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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What a busy week with a bumper newsletter for you to read over half term. We hope you all have an enjoyable break and look forward to hearing all about it when the children return on Monday 24th February

SWIMMING

A reminder that our infant class will be swimming on Thursdays after half term. Please ensure they bring their swimming kit in a separate bag.

All children to come into school in PE Kit on Thursdays.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Mrs Cushley, our Federation English lead, has shared the world book day activities we can look forward to this year. World book day is Thursday 6th March. Mrs Cushley has organised activities and challenges across the week commencing 3rd March. Please see the attached letter for more details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

10th March Federation Science Day. Infants at Harpley Primary School. Juniors at Great Massingham Primary School. All other details to follow.

7th - 22nd April Easter Holidays. Term starts Wednesday 23rd April

REGULAR DATES

Mondays:

Guitar lessons with Toby Rideout. To sign up please contact Toby via email toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk

Wednesdays: Drum lessons with Tom Relihan. To sign up please contact Tom via email tomrelihan@gmx.com

Thursdays:

Juniors are swimming at Oasis Swimming Pool, please ensure they come with swimming costumes and a towel in a separate bag. 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>

ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
January	97%	97%	97%

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



VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In collective worship this week the children have been learning about how to take responsibility for creating and maintaining a peaceful environment.

'Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.' 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Value Leaders: Our value leaders take responsibility for supporting the leadership of visions and values in the school. The year 5 & 6 value leaders at each school have been tasked with leading a collective worship after half term. All the value leaders at both schools (yrs3-6) will be updating our visions and values displays and supporting me to improve the school environment. They are beginning to chair their own meetings too! This week the children have been thinking about how they could spread peace across our school community. They have been learning about peacemakers and peacemaking.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God," Matthew 5:9

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:



The Family Service at St Mary's church in Great Massingham is moving to the **first** Sunday of each month at 10.30am. A warm welcome awaits you.

Family Service dates at St Mary's Church in Great Massingham:

2nd March
6th April
4th May
1st June
6th July

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Myhill and the Great Massingham team



Infants: Mia for working really hard to make an excellent emergency vehicle in DT.

Years 3 & 4: Ralphy for his hard working attitude especially in Maths.

Years 5 & 6: Theo for showing resilience to do his work with a positive attitude despite having a sports injury.

Week beginning 10th February 2025

This week's learning highlights:

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

As we approach the end of our Emergency theme it has been the perfect opportunity to reflect on learning and share our discoveries. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed this particular theme and has immersed themselves in learning through play, independent research and talking through their thoughts and wonders.

To end our learning theme the children have loved completing their emergency vehicles. The children researched, planned and created their own emergency vehicles by selecting suitable equipment and resources. The children all thought so carefully about the features of their vehicles and they were so pleased with the result. As it was Internet Safety Day this week we have talked about how important it is to stay safe online and if something worries us we can 'Stop, Close and Tell'.

Our new theme for after half term remains a surprise, however the children have been given four clues as to what it might be. Three are true and one is false! We look forward to hearing everyone's ideas on what it could be...!



News from the Juniors

This week in years 3 and 4 we have been writing our stories based on the Pied Piper up in best for our class book, reviewing our writing as we go. We have been learning about mixed and improper fractions and finding fraction families.

In Science we learnt how mirrors reflect light and reviewed our learning about Science this half term.

In PE we have enjoyed learning different stretch and muscle strengthening techniques as well as practising some hockey.



Our news report this week, from years 5 & 6 is written by Cabe and Jenson.

For Mindfulness Monday this week we've started to practise self-kindness, being positive about our successes and being kind to ourselves. In Maths we've been learning to multiply a fraction by an integer, like $\frac{1}{2} \times 1 = \frac{1}{2}$. In Collective Worship we have learnt about responsibility. We read a book called the Last Garden. There was a garden owned by a young girl. She took care of the garden very well. This was during the war and kids took care of it with her and took some food (with her permission). The garden was destroyed by the war after she had to leave it. When she got back it was like a jungle in a small environment.

