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"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16
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Newsletter
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We are delighted to share that our school has been recognised as a Bronze Winner in the Pearson National Teaching Awards.

This national recognition reflects our commitment to providing an outstanding education, making a difference and 'letting our lights shine'. It is a testament to the dedication, passion and professionalism of our entire school community. We are incredibly proud to have received this award, which recognises the high standards we strive for and the positive difference we make to the lives of our pupils every day.

We would like to thank our whole school community for their continued support, and we look forward to building on this achievement together.

WOWs

Joseph (Reception) Joseph completed his 21st Junior Parkrun, which means he has now run the equivalent of a marathon distance. On Sunday, he was presented with his marathon wristband and is now officially a member of the marathon club!

Adeleine (Year 1) Adeleine went bouldering for the first time on the grown-up walls and did a great job!

George (Year 2) Well done to George for getting a new PB in junior parkrun on Sunday.

Jessica (Year 5) Jessica has taken up piano lessons. Her teacher is pleased with her, as she has only had one lesson and has picked it up already.

Please remember to continue to send in your WOW moments for achievements out of school https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7

Shining Lights of the Week- 19th June

Ark Class (Nursey) Dan for always trying his best and being positive and enthusiastic throughout the school day. He has shown independence and perseverance in every challenge he faces.

Arctic Class (Yr R) Felix for displaying our value this term. During his break times Felix has been litter picking and keeping our school environment clean and safe.

Antarctica Class (Yr R) Joseph is always helping others to take care of things and working to keep our class.

Oceania Class (Yr 1) Brady for some really great maths lately. Brady is confident at telling the o'clock times and has been reminding us all of shortcuts you can take to help speed up our mental arithmetic.

Africa Class (Yr 2) Margot for always caring for our learning environment. She shows great responsibility and a positive attitude, helping to keep our classroom organised and tidy.

Europe Class (Yr 3) Reggie for his consistent hard work in the classroom. He has began to focus on the quality of his work to make sure it is then presented neatly too.

S America Class (Yr 4) Tegan for always looking after our classroom environment. She is super at keeping everything tidy as well as ensuring she and others have everything they need. Thank you for being a star!

Asia Class (Yr 5) Reuben for doing a fantastic job of practising his editing skills and helping others with theirs too. He has thoughtfully reflected on his own work, using feedback to make improvements and take his learning to the next level. Keep up the great work, Reuben!

N America Class (Yr 6) Sienna for always giving her best in all that she does: be it writing a factual report, calculating costs to run her theme park or learning her lines for the play. She always gives 100% and does it with a smile. Keep up the good work!

Shining Lights of the Week- 26th June

Ark Class (Nursey) Eli for always making positive choices throughout the day. He always tries his best to be a positive role model to others, welcoming others into his play.

Arctic Class (Yr R) Kiaara for her fantastic efforts in class. Not only is Kiaara smashing phonics, she is also being extremely helpful by keeping our classroom environment clean and tidy.

Antarctica Class (Yr R) Tommy for showing great care for our classroom environment by always helping to tidy up and looking after our resources. Your kindness and responsibility have helped make our classroom a happy and welcoming place for everyone.

Oceania Class (Yr 1) Mia E for her fantastic descriptive writing in English lessons this week. Mia has innovated the story of 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers to have a horse character instead of a penguin who gets taken back to a field in a horse box rather than the South Pole by boat!

Africa Class (Yr 2) Elodie for showing great care for our environment, being a kind and caring friend and always being ready for a challenge in her learning.

Europe Class (Yr 3) Flynn for his growing confidence in and out of the classroom. He had a great day at the Norfolk show where he put himself in situations he would sometimes find tough but thrived instead!

S America Class (Yr 4) All of Year 4 for their incredible singing two days in a row to the Bishop's. They have worked so hard to remember some challenging hymns, presented themselves beautifully and many members of the public commented on how exceptionally behaved and well-mannered they were. Well done, we are so proud of you all.

Asia Class (Yr 5) Jessica is our shining light. In Maths, she routinely demonstrates a positive attitude and resilience when faced with challenges. She approaches problems with determination and perseverance, always striving to do her very best.

N America Class (Yr 6) Casper for his positive attitude in all that he does. He asks questions to make sure that he can produce his best and is really enjoying getting a deeper understanding of topics.

This week's overall attendance 86.86% -Oceania Class (Yr 1) 90%

Royal Norfolk Show

Our Year 3, 4 and 5 children had a wonderful time at the Royal Norfolk Show this week!
There were lots of smiles, excitement and fantastic experiences for the children to enjoy throughout the event.

