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Dear parent and carers

I hope you are all having a good week and the weather isn't impacting too much on your plans. With first storm Babet, storm Ciaran, and storm Debi descending on us over the past few weeks, it seems we are going from one unsettled spell to another. Please do remember to send in the children appropriately dressed for the time of year. Often, it may be dry in the morning when they leave for school, but they should always bring in a coat as the weather can change quickly. They spend various periods outside during the school day and so it is important they are warm and dry.

Remembrance

A very big thank you to our House Captains who represented our school so wonderfully at the Remembrance Service in the village on Sunday. Thank you also to their families for their support for this out-of-school-hours event. Many thanks also to other pupils and their families who attended this event to pay their respects.

The Royal British Legion have been in touch and the school raised a fantastic £236.50 towards the Poppy Appeal. Thank you so much to everyone who gave so generously for this worthwhile charity.

Book Fair

Many thanks for your support for our book fair which has been in school this week. What a super selection of books there were to choose from! We will let you know how much money raised for the school through book purchases once this has been confirmed by Travelling Books. This money will be spent on new books for our revamped school library.

Children in Need

Today we celebrated and raised money for Children in Need. The children look forward to this event each year and enjoy coming to school for a non-school uniform day. We also received a visit from Pudsey bear. The children were very excited!

A very big thank you to everyone who donated and helped us raise money for the Children in Need charity. As donations were made online, we will be able to let you know how much money we raised as a school very soon.



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Polite Reminder

As with the majority of primary schools in the country, we do not have a 'parent' car park and so we are unable to offer any parent/carer parking onsite throughout the school day, from breakfast club drop off at the beginning of the day to after school club pick up at the end of the day.

Blue badge holders can be admitted into the car park with prior agreement with the school. Even those with a valid blue badge may still find that we are unable to permit access at times, due to car park being full.

If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads.

Our children's safety is our main priority, and this includes their journey to and from school.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Christmas at Hemsby Primary School with Nursery

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our planned Christmas events in school.



- Monday 4th December – Christingle Service at St Mary's Church at 2:00pm-please do join us.
- Wednesday 6th December – PTA Christmas movie evening starting at 4:00pm. Our PTA will send further details soon.
- Wednesday 13th December – Nativity Service at St Mary's Church at 2:00pm-please do join us.
- Monday 18th December – online panto in school 'Robin Hood'.
- Tuesday 19th December – Christmas lunch and party day – Christmas jumpers/party clothes can be worn. Further information about the Nursery Christmas Party will be confirmed soon.
- Wednesday 20th December – Last day of term

Parent Teacher Association

You will have been sent a communication about the Christmas events our fantastic PTA is arranging. Please do ensure that you read about these events.

I wish you all a super weekend.

Donna Walker

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Attendance Matters

It is important that all children attend school as much as possible. Children who attend more, do better socially and academically. It is important that all children are helped to succeed and by being at school as much as possible this can happen. That also means that children arrive at school before the school day starts so that they can have a smooth start to the day. **The school gates open at 8.40am to prevent queuing near the road. The classroom doors will open at 8:50am for the start of the school day. School finishes at 3.20pm.**

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please call the school office on 01493 730364. If your child has a medical appointment during school time, please let the school office know in advance.


Request for Leave during the School Term

Request for leave for holidays/travel abroad cannot be authorised by the school. As you are aware, leave will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please note that, Under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996, a Penalty Notice/s for absence during the school term may be issued.

Is my child too ill for school?

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/#:~:text=It's%20fine%20to%20send%20your,to%20wash%20their%20hands%20regularly.>

This week's school attendance overall was 93.04%

Class	%	Congratulations to the Nursery Class who are our Attendance winners this week! 
Nursery	96.49	
Robins	93.81	
Jays	94	
Kingfishers	92.63	
Woodpeckers	96.43	
Swallows	90.71	
Hérons	92.5	

Mrs Walker presented the Nursery class with the trophy and a certificate in assembly this afternoon.

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'Let's Talk About...'

This academic year, as a part of our work both in implementing the DFE's revised Reading Framework and our own curriculum development, the development of oracy skills will be a focus across our school. We will seek to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity and support to become fluent, confident and skilled communicators.

Each week on our newsletter, there will be a 'Let's Talk About...' a topic/theme to promote conversation and discussion at home.

Let's Talk About..... Activities you can do to support conversations with your child

Activities you can do to support conversations with your child

Lots of children and young people find it easier to talk while doing an activity. This takes the pressure off because they don't have to sit still or make eye contact all the time, and because it makes pauses and silences more comfortable.

