



6th December 2024

Our school value for this half-term is: Bravery



We encourage children to think about what bravery means to them and how they can show bravery in their day-to-day lives. Whether it's trying something new, standing up for what's right, or being honest, bravery helps our children grow. Teachers will discuss bravery in assemblies, and you can support this at home by talking to your children about examples of bravery they admire.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that we are fast approaching the end of autumn term. What a jam-packed term we have had, full of fun, learning and festive cheer.

Our school value this half term is bravery and I have seen lots of children show this as we continue to practise for our Christmas production, The Amazing Advent Calendar. This year, it was discussed in the school council that our older children wanted to do a bigger play with bigger parts, so we listened, and the older children are taking the lead. I have been so impressed with the children's enthusiasm and dedication in learning their lines and getting into their roles. I hope you enjoy watching it as much as we have creating it. A big thank you to Miss Tuffin and Miss Hutchins for all their hard work organising and leading this, we really appreciate it!

Continuing with Christmas, the school tree has arrived and is twinkling away in the hall. Your children are busy making decorations for it which they will bring home for their own tree on the last week of term. We look forward to welcoming you in school for some Christmas crafts on the last afternoon of the autumn term – Thursday 19th December – 2 – 3pm. Please note the change of date from Friday 20th to Thursday 19th – we hope this does not cause any inconvenience.

I hope that you enjoyed reading your child's school report and meeting with their teacher at parents evening this week. We hope that you found the time with your child's class teacher useful and enjoyed seeing their work. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office in the next few days to arrange another time to talk to your child's teacher.

When the Christmas break arrives, I wish you and your family a magical, restful break and a happy, healthy new year!

Warm regards,
Mrs Marshall





Happy Birthday



The following pupils celebrated their birthday during the month of **October, November and December**

Happy Birthday to You!

Zizi, Esme-Jayne, Brydy, Tommy, Sophie, Harper, Elliot C Evie, Beth, Lily G, Daniel M, Tyger, Harvey Ph, Ella, Lydia and Louis



Diary Dates – Spring Term 2025

December

Mon 9th – Sugar bag donations to school on Monday please

Tue 10th – 9.30am Christmas performance at the New Frost Hall

Wed 11th – Year 4 start swimming lessons

Wed 11th – 1.30pm Christmas performance at the New Frost Hall

Thu 12th – Whole federation Hippodrome visit. Please confirm your consent and make your donation on the Arbor parent portal

Wed 18th - Christmas dinner. The menu will be ordered for all pupils. Please contact the office if your child wants to bring their own packed lunch

Thu 19th – Christmas activity afternoon – 2 to 3pm – DATE AND TIME CHANGE

Fri 20th – Wear Christmas non uniform to school

Fri 20th - END OF AUTUMN TERM – early finish at 1.15pm

January

Wed 8th - Back to school

February

Wed 5th – Year 3 start swimming lessons

Fri 7th – Maths Number Day – a fun-filled day focused on maths challenges and activities.

Tue 11th – Safer Internet Day – a day dedicated to promoting safe, responsible use of the internet

March

Tue 4th – Sponsored pancake flip

Fri 7th – Come dressed as your favourite book character and a visit from Tom Brigglesstone (P4C workshop)

Thu 13th – Curriculum Enrichment Day



Mon 17th – Year 5 & 6 puberty talk

Mon 17th - Neurodiversity Celebration Week

Please follow the link below to see term dates for 2023/24 and 2024/25

[Foulsham Primary - Term Dates & Calendar](#)

Pre-school parents –The closing date for applications is 15th January 2025. The closing date for applications is 31st October. Full guidance is available on [Admission to reception classes - Norfolk County Council](#)





- Please remember to name all school uniform and return unknown items to class.
- Please check lost property for missing items.
- *Please ensure you 'top up' and book your place onto Twilights. Wrap around care is very popular, and we have a maximum membership of 12 pupils per day. Please ask at the office if you need support with the parent portal.*
- Please ensure dogs (except for assistance dogs) are not brought onto the school grounds.



- You can also read the newsletter on the school website.

If your child is unable to attend school, please remember to ring or email the school office before 8.45am

office@foulshamprimary.org.uk

01362 683389





We raised £131.80 to support children in need. Thank you for your continued support.



Free School Meals

Benefits-related Free School Meals are available to all eligible children under 16 (including children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who currently receive Universal Infants Free School Meals) whose families meet certain eligibility criteria. If you think you may be eligible we would encourage you to apply as soon as possible.



Follow this link for more information:
[Help with living costs \(norfolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving)



Betye Saar Class

In reception, our topic has been 'once upon a time' where we have been looking at lots of different fairytales. We have listened to lots of different stories and enjoyed retelling them in our small world area. This has been fantastic for our communication and language development. In year 1 and 2, our topic has been 'lets explore the world.' This has been focussing on using a map and compass directions to look at different places in the world. We have also started looking at the equator in relation to the North and South Poles.

