



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

Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are asking for volunteers to help with our school gardening club, run at lunchtime on Mondays. If you think you could spare some time, please get in touch with the school office.

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 4TH March 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

Another great week together in the infant class, linking our learning to our theme. We have measured using centimetres and metres and completed challenges of comparing lengths. Our writing has included creating information pamphlets on space exploration and the astronaut Neil Armstrong. The children have thoroughly enjoyed discovering facts and sharing them together. Did you know there are still footprints on the moon? Thank you for joining us for our parent consultations this week. It has been good to catch up and share the children's learning and achievements with families. We know you are just as proud as we are!

In 'Reading Week' news, we were astounded with the character costume ideas and had such fun posing for photos and sharing who our characters were. Thank you for organising the outfits, they were fab! We were joined via video link by a visitor from Edinburgh University who is studying children's literature. Lucy read us a story from Australia and loved our costumes. In addition to this, we had an exciting visit from our favourite local 'celebrity' author, Andrew Bickerton who talked to the children about writing stories and shared a particularly heartfelt story with us all.

The children are showing such promise with their swimming, displaying courage, learning new skills and developing their confidence week by week, they should be so proud of what they have achieved so far.



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

With World Book day this week the children have had the opportunity to be involved in a variety of activities to encourage a love of reading for pleasure: sharing stories, reading to each other, and listening to and guessing the identity of masked readers. We enjoyed a visit from our local author Mr Andrew Bickerton, who shared his real life story of his childhood experience with a pet rook. The excitement did not end there and on Friday we launched Science Week (8th to 17th March) with a Live Assembly presented by Greenwich Observatory's Curators of Time.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Infants: Ralphy for your consistent kindness and thoughtfulness towards others.

Juniors: Ruby for her enthusiastic attitude to maths and English writing this week,



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

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

25th April 3.30pm - Horstead Residential parent & pupil meeting in the school hall.

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.**

**Big
Norfolk**
Holiday Fun



Spring into action-packed activities!

Join us from 2-12 April

- **Fantastic sport, creative and outdoor activities with a free healthy meal**
- **FREE** for all children eligible for benefits-related free school meals
- **The funding from the Department of Education enables us to run our four-year Big Norfolk Holiday programme. Share with us your memorable experiences of the scheme so far, send your stories to bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk**

We want activities to be inclusive. To ensure the right support is in place, please notify the activity provider if your child has special educational needs or a disability.



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