Having something to do with their hands, or something practical to focus on, can also make it easier for some children and young people to reflect or think more clearly.

Rather than feeling like a 'big chat', the conversation can start more naturally while you're both doing something you enjoy.

Try picking one of our activity ideas and giving it a go.



- **Play a ball game.** Football, catch, basketball, dodgeball ... there are endless ball games to choose from. You can ask your child to pick a game they'd like to play or ask them about their favourite sports team.
- **Ready, set... bake.** Baking is a great way to have fun together and there are so many bakes to choose from including with [fairy cakes](#), [scones](#), [traybakes](#) or [energy balls](#).
- **Create something together.** There are so many things you can make in 20 minutes. This can be as simple as doing a paint-by-numbers, jigsaw, designing your own Birthday or thank you cards, or trying something new like painting your own T-shirt designs.
- **Draw cartoons of each other.** Sometimes, all you need is pen and paper. Create cartoon drawings of one another, and other family members, cats, dogs, fish – have fun! You could also try drawing with your eyes closed or not taking your pen off the paper to add an extra challenge.
- **Indoor picnic.** 20 minutes isn't quite enough time to head out to the beach with a picnic blanket, but it's perfect for having one indoors. Lay out a blanket, pick out your family's favourite finger food and have a picnic in the comfort of home.
- **Tech-free games.** Take a screen break with tech-free games like 20 questions, cat's cradle, marbles, jacks, the floor is lava, skipping and more. There are so many 20 minute games to choose from.

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Our Safeguarding Team

At **Hemsby Primary School and Nursery** we all have a responsibility to keep children safe. We take all necessary measures to ensure that this happens.

If you have any safeguarding issues, please contact the school to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead. These are:

- Mrs Walker
- Mr Purnell
- Mrs Olley
- Jonathan Rice (Executive Headteacher)
- Helen Wheatley (Safeguarding Governor)

However, all staff are trained in safeguarding and will listen to any concerns you have.

Concerned About a Child's Safety?

Children's Advice and Duty Service

If you are a member of the public you can do this through Norfolk County Council's Customer Services on 0344 800 8020.

Class Stories

Nursery: We have been celebrating 'World Nursery Rhyme Week' in Nursery, the children have created a lovely wall display with Humpty Dumpty, The wheels on the bus, I'm a little teapot and Twinkle, Twinkle little star. We've had role play buses, Row, Row, Row your boat water play and Miss Polly had a Dolly Doctors role play. Its been a lovely week of singing and rhymes.

The children enjoyed a pyjama day for Children In Need and loved meeting Pudsey and icing Pudsey biscuits.



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Robins: This week the Robins have been learning about Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. We worked with clay to make diva pots. We used chalks outside on the playground to design our own Rangoli patterns. We created our own mendi designs on hands. We made finger puppets to act out the story of Rama and Sita.

In maths we have started working on 'one less.'



Jays: The Jays have been exploring our new book called 'The Storm Whale', focusing on our questioning skills. Trying to remember that a question could start with who, where or when? In Maths, we have started to subtract two single digits from one another. Miss Hartle has 8 pencils and gave 3 away. How many does she have left? $8 - 3 =$

In art, the children are experimenting with their brush strokes, from forming straight lines moving onto to curved lines using our primary colours.



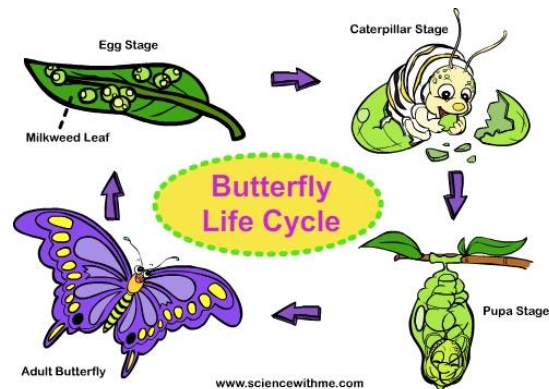
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Kingfishers: In Science this week we have been looking at lifecycles. We spoke about the lifecycles of a butterfly and a chicken. We compared the similarities and differences between these two lifecycles. We noticed that both of the adults lay eggs however a butterfly lays multiple eggs at once.



