



Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers

I hope you are all well. We are creeping towards the shortest day of the year which means dusk is getting earlier and earlier. It will not be long until the children are going home in semi-darkness!

As such, **Brake**, the road safety charity are about to launch their annual theme to raise awareness of the key areas of road safety. This year's focus being 'Let's Talk About Speed'.

In school, we will use assemblies and teaching time to talk to the children about how to cross the road safely and the rules of road safety.

Assistant Headteacher

I am very pleased to let you know that **Mr David Brodey** has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher at Hemsby. Mr Brodey started working at Hemsby Primary in 2019, and in his wider career has taught across both KS1 and KS2. I know you will join me in wishing him many congratulations.

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Parent/Carer Forum

At Hemsby Primary School with Nursery, we are aiming to create a school where everyone feels that they belong - through curriculum design, parent/carers opportunities and the events that we recognise and participate in.

I am aware that everyone brings a different viewpoint on school life and that it is important to make sure these views are heard. As I have written previously, Mr Rice and myself would like to set up a Parent/Carer forum. If you would like to be a founding member of this, please do come and chat with me. We look forward to working with many of you to give every child the best.

Talking of parent/carers views....

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Parent/Carer feedback is incredibly important to us at Hemsby Primary School with Nursery. It is part of our role to reflect and always look for improvements to our provision in the best interests of our pupils. We value our working shared partnership and how we can enhance outcomes for pupils by working in this way.

We will seek to regularly conduct parent and carer questionnaires to get feedback on a range of topics.

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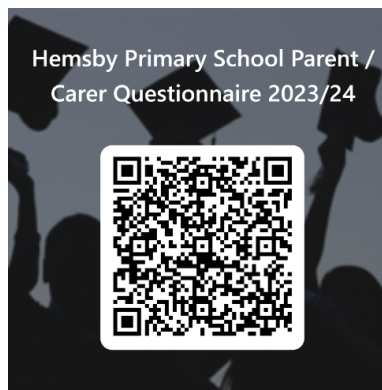
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Please click on the link to complete our current Parent/Carer questionnaire.

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or alternatively, scan this QR code



Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this. We will update you with the outcomes of the questionnaire in the coming weeks.

Attendance

Thank you for all you support with keeping attendance a high profile and ensuring that children are in school everyday to receive their curriculum entitlement and achieve success.

Term time holidays are still having a significant impact on children's attendance. Penalty notices are being issued from the local authority for this.

Christmas at Hemsby

I am so excited about my first Christmas here at Hemsby Primary. I even found myself listening to Christmas songs on the drive into school this morning.

The Christmas season will begin at Hemsby Primary next Friday, 1st December, when our Christmas trees in school will be ready to be decorated. We will have Christmas trees in the school hall and in classrooms. If your child would like to bring in a decoration for a tree in school, then they can do so from December 1st. Please ensure decorations are named if possible. It would be lovely to see some homemade decorations too.

Mr Baxter, our caretaker, will also be busy putting up the Christmas lights at the front of the school.

Polite reminders

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform us by calling the school office on each day of absence – 01493 370364.

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It is important that our children stay hydrated throughout the day and therefore they do require a water bottle, labelled with their name in school each day. As we promote healthy eating habits, we would ask that only water is brought in from home. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

My child has been ill – when should they come back to school?

This information is from the [NHS Choices website - 'Is my child too ill for school?'](#). Please visit the NHS site for more information.

Not every illness needs to keep your child from school. If you keep your child away from school, be sure to inform the school on the first day of their absence. Whether you send your child to school will depend on how severe you think the illness is. Use this guidance to help you make that judgement. Remember: if you're concerned about your child's health, consult a health professional.

Please note: if you feel your child is well enough to be in school, they will be expected to participate in all curriculum activities, including PE and swimming.

