop off information and queries, absence admin, school dinners, medication, trips, events, and meetings to name a few.





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- Mrs Kelly Hall is our School Business Manager who handles many policies, finances, operational activities, attendance, HR and health and safety amongst other things.
- Mrs Jo Buchanan is our Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo. Jo manages support for our pupils with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), SEMH (Social Emotional and Mental Health needs) and also is our data analyst which feeds into our intervention and workshop schedules.

And finally, me: Mrs Jules Stops, Headteacher. We are all available most mornings at drop off on the gate or in the office or alternatively, via email or on the phone. Feel free to speak to us or book an appointment for anything that may need longer.

Drop-offs & Pick-ups

Please remember that the driveway is not to be used to drop children off. There are one or two families with prior school agreement who use the driveway at specific times only. Ensuring we keep this clear means our children are safe and ensures full access for emergency vehicles at all times. Thank you for your support with this.

Author Visit

Flynn, one of our fabulous Year 6 pupils, wrote a persuasive letter to me last term emphasising how keen he was to meet Mitch Johnson, a local author as he found his work captivating. Mitch shares that, 'books are a means of activism as well as entertainment, which is why I tend to write stories of social injustice infused with warmth and humour.' We are so pleased to share that we have managed to book a visit from Mitch to school on 22nd September, supported by our super PTFA. He will be sharing a whole school assembly to inspire all of our children and leading a workshop in Flynn's class (Orangutans). Well done Flynn, you've inspired the whole school!

Dates for your diary:

Tues & Weds 1st & 2nd Sept	INSET days – no children in school
Thurs 3rd Sept	Children back in school
Tues 8th Sept	Y4 parent meeting: residential trip 3:10pm
Weds 9th Sept	PTFA meeting at 3pm – should you wish to join, please get in contact
Thurs 10th Sept	Y6 parent meeting: SATS & residential trip 3:10pm
Weds 16th Sept	National Fitness Day (all in PE kits please) – various activities in school
Tues 22nd Sept	Mitch Johnson author visit, assembly followed by workshop in Y6
Fri 25th Sept	Y4/5 Mannington Book Bash (info to come home soon) National Teaching Assistants Day – celebrating our fabulous support staff
Mon 28th Sept	Y6 and Reception school nurse visit (height and weight)
Tue 29th Sept	School photo day – PRET A PORTRAIT
Weds 30th Sept	Reception (Sea Turtles) phonics and tapestry parent session 1:30pm
Thurs 1st Oct	National Poetry Day – special lunch with prizes . See information in newsletter.
Weds 7th Oct	Annual RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) / RSHE (including Health Education) parent meeting 3:15pm. All parents welcome.
Thurs 8th Oct	NON-UNIFORM Dyslexia Awareness Day (to raise funds for dyslexia friendly resources and raise awareness)
Tues 20th Oct	ENRICHMENT DAY If you are able to support us this day, please do get in touch!
Weds 21st Oct	School DISCOS (EYFS/KS1 straight after school, KS2 at approx. 4:15pm)
Thurs 22nd Oct	Last Day of half term Harvest service at church pm (children only)





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Fri 23rd Oct	NO SCHOOL (the half term has one extra day this year)
Fri 23rd – Fri 30th Oct	Half Term
Weds 4th Nov	NON-UNIFORM 'PJs Day' – National Stress Awareness Day
Tues 10th Nov	Flu Immunisations whole school
Mon 16th Nov	ODD SOCKS DAY (marking the start of Anti-Bullying week). Special lunch with prizes.
Thurs 19th Nov	Flu Immunisations whole school catch up day
Fri 20th Nov	NON-UNIFORM – Children in Need
Tues 24th Nov	FAMILY LEARNING MORNING – Christmas Crafts (NON-UNIFORM)
Fri 27th Nov	CHRISTMAS FAYRE 1:15pm-3:15pm
Weds 16th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day (NON-UNIFORM)
Fri 18th Dec	Christmas Church Services (all families and friends welcome) KS2 (Y3-Y6): 8:45-9:15 EYFS/KS1 (Rec-Y2): 9:25-9:55 Last Day of Term
	END OF TERM
Mon 4th Jan	INSET day – no children
Tues 5th Jan	First day back after Christmas for the children

For admin enquiries (ParentPay, school bus, medication, information), please contact:

admin@buxton.norfolk.sch.uk

For club enquiries please use:

clubs@buxton.norfolk.sch.uk

For ALL bus information please

use: bus@buxton.norfolk.sch.uk

Emma

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For business enquiries (finance, operational, HR, health & safety) please contact:

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Kelly

School Business Manager

