

Weekly Newsletter – 5th May 2025

A message from Mrs Farren...

SIAMS Inspection Report and the importance of community:

We hope that you have had the opportunity to read the School's SIAMS report. It is a real celebration of the strong family and community vision of the school.

The main inspection report begins with, 'Norton Church of England Primary School is welcoming and loving.' Amongst other positives, the inspector noted,

'During social times, older and younger pupils spend time together and the playground is filled with smiles and laughter.' Being together, as an extended family, is so important. We all face challenges in life, but belonging to a caring community can make these challenges easier to overcome. The inspector noted, 'parents and governors value the way the school is at the heart of the community. This makes a positive difference to the lives it touches.'

One of our school priorities is to increase opportunities to include community members (and parents/carers in particular) into the school. We know many of you have joined us for open afternoons, craft activities and stay and play sessions as well as some curriculum information meetings. The PTA are fantastic at organising fund -raising events which raise money for the school and help bring community members together.

Love your school day!

A huge thank you to Mrs Cooper who has organized this event. She will be in school from 9am tomorrow (Saturday 10th May) with other staff members and community members to help tidy up and improve the physical environment.

Please do join us if you can.

A message from Mrs Cooper: *Thank you very much to everyone who has offered to help tomorrow morning. Some of the jobs needed doing are; weeding, sweeping, watering planters, fixing wooden trellis/shed doors, boarding up broken shed windows, removing trellis from the Reception courtyard, sorting playtime/after school club resources, tidying the playground and litter picking around the school/field/playpark.*

If you have any resources/equipment that you are happy to bring in to assist with any of these jobs (such as gardening tools, brushes, watering cans, litter pickers and DIY tools) that would be great. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend and we hope to see some of you tomorrow

Mrs Farren and Team Norton

Class News – 5th May 2025

Little Leaners This week, in Little Learners, we explored the fascinating world of dinosaurs. We took on the role of paleontologists, digging for "bones" in the sand and creating our own fossils using salt dough. Through this exciting topic, we also practiced our cutting skills, counting, and number recognition.

Reception Another busy week in Reception class; in our Art we have been learning about the famous Artist Henry Matisse. Our activity this week was to create a picture using different textures and coloured paper, but we had to tear the paper instead of cutting with scissors. Before we started we talked about how they would all be different. as we are all different and we all have our own ideas and thoughts. We had boats, people and abstract pictures!

Please return consent forms for the Leigh farm trip.
Cotswold wildlife park payment is now on parentpay.

Year 1 We were extremely lucky to take the super Year 1 children to Bristol Aquarium this week. As always, the children were incredibly well behaved and represented the school so well.

The children loved seeing a variety of sea animals and will be writing about this in their English lessons.



Year 2 In Year 2 this week we have been learning about the artist Henri Rousseau and responding to his work. In RE we have been learning about the inside of a mosque and have designed some wonderful prayer mats. We have sequenced a Katie Morag story on a story map and will use this structure to plan our own Katie Morag story next week.

Year 4. This week in Year 4 we have used atlases to locate Italy and Britain on a map of Europe to gain an understanding of where the Roman Empire started. In science, we have thought about pouring solids (sand, salt, sugar) that act like a liquid but are in fact solids. In maths, we have been partitioning decimals as well as comparing and ordering decimals. Year 4 were brilliant on our trip last Friday to the Ashmolean Museum.



Year 3 This week, in English, we have been working on our own reports, writing about earthquakes. In Science, the class dissected plants to look at the different parts and how new plants are made. In maths, we continued our work with money by looking at how to subtract amounts and calculating change and have also started a unit of work on telling the time.



Year 5 Year 5 have been exploring irreversible reactions, this one involved mixing bicarbonate soda with vinegar which produces a gas. One of them even popped in Miss Donnelly's face!

Year 6 This week, Year 6 have been recapping the information they have learnt throughout the year in preparation for the SATs next week. I am incredibly proud of their efforts.

Bikeability payment is on parentpay. Please return your consent/declaration forms.

School news - VE Day



We observed VE day by holding a two minutes silence as a whole school. Year 5 then shared information about VE day and stories from the war about relatives of our school community.

ve day or victory in europe is when
allies (England usa and russia) ^{win the war}
one of a memory of all have ^{seen} the
bad things ^{what the Nazis (germans)}
had done to europe. the day ^{celebrate}
marks the end of a really 6 year war
also called world war 2 so r shot nazi
the war ^{was} the war but the cost
was ^{made} big & it took ^{long}
of many ^{we} died so we
celebrate the ^{separation} of the
soldiers ^{that} ^{we} ^{are} ^{war}

My Miss Higgins's ~~Gran~~ Gran grew up
Scotland and saw a lot ~~ships~~ of
war ships that would come in to
fuel up, one day she saw Win
Churchill (the ^{prime}minister at the t
and was ^{on} his overalls.