In maths, reception have been looking at numbers 1 – 5. We have been practising counting with one-to-one correspondence and looking at how we can partition each number into smaller ones. We have also looked at shapes that link to each number such as a circle, triangle, square and rectangle. In year 1 and 2, we have finished our unit on measurement with length and height and we have now moved onto shape. We have been having lots of fun describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We do need a little bit more practise with using a ruler to draw different shapes.

In literacy this half term, our book is a non-fiction book all about The Great Fire of London – I cannot believe how much our year 2 children have remembered about this significant event from their reception school year! We have been learning about what London was like back in 1666 and the types of jobs people had – we used role play to help us infer how people would have been feeling. We have been learning lots of facts to help us with our final write – a fact file.

In science, we have been looking at habitats, which has been very popular. We have been focussing on a woodland habitat, so we have been able to do lots of learning outside in the woods. We have seen different animals in the woodland and thought about where they get their food, water, and shelter from.

Finally, I am SO proud of how brave and confident each and every one of the children have been in our Christmas production. It takes so much confidence to even get up on the stage let alone put themselves forward for speaking part. They have all been fabulous and I'm so proud to be their teacher each day!

Mrs Marshall



Andy Warhol Class

What a fun half term we've had! In English we have been reading our class text "Leon and The Place Between" and have produced some wonderful pieces of writing based around Leon's day at a magical circus! Perfect for our upcoming trip!

In Maths we have been working on multiplication, division and have now made a start on building our understanding of fractions. The children have been working so hard and doing a fantastic job.

In Science we have been learning about 'Sound' and how it travels. We found it very interesting learning about the difference in pitch that children and adults can hear at!

On top of all of this, everyone has been getting into the Christmas spirit and has been working hard on preparing for our Christmas Nativity. We have also made some beautiful decorations for the tree in the hall!

I'm excited for the rest of this half term and to see what next year brings!

Miss Hutchins



Salvador Dali Class

It has been a very busy half term here in Salvador Dalí class! We have spent the last few weeks eagerly preparing for our Christmas play, which has been very exciting. We are also looking forward to our upcoming hippodrome visit. In class, we have continued to explore the Maafa, discussing and studying the Transatlantic slave trade and its impact on the world.

In English we have been studying the informative picture book *Can We Save the Tiger?* Which details the difficulties faced by many of the world's species in today's world and the reasons why so many species are endangered. In particular we have investigated the dramatic decline of the tiger population due to deforestation and poaching. We are resolved to discover what we can do to help tigers, so we do not lose these magnificent creatures.

We are working towards producing our final piece: a report which will be both informative and persuasive to share our findings with our chosen audience. We have all been working to incorporate modal verbs and parenthesis into our writing to give additional information about tigers and the challenges they are facing. We have particularly enjoyed choosing and researching a specific sub-species of tiger to dive deeper into the individual struggles of each.

In Maths we have continued our fractions topic. We began by using manipulatives such as bar models and fraction walls to find equivalent fractions and simplify. Furthermore, we have continued to develop our understanding of common factors and multiples to simplify, add, and subtract fractions with differing denominators. We have begun to incorporate these skills into applying them to worded and multi-step problems by carefully unpicking them.

In Science we have continued to investigate the circulatory system. We have been experimenting with different methods for measuring our heart rate and we have explored factors that may impact our heart rate. We have particularly enjoyed creating our own investigation into how different types of exercise can affect our heart rate. We worked in groups to decide on a different exercise for each of the categories: aerobic, strengthening, stretching, and balancing. We predicted that aerobic exercise would raise our heart rate the most and have enjoyed discussing and evaluating our findings.

Miss Tuffin



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COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY

Did you enjoy today's event?
Why not challenge yourself further and
enter the Athletics Norfolk County Cross
Country Championships?
No club membership is required!



SUNDAY, 5TH JANUARY 2025

FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND
TO REGISTER



NORFOLK
SCHOOL GAMES

NATIONAL
TENNIS ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS TENNIS CAMP

Action packed Christmas camp
with themed challenges, tennis
skills, games & prizes

All equipment provided, no
experience necessary

**23 - 24
DEC** **9:00 - 11:30AM**
£16 per day
£27 both days

5 - 10 YEAR OLDS

**UEA SPORTSPARK
(INDOOR SPORTS HALL)**

 nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/sportspark
hello@nationaltennis.org.uk

theparachuteproject.co.uk

THE PARACHUTE PROJECT

The Parachute Project, a
private children's mental
health service, is excited to
be working in partnership
with Grocott and Murfit's
Building Norfolk to establish
a vibrant community hub
in Fakenham.

but in addition will enable
us to offer a variety of free
services to the community.
Our goal is to make 'Safe
Landing' a space where
individuals and families feel
supported, empowered,
and valued.