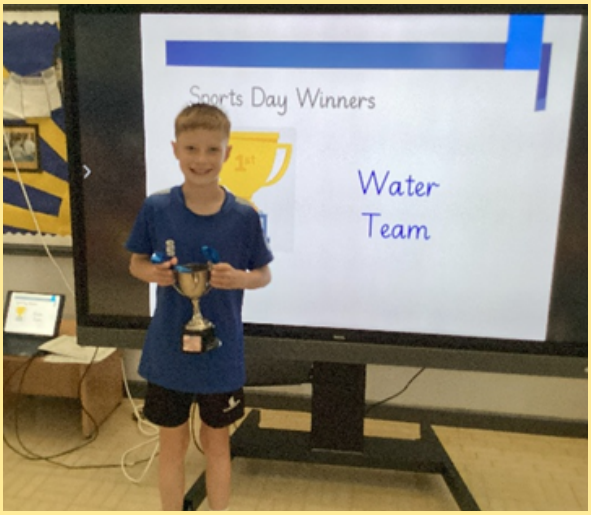
We are also incredibly proud of our Year 4 children, who sang as part of the Bishop's Church Service on both Wednesday and Thursday at the Royal Norfolk Show. They represented the school beautifully and should be very proud of their achievement.

KS1 & KS2 Sports Day 2026

The children all took part in races, obstacle races and clockwork sports. Each team went around 12 activities in the clockwork sports such as target throw, football dribble and hoop jump. Thank you to Yr 6 who led the teams and added up the scores. We would like to thank parents, grandparents and friends who came to support the children. Each class had a race to determine who were the King and Queen of Speed.

Class	King of Speed	Queen of Speed
R	Rosa	Arthur
1	Mia P	Eddie C
2	Esme	Jude
3	Charlotte	Charlie
4	Emma	Arthur
5	Martha	Lewis
6	Eva	Harry

It was close this year but the overall winners were Water! Well done!



Overall Positions	
1st	Water
2nd	Air
3rd	Earth
4th	Fire

A Message from our Reading Ambassadors!
July Reading Tombola Challenge!

Get ready for our exciting July Reading Tombola Challenge, organised by our fantastic Reading Ambassadors!

Throughout July, children in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 are invited to complete a range of fun reading challenges and explore different types of books and texts.
Try to complete as many challenges as you can.

Complete at **least 4 challenges** on the list to be entered into the Reading Tombola.

(You can complete more than 4 challenges if you would like to — the more you do, the more reading fun you can have!)

Record the title, author and/or brief details of each book or text in the space provided below the relevant challenges.

Entry sheets will be given out in class — look out for yours!

Return your completed challenge sheet to your class teacher by **Wednesday 15th July**.

Every child who completes 4 or more challenges will receive one Reading Tombola Ticket and be entered into the prize draw.

There are some fantastic book-related prizes to be won, kindly donated by FOSS!

We'd love to see children completing the challenges! Parents/carers are welcome to send photographs via the school office.

Whether you're reading a funny story, a graphic novel, a poem, a newspaper article or a fascinating non-fiction book, every challenge is a chance to discover something new.

Happy reading, and good luck in the Reading Tombola!

FOSS are holding a School Disco for Reception - Year 6 on Friday 3rd July.

Times are as follows:

KS1 Disco –
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – 4:15pm – 5:15 pm
KS2 Disco –
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

The cost will be £3.50 per child. This will include a choice of snack plus unlimited squash / water. (Please do not send children with any money on the night).
Please make sure you hand your slips into the office!

Parking

Please could we ask all parents to be mindful of where and how they are parking at school drop off and collection times, as well as events in school.

We have been notified that some parents are blocking residents' driveways, or parking too close to junctions. Please do give due regard to other road users and residents when parking.
Thank you for your understanding.

Please see our term dates below for the new academic year, to help with planning your diary dates:

Autumn 2026
Tues 1st Sep 2026 - Inset day
Wed 2nd Sep - Children back to school
Fri 23rd Oct - Inset day
Fri 18th Dec - Children finish at **12pm**, **break up for Christmas**

Spring 2027
Mon 4th Jan 2027 - Inset day
Tues 5th Jan - Children back to school
Thurs 25th March - Children finish at **12pm**, **break up for Easter**

Summer 2027
Mon 12th April 2027 - Inset day
Tues 13th April - Children back to school
Mon 7th June - Inset day
Wed 21st July - Children finish at **12pm**, **break up for Summer**

Please make sure your child is coming into school wearing sun screen and a hat.
All children will need a named roll-on sun screen, which should be handed in to their teacher in school. Please make sure that all items are clearly named.

Diary Dates

June
29th - New Intake Teddy Bears' Picnic 9.30am*
29th - 1st July - Year 6 Residential to Overstrand

July
2nd - Year 2 Trip to Banham Zoo
3rd - Reception Trip to Gressenhall*
3rd - FOSS School Disco (Reception- Year 6) KS1- 4.15pm-5.15pm. KS2- 5.30pm-6.30pm*
7th - Year 5&6 Mini Tennis Competition. Selected Pupils
7th, 8th & 9th - Wayland High School transition days
10th - Year 1 Trip to Wells-Next-The-Sea
10th - FOSS Summer Fete- 3.30pm-6.30pm
10th - Ark Nursery Open Afternoon 3.30-4.30pm*
13th - Year 6 Productions. 1.30pm & 5.45pm
13th - Year 6 BBQ 4.15pm*
14th- Year 6 Leavers and Awards Service at All Saints Church 10:00 (provisional)
15th - Move up Day - All year groups
16th - Move up Day- All year groups
15th, 16th &17th - Dereham High Schools transition days
17th - Break up for summer – School finishes at 12pm

September
1st- Inset Day- School Closed
2nd- Children Return to School
*New Addition