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Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Message from the PFA

The PFA will have a table on the playground at pick-up on Monday with old school logo uniform items. We will be asking for donations towards PFA funds.

The PFA will be holding its AGM at the Cartshed on Monday at 9am. Everyone welcome.

#### School Uniform

School uniform will now be ordered through the school office. Payment can be made via bank transfer (*see new payment details on the form*) or via the school shop within pupil asset.

Do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries or require a paper copy of the uniform order form. Please let the school office know once you have paid, for stock control purposes. Uniform will not be given out to families until payment has been received.

Some items are held in stock but PE hoodies and fleece jackets need to be ordered in specifically. An order is being placed on **Friday 27th September** for PE hoodies and fleeces (along with any other uniform). **Please ensure all forms and payments are in by 9.00am on that day.**

#### FIRST ADMISSIONS SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25

Parents of children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 should automatically receive a booklet and application form through the post. Parents can apply online [www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk) (website open between 23rd September 2024 and 15th January 2025) Or you can contact admissions on 0344 8008020. Applications received after 15th January 2025 will be treated as late and will not be considered until places for all on time applications have been allocated.

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

30<sup>th</sup> September - Norfolk County Council Parent Maths Workshops. KS2 9 -11.00am, KS1 1 -3.00pm

W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Cycle to School week

2<sup>nd</sup> October - Federation School Visit, KS2 pupils

17<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church 2.00pm. All welcome.

25<sup>th</sup> October - ICS Coaching holiday club at Harpley -

<https://icscoaching.pembee.app/?filters=663a16b2978bf17ae904a4d4-Harpley>

18<sup>th</sup> October - School Photographs

W/C 4<sup>th</sup> November - Parent consultations

8<sup>th</sup> November - Wisbech Grammar Hockey Day - Years 4-6

## REGULAR DATES

### Monday:

Guitar lessons with Toby Rideout. To sign up please contact Toby via email [toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk](mailto:toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk)

### Tuesdays

Drum lessons with Tom Relihan. To sign up please contact Tom via email [tomrelihan@gmx.com](mailto:tomrelihan@gmx.com)

### Thursdays:

Juniors go to Lynn Sport - All children to come to school in PE kit.

### Fridays:

PE with ICS Coaching - All children to come to school in PE Kit.

3.30pm ICS Coaching after school football club. Book directly with ICS Coaching via

<https://icscoaching.pembee.app>

## VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, we have been thinking about how hard it is to forgive someone but how much better you can feel afterwards if you do. We heard passages and stories from the Bible which reminded us to forgive others as we would like to be forgiven.

Our School Vision is: " I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you" (Psalm 32:8).

Our 5 Core Values:



Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Stibbon and the Great Massingham team

## Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

This week's learning highlights:

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

In the infants this week we have continued our focus on how we can be caring, sharing and raring to go. We have thought about our school core values and how we can demonstrate these through our theme.

We have particularly been impressed with our Year 1 and Year 2 children who have shown kindness and patience when guiding our Reception friends as they joined in with lunch times. It has been so great to observe and play alongside all our infant children as they learn and explore through play and the activities set out to embed the focus of lessons. Please do keep an eye on Tapestry for updates and wow moments!



Infants: Alfie for his amazing confidence as a member of Year 1.

Years 3 & 4: Lilly B for all her hard work, especially her great ideas in writing.

Years 5 & 6: Seb for remarkable improvement in handwriting and being proud of his presentation.



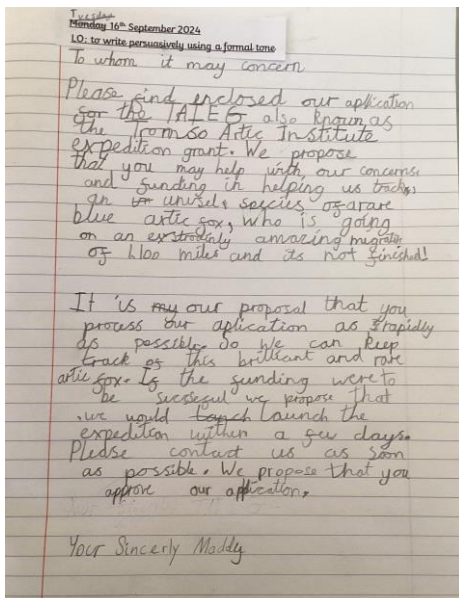
## News from the Juniors

In Lower Juniors this week we have been learning about writing playscripts and, using our story 'Tar Beach' we have started to plan and write a play version of it! In Maths, we have continued our learning of place value, learning more or less than a given number. In Art we enjoyed painting our Roman tiles.