- **Vomiting and diarrhoea.** Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should **definitely be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.** Most cases of [diarrhoea and vomiting in children](#) get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP. **If we feel your child has come back to school too early, we will contact you.**
- **Cough and cold.** A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they start to feel better. If your child has a more severe and long-lasting cough, consult your GP. They can give guidance on whether your child should stay off school.
- **Raised temperature.** If your child has a raised temperature, they shouldn't attend school. They can return 24 hours after they start to feel better.
- **Rash.** Skin rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions shouldn't attend school. If your child has a rash, check with your GP or practice nurse before sending them to school.
- **Headache.** A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP.
- **Sore throat.** A sore throat alone doesn't have to keep a child from school. But if it's accompanied by a raised temperature, your child should stay at home.
- **Chickenpox.** If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all their spots have crusted over.

I wish you all a great weekend –slightly chillier with the chance of showers – warm coats and brollies at the ready!

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 94.66%

Class	%	Congratulations to the Robins Class who are our Attendance winners this week! 
Nursery	92.31	
Robins	97.62	
Jays	95.0	
Kingfishers	95.79	
Woodpeckers	93.57	
Swallows	96.07	
Hérons	91.43	

Mrs Walker presented the Robins 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..... Road Safety

- We look both ways when you cross
- Wait for the green man before crossing the road
- Always wear a helmet when cycling
- Remember to wear a seatbelt when travelling in a car. We will also be acting out scenarios to demonstrate SAFE and NOT SAFE.

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.

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Class Stories

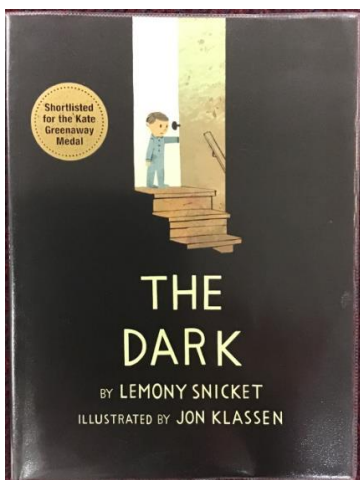
Nursery: It's been all about Fruit and Vegetables and Thanksgiving this week. The children have enjoyed learning the song One potato, two potato and printing with different types of fruit and vegetables, the children have learnt why we eat them as our 'Healthy choices'.

We have been having discussions about what we are thankful for, we have had a range of answers from Candy, Monster Trucks, Sleepovers and Mummies. They made some lovely thank you cards to take home to their families.



Robins: This week in the Robins our reading book has been 'The Dark.' We have been learning new words from the story. We talked about how Laszlo overcame his fear of the dark. We have been scientists exploring how shadows are made. We played a game identifying sources of light.

In maths we have been working on our subitising skills.



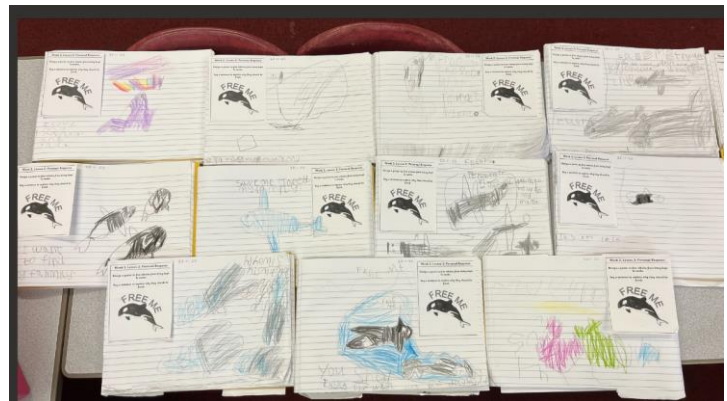
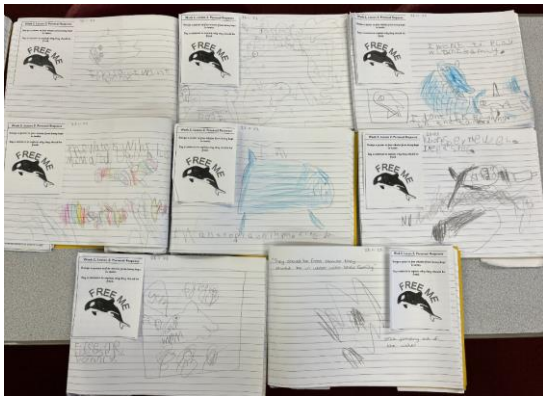
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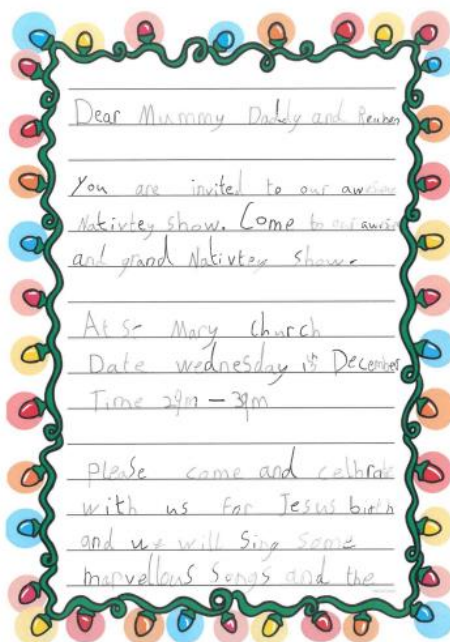
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Jays: This week in the Jays, we have finished reading our book - The Storm Whale. Where we have discussed, would it be cruel of Noi to keep the whale in his bathtub? The children have then gone on to make their own 'save the whale' posters. In Maths we are continuing to explore subtraction within 10, using our part whole models to write a number sentence. In Geography, the children have located and named the four countries within the United Kingdom. Exploring and matching their flags too!



