



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

Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

We loved seeing all the creative ways the children decorated themselves for NSPCC Number Day. We had a great number based day.

If you would like to donate to the NSPCC you can follow this link [Checkout \(giftt.tech\)](https://www.giftt.tech)



REQUEST FOR HELP

As you know, we take our children to Oasis Swimming pool on Thursday mornings. We are in need of a couple of parent helpers, to accompany the infant children on the coach and potentially in the water during the lessons. This would be on 7th March, 14th March & 21st March. If you think you would be available to help out please contact the school office.

LIBRARY

Our school library is in need of some TLC - if you have any spare time and would be prepared to help look after and tidy up our library on a regular basis please contact the school office and we can arrange this.

LOST PROPERTY

We are starting to accumulate some lost property in the box outside the school office. Feel free to see if any belongs to your child/ren at school drop off or collection.

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.

Week beginning 29th January 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

We've had another brilliant week in Infants, however, we've had a few away so we hope those that have been poorly get better soon, we've missed you!

This week we began a new class story: *The Bear And The Piano*, making predictions and sharing our thoughts on what it might be about based on the title and front cover only. We found out that these can give us clues to the story without even reading the blurb. In the end we did read the whole story of course! The children have been focusing hard on their creative writing by using adventurous vocabulary in their writing from 'The Bear Under the Stairs' and have been exploring the use of expanded noun phrases.

In Maths, the children have been really 'hands on' with their learning with Reception children exploring 5, 6 and 7, Year 1 finding pairs to make 20 and Year 2 investigating how to make arrays and write corresponding multiplication number facts. The children also had an incredible time for Numbers Day by immersing themselves in maths songs, number stories, challenges and maths in art too, a super fun day was had by all!

We continued exploring materials this week and the purpose of their use. A kind shop manager gifted us with a long stretch of matted wool (cleaned!) to feel and discuss. It did bring about a wonderful selection of ideas for its possible use especially as there were still bits of bramble and grass in it!

We have a request in the infants - we'd love to hear the piano being played to link to our story. If you would like to play for us please let us know! Thank you.



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

To explain how the Earth is made up of different layers of rocks and soils Y3/4 children made 'Dirt Pudding' by using different food ingredients (jam, crushed biscuits, apple slices, hot chocolate granules in a transparent cup) to model the different layers of the Earth.



By programming algorithms with Crumbles Y5/6 have been able to use a continuous loop selection to create a series of different coloured lights flashing at set intervals, controlled by a switch. The children decided that turning the lights off would show their light patterns more effectively.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants: Delilah for trying really hard with all her work, especially her phonics.

Juniors: Ava for working cooperatively with her partner (especially in Maths).






COLLECTIVE WORSHIP: Our theme this half term is Creativity. Our soul grows and lives like a tree through devotion to God. Do you recognise this tree? Look at your school jumper!



Our 5 Core Values:



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)

REGULAR DATES

Monday: Music with Estelle from the Music Service

Thursday: drum and guitar lessons with Josh Simpson

Thursday: Juniors 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.**

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
January	92%	94%	93%

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



FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMPS

Sports Camp Activities Include

- MULTI SPORTS
- DODGEBALL
- NERF COMBAT
- BASKETBALL
- TAG RUGBY
- AND MUCH MORE!

Creativity Camp Activities Include

- FREE PLAY
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- FILMS
- DEN BUILDING
- BOARD GAMES
- CARDS

HOW TO BOOK:

- Head to the 'Camps and Clubs' section on our website and create an account on our booking system, iPal. After an account has been created and your child has been registered, you will find a list of our camps to book onto.
- There is a tutorial video on our website showing how to use the system!

Regular Time (9am - 3pm) - £16
Extra Time (8:30am - 4pm) - £20
3 Regular Time Spaces - £8 Credit Earned
3 Extra Time Spaces - £10 Credit Earned

Children will need a packed lunch, plenty to drink, suitable clothing/footwear and bundles of energy for the day!

MULTI-BOOKING REWARD:

When booking multiple spaces, you will be rewarded with account credit, which can be redeemed on future camps! The credit you earn through our multi-booking deal will be added to your iPal account wallet.

To redeem your credit, you **MUST** get in touch with us, confirming you have booked 3 or more spaces.

Ages 5-12 Years Old

www.activeeducation.info/camps-and-clubs

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM SCHEDULE

Creativity camps will run alongside our normal sports camps, same venue, same times, SAME PRICE!

If children wish to jump from creative to sports or vice versa at any point throughout the day, they are welcome to do so.

DATE	VENUE	ACTIVITY
Monday 19th February	Roughton St. Mary's Endowed	Dodgeball/Nerf & Creativity Camp
	Fakenham Junior School	Multi Sports & Creativity Camp
Tuesday 20th February	Lyng Village Hall	Dodgeball/Nerf & Creativity Camp
	Astley Primary School	Multi Sports & Creativity Camp
Wednesday 21st February	Roughton St. Mary's Endowed	Multi Sports & Creativity Camp
	Lyng Village Hall	Dodgeball/Nerf & Creativity Camp
Thursday 22nd February	Lyng Village Hall	Multi Sports & Creativity Camp
	Fakenham Junior School	Dodgeball/Nerf & Creativity Camp
Friday 23rd February	Roughton St. Mary's Endowed	Dodgeball/Nerf & Creativity Camp
	Astley Primary School	Dodgeball/Nerf & Creativity Camp