1. These are family stories that we have picked
out to share with you.
2. Mabel's grandma found a bomb and put it
in her bike basket then took it home. She then
disabled it afterwards.
3. Miss Donnelly's ~~Nanny~~ Nanny was born during
World War 2, the safest place for her to shelter
was under the kitchen table inside a drawer.
4. ~~My~~ My Great, Great Auntie and Grandad used
to get a hammer, and ~~smash~~ smash the bottom
of a sweet jar to get out the hard sweets
from the bottom, they stole it from their Dad's
shop.
A.T.
5. My Nana is 86, so she was six years old in
WW2, her dad died as a soldier and her mom died
in a ~~concentration~~ camp in Germany, ~~she was~~ she
was also evacuated in the war to ~~Germany~~ Cornwall
My ~~gran~~ ~~Grandma~~ Grandma lived through ~~WW2~~ WW2
she turned 100 in 2023. She lived through the reign
of 3 monarchs; George VI, Elizabeth II, Charles III.
6. My Great, Great Grandad gave one of his customers
a sawdust-filled pie instead of a meat pie, as soon as
she opened it ~~the~~ sawdust went everywhere, he
gave her a real meat pie when she came back.
A.T.
7. Mr Gavanah's ~~great~~ great grandad was in WW21 and his
Grandad was in WW2, his Grandad only told funny stories
about the war like how he made ~~the~~ his group of soldiers
march the wrong way and then he would get in
trouble.
UK7.

VE DAY
VE Day is when the ALLIES ALL so known
as England, USA and Russia won against the Axis
known as Germany, Japan and Italy. it marked
unconditional surrender of the Axis ending 6 years
of war also known as war 2. I marked this day
8th MAY Any year across the whole of
Europe across the whole of the pacific ocean.
It's a bit like remembrance day but
more important a little

CORNER!

Both Ivy and Xander helped their Dad raise some money for homeless veterans via the RBLI Great Tommy Sleep Out on the weekend.

Together they raised £220;
probably £250 in total!

It didn't quite get down to
freezing but it was cold. 0
degrees in the end.



Head teacher's worship challenge!



New Term = New challenge... and we have **NO** entries yet!

We would love you to create a new logo for our Christian value this term:

Thanks

ANYONE CAN ENTER! Parents/Carers/Brothers/Sisters/Aunts/Uncles/
Teachers.... ETC...

Entry deadline is Wednesday 21st May

Please hand any entries in to the school office.

Templates are available under the office window in the junior corridor if you would like to use them!

Lions at Large!

Norton school now has its lion to decorate in school.

Please help us raise money to improve cancer treatment locally. We have set up a justgiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/nortonlions>

Norton is proud to be a member of The Pride of Gloucestershire Trail 2025. Once the trail has finished, the little Lions will return to their forever homes. Ours will be coming home to Norton in October!

The large Lions will then be auctioned to raise funds for a new cancer centre that will offer local patients the very best environment for treatment, healing and recovery. ANY donation that helps us reach our £750 target would be greatly appreciated.

Here is a reminder of the design we will be creating on our lion:



It's based on the Christian value challenge winning design for courage by Gracie in Y4.

MINDFULNESS "CHALLENGE" OF THE WEEK!

Let's take a deep breath before SATs!

This weekend, we're inviting all families to join our Mindfulness Weekend Challenge, a simple and calming activity to help everyone feel a little more grounded, connected, and ready for the week ahead.

Your Weekend Challenge: "The Five Senses Walk"

Head outside together — to the park, your garden, or just around the block — and go on a mindful walk. The goal is to slow down and notice the world around you using your five senses.

Encourage everyone in your home to gently notice:

 5 things you can see

 4 things you can hear

 3 things you can feel

 2 things you can smell

 1 thing you can taste (even if it's just fresh air or a cup of tea when you get home!)

Optional bonus: Talk about how you felt before and after the walk. Did anything surprise you?

This little pause can help calm busy brains, bring a sense of togetherness, and create space to breathe before the SATs week begins.

Enjoy your mindful moments!



Important information:

PARKING PROBLEMS

We have had some reports of inconsiderate and dangerous parking. You must park in the designated parking spaces and not near or blocking the exit/entrance, please only use a disabled space if you have a blue badge. You must also **never** park on the double yellow lines at the front of the school.. Please park legally; we all need to keep our children safe. Thank you.

Booking before and after school club

Remember to complete and return your B&A booking form for terms 5&6! Due to the very high number of children using these clubs now, we need to ensure staff:child ratios are correct. You **MUST** fill out a form if you want to use before or after school club. Thank you.

Teacher led clubs

Text messages have gone out today (Friday 9th May) to confirm club places, which start on Monday 12th May. **ALL clubs will run from 3:30-4:15.**

If you have not signed up and would like to, we still have some availability. These clubs are now FULL or have limited availability:

Junior football (*full*), Computing (*1 space left*), Card and board games (*full*), Craft and colouring (*2 spaces left*), Craft/Prop club (*1 space left*)

Uniform

Now the weather is getting warmer please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the sunshine... hats and suncream!

Please ensure ALL uniform is named, anything unnamed in lost property at the end of each term will be disposed off.



