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A Wonderful First Half Term!

What an absolutely wonderful and memorable first half term of the school year we have had! It has been a joy to see our school filled with so much happiness, excitement and celebration, and we have so much to be thankful for as we reflect on these first few weeks together.

One of the highlights has been welcoming so many families into our school for a variety of special occasions. A huge thank you to all the grandparents who joined us for our lovely Grandparents' Afternoon, to our parents and carers who came along to our Book Looks and Parents' Evenings, and to everyone who joined us at the church for our beautiful Harvest Festival. These opportunities to come together as a school family are incredibly special and remind us just how fortunate we are to have such a supportive and caring community.

It has also been a wonderfully busy half term, with a number of exciting visitors coming into school and some fantastic trips and shared experiences with our Federation school. These opportunities have enriched the children's learning, sparked curiosity and provided memorable experiences beyond the classroom. It has been particularly lovely to see children across our Federation coming together, building friendships and enjoying new adventures.

We have also continued to develop and celebrate our school environment. We were delighted to unveil our beautiful timeline painting in the hall, alongside the celebration of our school values throughout the building. These wonderful additions really bring our school story, identity and values to life. We have also been thrilled to introduce our new Maple Class space, providing a welcoming environment for library activities, wraparound care and additional learning opportunities. It is lovely to see our school spaces continuing to grow and develop for the benefit of our children.

A very special thank you must go to our wonderful Friends of the School, whose hard work, enthusiasm and generosity have helped provide our fantastic new playground equipment. The children are absolutely delighted, and we are so grateful for everything our Friends do to make our school an even more exciting place to learn and play! Of course, another unforgettable highlight was our fantastic visit from Steel the Gladiator! What an inspirational experience for the children, filled with energy and plenty of smiles! We hope everyone will continue to look for and celebrate their little glimmers.

As we look ahead, there are lots more exciting events, opportunities and celebrations to come, and we cannot wait to share them with you.
A little reminder: When we return on Monday 2nd November, children should come to school in their full winter school uniform. With the colder weather approaching, please ensure they are wrapped up warmly with hats, scarves, gloves and wellies, ready for all our outdoor adventures, whatever the weather!

For now, we wish all our children, families and staff a truly wonderful and well-deserved half-term break. We hope you enjoy some precious family time, make lovely memories and that the weather is kind to us all, with hopefully a little autumn sunshine! Thank you, as always, for your continued kindness, encouragement and support. It really is a privilege to be part of such a wonderful school family.

We look forward to welcoming you all back at 8:40am on 2nd November, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term together.

With very best wishes,
Mrs O'Sullivan
Executive Headteacher

Enrichment Clubs

Our after school clubs will continue after half term, with the same activities. If your child has been attending this half term, they can simply continue attending as before. The last session will be on Tuesday 8th December (Wednesday 2nd December for Cooking only)

Cross Country Event

Well done to our KS2 children who attended the Cross Country event at Langley school on Tuesday this week. They represented Lyng brilliantly, performing against 21 other schools and coming 8th overall. A particular well done to Tiffany in year 4 who came 4th in the 1100m event and Bodie in year 6 who came 7th in the 1500m event! A special mention also to Argia and Carlo in year 5 who also ran well.

Cauliflower Cards Order

You should by now have received a copy of the Christmas Card artwork that your child has completed in school. If you wish to place an order featuring your child's design, please ensure you have done this and returned the form to school, by **Monday 2nd November.**

LEGO Tokens

If you have been collecting tokens in the EDP for their LEGO competition, please ensure you bring them into school as soon as possible. The final tokens will be printed on Thursday 5th November. Thank you.

Oak Class Visit to Norwich Castle

Oak Class had a wonderful time on their trip to Norwich Castle last week, as part of their learning about Ancient Egypt. They learned about the process of mummification, had a go at jewellery making as well as taking part in discovery and debate workshops. They were a credit to our school and we are really proud of them all.













Gladiator Visit at Lyng!

There was much excitement at school on Monday this week, as we welcomed Zack George to Lyng, better known as “Steel” in the TV show Gladiators. The children enjoyed a whole school presentation about the importance of physical activity and healthy eating, before Steel visited each class in turn to answer the children’s questions. Thanks go to FOLS for making this visit possible.













Shining Lights of the Half Term



Cherry Class - Reception
Reko is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of Courage. Reko always has a go at things, even if he finds them tricky. He never gives up! We couldn't be prouder of how hard he is working towards his goals.

Willow Class – Year 1
Luna is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating the value of courage this half term. I have been so impressed with how Luna has settled into Year 1. When challenges come up Luna has been showing courage to overcome these and has been building her resilience.

Willow Class – Year 2
Bonnie is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating the value of Courage this half term. Bonnie is always trying her best and she consistently takes on challenges in the classroom. Bonnie's courage and resilience have really helped her to make great strides in her work across all subjects.

Rowan Class - Year 3
Constance is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of Courage. Constance always tries her best in every lesson, even if she finds it tricky and this has allowed her to be very successful in all her learning.

Rowan Class - Year 4
Sebastian is our Shining Light of the Half Term for consistently demonstrating this half term's value of Courage. Seb always tries his best in every lesson, even if it's tricky and this has allowed him to be successful in all his learning.

Oak Class – Year 5
I've been super impressed with William this half term and how seamlessly he has settled into life in Year 5. The independence he has shown in his learning, especially his writing has been fantastic and how well he contributes to class discussions and debates is admirable. I was particularly impressed with how passionate he was about continuing his role on the Eco Council and also how forthcoming he was to speak during our Harvest Festival.

Oak Class – Year 6
I've been so impressed with how much Autumn has expressed herself within her learning and herself this half term. For someone who began life at Lyng a bit more reserved, she has consistently demonstrated excellent behaviours for learning and has developed an admirable confidence and enthusiasm across the curriculum.







Autumn (year 4) has moved onto Stage 6 in her swimming lessons.

Bella (year 3) has moved up to stage 5 in her swimming lessons!

Norah (year R) has been awarded her Level 1 award in Gymnastics!



Please continue to send in your "Wow" moments for achievements out of school using the link below: https://forms.gle/6CMiyc1AGwm8XCw56



This Week's Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is 90% The award for the best year group attendance goes to year 3 who have achieved 98% this week!

VACANCY

Good food happier days

SCHOOL COOK

Lyng Primary School

25 hours per week
Term time only

Pay: To be discussed at interview

Make a difference every day!



Come and join our team!

We're looking for a friendly and enthusiastic School Cook to prepare and cook **fresh, nutritious meals every day for our school community.**

- **Healthy children**
- **Stronger communities**
- **A brighter tomorrow**
- **Be part of something special**

APPLY TO:

In the first instance, please contact

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Diary Dates
2026-27

AUTUMN TERM

October
22nd Break up for half term
23rd FOLS UV Glow Disco at Lyng Village Hall (5.00 - 7.00pm)

November
2nd Children return to school
3rd Year 5 & 6 Leadership Conference at UEA Sportspark
13th Children in Need Day

December
1st Willow Class trip to Holkham Hall
18th Last day of term - school closes at 12.00pm

SPRING TERM

January
4th Inset Day
5th Children return to school

February
12th Break up for half term
22nd Children return to school

March
25th Last day of term - school closes at 12.00pm

SUMMER TERM

April
12th Inset Day
13th Children return to school

May
3rd - May Bank Holiday - school closed
28th Break up for half term

June
7th Inset Day
8th Children return to school

July
21st Last day of term - school closes at 12.00pm