Kingfishers: This week in English we have been learning how to write an invitation. We looked at command and statement sentences. We also looked at using interesting adjectives in our writing. We have sent invitations home to our adults to invite them to come to the Nativity. The Kingfishers have worked very hard on their invitations. In Maths this week we started looking at sides and vertices of 2D shapes.



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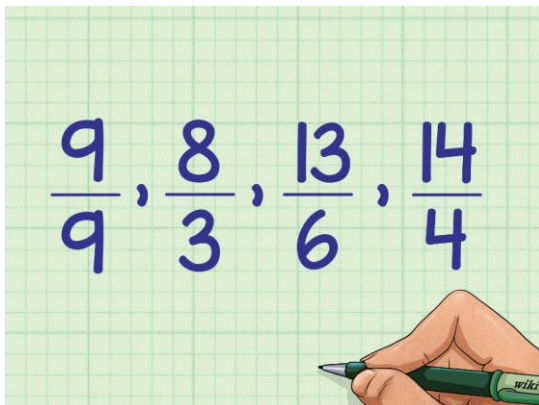
Woodpeckers: This week in Woodpeckers we have been reading a story set during the Iron Age. We have been spotting the historical references and thinking about planning our own stories set during the Stone Age, including some of the information we have been learning in our History lessons.

In French the children have been learning to express their emotions and feelings. These are the phrases we have been using:

Je suis content/contente – I am happy	
Je suis triste – I am sad	
Je suis terrifié – I am terrified	
Je suis calme – I am calm	

Swallows: This week, the Swallows have worked incredibly hard in finishing their letters of application and then carefully editing them. We have worked hard in Maths both on our use of fractions and in practising multiplication. In Science we did some practical experiments to demonstrate air resistance and again showed our understanding of fair testing. We are coming towards the end of our topic on the Ancient Greeks and have looked at how the Greeks actually invented theatre!

It has been a great week in the Swallows.



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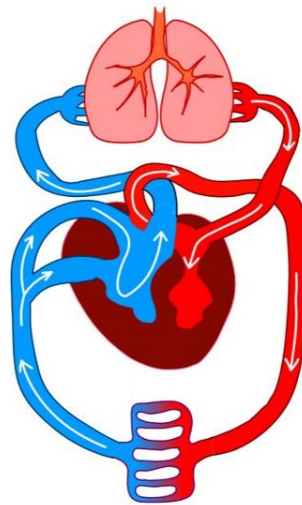


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Hérons: This week in the Herons we have been learning and performing Shakespeare's Sonnet 18. We also studied Wordsworth's Daffodils and compared the two pieces. In Maths we have been finding equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. In Science we have been looking at the circulatory system and how blood flows around the body.

Blood flow around the body - circulation



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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, NR3 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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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
Thurs 7 th December	Look at a Book – Yr R – Yr 6 – 3.20pm – 3.40pm
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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