For RE we have been learning about sacrifice in the Muslim Book, the Quran and also how Humanists are people who don't believe in God or a religion but still do good and make sacrifices too. Like donating to charity or just making the world a better place. In geography we have been learning about the continents, oceans and capitals like Budapest in Hungary and Athens in Greece and we have even learned about landmarks.

In computing we have been programming our own quiz about space, geography or maths etc. and when the player answers the question right or wrong the character does something in response.

By Cabe & Jenson

In English we finished reading the story of Malala and reflected on what we liked or learnt from her story. Noah W stated, "I liked this book and found it really interesting and I will push myself to face my fears and do more things in my life."

"I would recommend this book to show people that peace is not hard if we work together." Jenson.

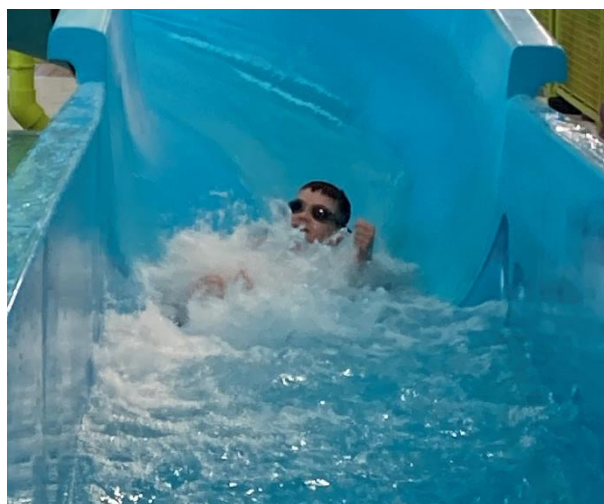
Bethany stated: "It is nice how Malala shared her story as a book and I will take away with me her positivity and happiness even if something bad has happened."

We have included some photos of Numbers Day on Friday 7th February.

Mrs Robson



Our KS2 children enjoyed their last swimming session on Thursday and had great fun on the water slide





Wraparound News

We have really enjoyed our first few weeks of wraparound care.

Do not hesitate to contact the school office if you require a booking form or have any questions regarding Wraparound Care.

Afterschool Club Activities

Week 1

Monday: Arts and Crafts

Tuesday: Construction challenges (lego, mobilo, k-nex etc)

Wednesday: Junk modelling and making

Thursday: Movement eg yoga/dance/outdoor games

Friday: Bingo/quiz/lotto

Week 2

Monday: Creativity (playdough/colouring/weaving)

Tuesday: Arts and Crafts

Wednesday: Movement eg yoga/dance/outdoor games

Thursday: Board and card games

Friday: Film Friday

As well as these main activities, we also offer activities such as colouring, outdoor play and quiet reading in the library area.

Activities are flexible depending on children attending and resources available.



GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

Great Massingham Village Hall are soon to launch a new website. If you would like to advertise your business on it, please contact Helen Morrell on helenmorrell26@yahoo.co.uk

19th February. Community lunch. 12.30pm to eat at 1 pm. Bookings must be made by 14th Feb. Contact 07493406501

27th February. Quiz in the bar, 7.30 pm start. Cost club members £2.00 non members £4.00.

UPCOMING EVENT!!!!

A Thousand Birds of Hope

St Lawrence Church
Harpley
7-15 June 2025

'A Thousand Birds of Hope' is a community project led by artist Patricia Stewart in partnership with St Lawrence Church, Harpley. Visit the church between 7-15 June 2025 to see the artwork, to listen to music and speakers inspired by birds and flight and to enjoy refreshments.

DETAILS TO FOLLOW NEARER THE TIME!

This is a fundraising event for the church to maintain our beautiful and ancient building.

Many thanks to the Diocese of Norwich and GTM Engineering Harpley for their support with funding this event.