Woodpeckers: This week in Woodpeckers we have been going back in time to prehistory, learning about the different stages of the Stone Age. We have been handling an hand axe made from flint, finding out how these were made and how the oldest hand axe found in Europe was actually found in Happisburgh. We also learnt about being hunter gatherers, and spent some time outside researching which foods would have been safe for stone age people to gather and eat.



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Swallows: This week the Swallows have been continuing to work on times tables problems in year four with the year 5's beginning work on fractions, and especially equivalent fractions. Our Science topic on Forces has started, with the class exploring how friction works. We have brushed up on our French greetings this week and have also looked at the birth of democracy in Ancient Athens and how it compares to democracy in the UK today. All in all it has been a very busy week !

Bonjour



Hérons: This week in the Herons, we have been writing our first-person stories containing a moral. We have been learning about brackets and the order of operations in Maths. In Music we have started to get used to Band Lab - software for creating music digitally. In RE we have finished off our unit on Christian, Islamic and Hindu views towards conflict and peace.



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Upcoming events

 **Flegg Event Team**

Christmas Market

Sat 18th & Sun 19th Nov
10am-4pm, Free entry & parking

- * Over 60 stalls spread across 3 halls with a variety of festive crafts & gifts including Christmas decorations, preserves, hampers, textiles, wreaths, personalised gifts, cards, vegan products, candles & diffusers, doggie treats, wood crafts, jewellery, upcycled gifts, clothing & lots more.
- * Fundraising games & huge raffle.
- * Free festive craft area for all the family.
- * Live entertainment from local dance, drama, singing groups and choirs - large seating area to watch.
- * Festive refreshments served all day.
- * Free festive photo booths.

The perfect community event for all ages

Flegg High Ormiston Academy
Somerton Road
Martham, NR29 4QD



ST. MARY'S SINGERS

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Hemsby Church
2 Performances

Tuesday 19th
&
Wednesday 20th
December

7.30pm

£7

Including a glass of Mulled Wine and Mince Pie served to your seat
Profits towards St. Mary's Singers Hymn Books & Church Funds





Tickets on Sale 1st November from Donna 07860 136099, Maureen 01493 732493
or any member of St. Mary's Singers

MERRY CHRISTMAS



LITTLE RIDERS

Children's Cycling Courses



Learn to Ride Courses

Description
Our Learn to Ride course (4 x 1hr lessons) is designed for children aged 4-10 yrs who would like to learn how to ride a bike with pedals by themselves.

Dates
Saturday 11th, 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec (2.00-3.00pm or 3.00-4.00pm) @ Sewell Park Academy, St Clements Hill, Norwich, NR9 4BX
Saturday 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd, 9th Dec (10.00-11.00am or 11.00-12.00noon) @ Great Yarmouth Charter Academy, Salisbury Road, Great Yarmouth, NR30 4LS
Saturday 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd, 9th Dec (3.00-4.00pm or 4.00-5.00pm) @ Aylsham High School Sports Hub, Palmerston Way, Aylsham, NR11 6FN

Price
Places on the course cost £50 per child (plus booking fee). Don't worry if your child doesn't have their own bike or helmet as we can lend them both.

Book Now
For more information and to book a place visit www.littleridersuk.co.uk/learnride/

Hemsby Primary PTA Rainbow Raffle

Non-uniform day: Friday 1st December

Come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation/donations - each class to collect donations in a different colour.

Possible donations could include alcohol, sweets, chocolate, food items, bubble bath, toys, stationary or any other good quality item you think may be suitable. Please ensure items are non-perishable and are within best before or use by dates.

Class colours

Nursery - Green

Robins - Pink

Jays - Red

Kingfishers - Yellow

Woodpeckers - Blue

Swallows - Purple

Heron - Orange


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Academic Year Term Dates



Norfolk County Council

2023-2024

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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June 2024

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July 2024

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August 2024

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 4th & 5th September, 3 January, 28th March and 22 July. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.

Dates for the diary

Fri 1 st December	Non Uniform Day – Rainbow Raffle – more details to follow
Mon 4 th December	Christingle at St Mary's Church – 2pm – please do join us
Wed 6 th December	PTA Christmas Film Night starting at 4pm
Fri 8 th December	Yr 6 trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford
Wed 13 th December	Nativity at St Mary's Church – 2pm – please do join us
Mon 18 th December	Online Panto of 'Robin Hood' in school
Tues 19 th December	Christmas Lunch and party day – children can wear Christmas jumpers/party clothes. Further information about the Nursery Christmas party will be confirmed soon.
Wed 20 th December	Last day of term

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