With a focus on taking steps to improve our handwriting this week, we celebrate the fact that we have seen some good progress. The children are feeling more positive and desire to be proud of their work. Inspired by the true epic journey across the ice by a lone blue arctic fox, the children are learning how to choose appropriate vocabulary to write formal letters.

In addition to this, in Maths we have learnt how to multiply and divide by powers of 10. In Science, we discussed and explored the properties of materials and why they are used to make different products. While learning about Emperor Augustus's new Imperial Army in History this week, we looked closely at the Roman legions' uniform and weapons and investigated how the Roman soldiers used clever tactics to make them the most powerful army.



### Emperor Augustus' special tactics

**The Tortoise (Testudo)**

The tortoise (testudo) formation was used to protect Roman soldiers as they approached settlements with defending archers. The soldiers in front and sides interlocked their shields. The soldiers in the back lines placed their shields over their heads to form a protective "shell" over the top of the men. The soldiers could then march up to a defended settlement in the Testudo formation and not one of them would get hurt.

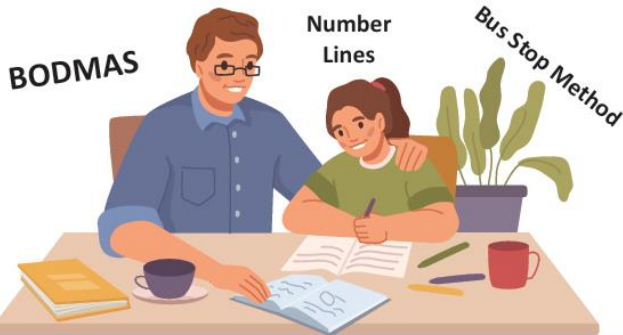


**The Triple Line**

The Triple Line was the primary formation of the Roman infantry. The soldiers were placed in three lines based on their experiences and skills. The newest recruits comprised the first line. They were the youngest and the most inexperienced in battle. The second line were soldiers of sufficient experience and was at the peak of physical health. They would kill anyone who got through the first line. The veterans of combat comprised the third line. They were hugely experienced soldiers and were kept at the back of the line to motivate those on the front lines.



## KS2 Family Learning - Great Massingham

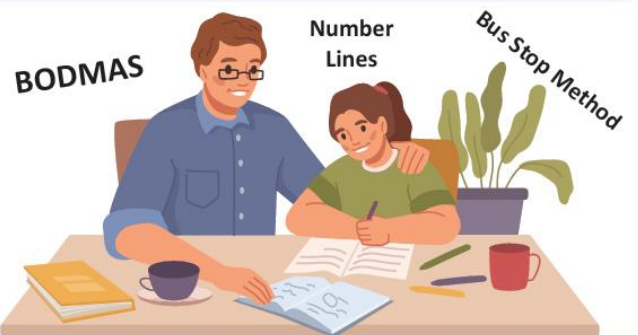


Do you find it hard helping your child or grandchild with their Maths homework?  
 Could you explain 'grid method', 'bus stop' or understand number-line chunking?  
 Have you heard of 'Base Ten' but have no idea what it is or how to use it?

Norfolk County Council will be at Great Massingham Primary School - Monday 30th September from 9:00am to 11:00am to provide FREE support and information so you can help your child with their Maths. FREE Base 10 and/or bead strings will also go out to take home.

This session will focus on upper KS2 'Multiplication & Division'. Parents will have an hour with a professional tutor, going through modern teaching methods. Pupils will then join parents/carers to work together for a further hour, using these new skills and equipment to solve fun Maths tasks.

## KS1 Family Learning - Great Massingham



Do you find it hard helping your child or grandchild with their Maths homework?  
 Could you explain 'place value' or understand number lines?  
 Have you heard of 'Numicon' or 'Base Ten' but have no idea what they are or how to use them?

Norfolk County Council will be at Great Massingham Primary School - Monday 30th September from 1:00pm to 3pm to provide FREE support and information so you can help your child with their Maths. FREE Base 10 and/or Numicon will also go out to take home.

This session will focus on EYFS and KS1 'Calculations'. Parents will have an hour with a professional tutor, going through modern teaching methods. Pupils will then join parents/carers to work together for a further hour, using these new skills and equipment to solve fun Maths tasks.



# It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes  
to support people living with cancer.

Place: Great Massingham Village Hall  
Date: 21st September 2024  
Time: 2-4pm  
Contact: Vicky - 07498569515



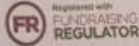
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TO  
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WEEK '24



# Pedals at the ready.

A pedal powered commute is good for  
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Cycle to School Week, 23-27 September.

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