The Safe Landing
Community Hub is a
reflection of our shared
commitment to supporting
children, families, and
the wider community.

This space will be a
secondary base for
The Parachute Project

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SAFE LANDING
Community Hub

theparachuteproject.co.uk

COME AND JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS MINCE PIE

SAFE LANDING
Community Hub

Kindly supplied by Michelin
star chef **Galton Blackiston**
as we open the new Safe
Landing Community Hub on the

DATE
19TH OF DECEMBER 2024

TIME
3PM TO 5PM

LOCATION
57 OAK STREET, FAKENHAM

Special Guest **Father Christmas**

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT
theparachuteproject.co.uk
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@ the_parachute_project





Christmas '24

at Foulsham Baptist Church

Please come and celebrate with us....

Saturday 7th December
Christmas Craft Fair · 2-4pm
(details overleaf)

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Sunday 15th December
Carols By Candlelight · 5pm

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Wednesday 25th December
Christmas Day Service · 10am

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Our Sunday Services will be at 10am as normal every Sunday over the Christmas period.



Foulsham Baptist Church

www.foulshambaptist.co.uk



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Charity Craft Fair

Please come and join us....

Saturday 7th December · 2-4pm

• CAKES • POTTERY • HATS
• CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ...and much more!

All made locally and sold in aid of
Foulsham Relief in Need Charity

Free entry, refreshments and craft activities for children.

We will have a credit card machine,
but please bring cash if possible so more money will go to the charity



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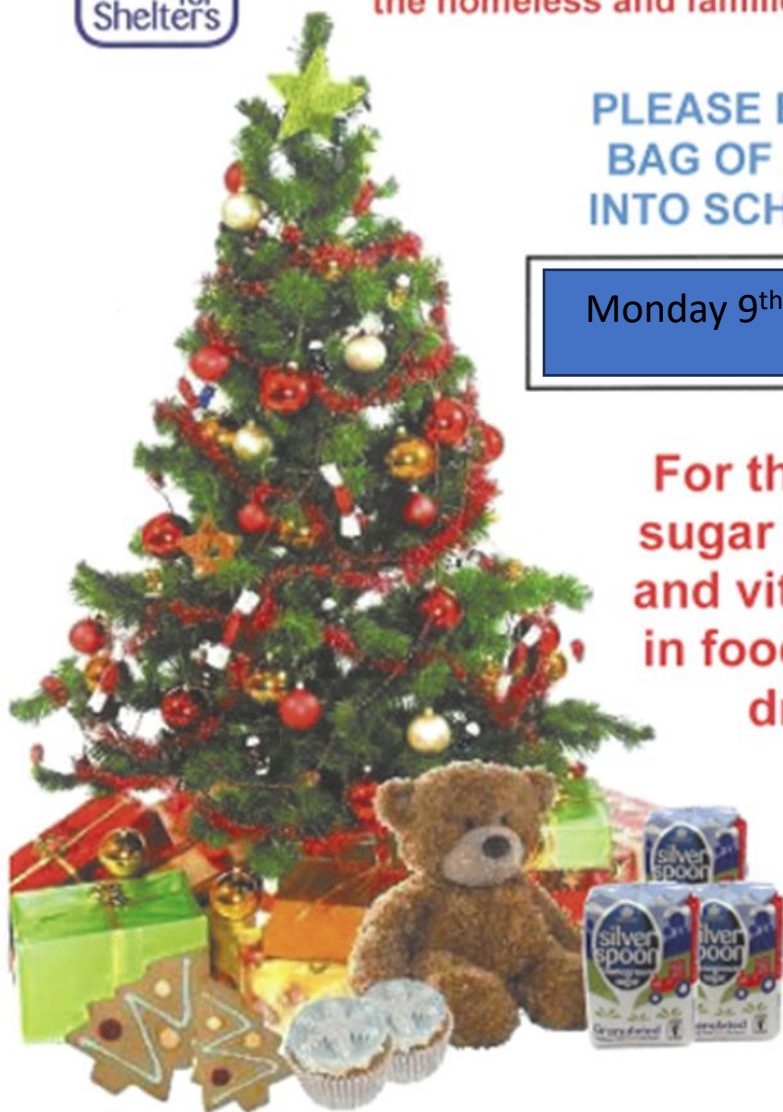
Christmas School Sugar Collection

Supporting shelters in East Anglia for
the homeless and families in crisis

PLEASE BRING A
BAG OF SUGAR
INTO SCHOOL BY

Monday 9th December

For the needy,
sugar is instant
and vital energy
in food and hot
drinks



Celebrating over 30 years of school sugar collection

BEFA (The Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal)
Registered Charity Number: 1066578

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