



'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and fun week we have had for our first week back after half term!
We loved experiencing the Space Dome, our junior author workshop was interesting and Olly Day Road Safety Show taught us how to stay safe.

PARKING

Please be respectful to the neighbours of our school if you need to park near the school. There have been occasions where entrances have been blocked or partially blocked, this could cause problems if emergency vehicles require access.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Would you like to be a parent governor? Do you care about education and want to make a positive contribution to the community?
Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Body. Please email head@greatmassingham.norfolk.sch.uk to find out more.

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
February	90%	88.6%	89.3%

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance>



Week beginning 26th February 2024

This week's learning highlights:

News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Our infant class have returned from the half term break full of enthusiasm and excitement for our new Space Explorers theme. There has been some fantastic learning taking place in our space command station role play area and really wonderful interactions between the children as they acted out the first moon walk and communicated through space head phones!

It was so exciting to come back to school after swimming yesterday to find a huge, silver dome in our school hall! We met a real astronomer who told the children all about the planets, moon, galaxies and stars. The children got to lie down and were immersed into a space universe with lights, sounds and actions, it was like we were really there!

I'm sure the children will tell you lots more but they also met the first animals and astronauts in space and went on a space roller-coaster, it was thrilling! The day was made even more memorable because our fabulous friends from Harpley joined us on a Federation Day between the two schools.

We are delighted to welcome new friends into our infant class too this week. Welcome Lilly and Alfie!



News from the Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

After welcoming the children back from their half term break the week has been busy and fun-filled. We have learnt about the features of rivers in Geography and even created our own mini-rivers, in sandboxes, carefully labelling the features.



In Y3/4 English we have been learning about avalanches and cyclones and writing a news report. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions.

In English Y5/6 children have created their own 'Lost Thing' and developed a story plan using their own innovative ideas. They will be using their plans and aspects of writing techniques alongside the grammatical devices learnt so far, to write their own stories. We are looking forward to sharing their stories.

In addition to this, and leading up to Book Week next week, we enjoyed an online author (Stephen Pass) workshop to find out where inspiration for great stories come from. His story about Madge the Mermaid was inspired by a real mermaid in Cornwall which was made from the pollution washed up from the sea.

STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants: Alfie and Lilly for their great attitude to learning, settling in so well and trying hard with everything.

Juniors: Elijah for working hard on his speech writing in his news report.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP: VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - TRUST

In collective worship, we have thought about what trust is and how we can show people that we trust them and they can trust us. We found out about Mother Teresa and how she showed kindness and therefore was trusted and canonised as a saint.

Our 5 Core Values:



Family Church Services at St Mary's Church.

MARCH 24TH. Palm Sunday - a real donkey is coming!!

MARCH 31ST. Easter service, bring a decorated hat to show and an Easter egg hunt.




APRIL 28TH

MAY 26TH

JUNE 23RD

JULY 28TH

AUGUST 25TH

2023 AUTUMN TERM 	2024 SPRING TERM 	2024 SUMMER TERM 
Wednesday 6 th September - Wednesday 20 th December (Half term - Monday 23 rd October - Friday 27 th October)	Thursday 4 th January - Wednesday 27 th March (Half term - Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd February)	Monday 15 th April - Friday 19 th July (Half term - Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

5th March - Dress up for World Book Day

27th March - Easter Service in St Mary's Church. 1.30pm

20th - 22nd May - Horstead Residential Trip, Years 4-6

21st May - Horstead Day Trip, Year 3

REGULAR DATES

Monday: Music with Estelle from the Music Service

Thursday: drum and guitar lessons with Josh Simpson

Thursday: Infants go to Oasis Swimming Pool. **All children to come to school in PE kit.**

Friday: PE with ICS Coaching. **All Children to come to school in PE Kit.**

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