Dates for your diary for May:

TOMORROW - Saturday 10th May - LOVE YOUR SCHOOL MORNING 9-12

Monday 12th May - Y6 SATS week
- Teacher led clubs start

Friday 16th May - mountain biking competition at Norton

Monday 19th May - YR trip to the farm *Please return permission slips.*
- Y6 bikeability starts today for the whole week *Please return forms.*
- Y6 PGL meeting 3:30pm

Friday 23rd May - non-uniform day (bring in a bottle)
- last day of term (finish at 3:15)

Return to school: Tuesday 3rd June (*Monday 2nd June is an inset day*)

Next week's diary - 12th May 2025:

Day:	The School Day:	After School:	Lunch Menu (week 3)
Monday	Y6 SATS WEEK	Infant lego Cross country Dance Junior football	Bean burger in a bun & new potatoes Creamy curry & rice Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Tuesday		Infant football	Green Thai chicken curry & rice Vegan bolognise Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Wednesday		Computing Card & board games Netball Infant athletics	Roast gammon & roast potatoes Roast quorn & roast potatoes Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Thursday	MENU SWAP WITH FRIDAY!	Junior athletics Craft & colouring Craft & prop making Gardening	Battered fish & chips Spinach and cheese whirl & chips Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna
Friday	Mountain biking competition Sharing assembly 2:45		Greek chicken pitta & rice & Tzatziki Vegan meatballs & rice Jacket potato & Beans /Cheese /Tuna



SATURDAY 10TH MAY

9AM - 12NOON

LOVE OUR SCHOOL MORNING

Some of the jobs we'd love to achieve.....

Willow cutting on the field (chainsaw job)

Litter picking

Sweeping

Fencing to put up

Shed painting and fixing

Assembling a shed

Repairing planters and benches

.... and much more!

Refreshments provided





NORTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our vision is for all our children to shine like STARS

"Those who are wise will shine like the sky and those who lead others to goodness will shine like the stars forever" Daniel 12:3

Strive

Think

Act

Respect

NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITES
YOU TO OUR...

NORTON COMMUNITY SUMMER BONANZA



FRIDAY 20TH ON THE PLAYING
JUNE FIELD

3:30 PM FOR FAMILY FUN
6:30PM FOR ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS
AND MORE!

FREE ENTRY

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDS FOR
SCHOOL RESOURCES.



Events

Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Bar, Tea and Coffee, Live Music, Ice Creams, Tombola, Five A side Football, Nerf Gun Range, Raffle, Tug Of War, Parents vs Rugby Club Touch Rugby and Much More!

Supported by:

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CleanMaster services

Dads/Male role models of EYFS
and KS1 children, you're welcome
to our Fathers Day morning

Friday 13th June
9:30-10:30

Father's
Day





PTA NEWS



THANK YOU

THANK YOU

A massive thank you to all those that supported the Teddy Bear Trail over the Easter holidays.

You helped raise over £130!

We hope you enjoyed it.



Norton car boot and table top!

£10 per table/car to sell
£1 entry for buyers

Sunday 18th May 10am-12noon
@ Norton Village Hall and Car Park.

pre-book a table or car pitch
by emailing :

norton.sch.pta@gmail.com

Refreshments available



Local benefice news



www.seventowers.org.uk

WORSHIP TOGETHER

Sandhurst Church, 11am

**First Sunday
of the month
for all ages**

Feb 2nd ~ Café Church

Coffee, cake, community

March 2nd ~ 'Explore'

Songs and creative activities

April 6th ~ Informal

Stories, inspiration & song

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PEAK DAY

SATURDAY
5th July 10am - 4pm!

Petting Zoo • Forest School
Bouncy Castles • SEN Disco
Football Fun • Trampolining
Food • Stalls • Raffle
...and much more!

📍 Huntsgrove Primary School,
Gloucester GL2 4EP

£2.50
Entry Per Person
Children Under
16 Free

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GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES

£14
PER DAY

AGE RANGE
6-13

27 & 29
MAY

9AM-3PM



ALL ABILITIES WELCOME TO ATTEND (BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED)

TUESDAY 27TH MAY
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHELTENHAM

THURSDAY 29TH MAY
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHELTENHAM

Cheltenham Town
Community
trust



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£14
PER DAY

AGE RANGE
5-12

27-30TH
MAY

9AM-3PM



ALL ABILITIES WELCOME TO ATTEND (BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED)

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ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL
BISHOPS CLEEVE FOOTBALL CLUB

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May Half Term Holiday Courses - Tewkesbury Academy Sports Centre



May Half Term- Holiday Courses

Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th May

8th May 2025

Dear Families

We are running Multi Activity throughout May half term.

The courses run from 9am to 4pm but we are open from 8.30am onwards. All children are required to be collected at 4pm.

Please be aware that we are unable to accept any children under the age of 5 years on our courses.

<https://bookwhen.com/may-half-term-courses>

We look forward to welcoming your child to our holiday courses.

With regards

Tewkesbury Academy Sports Centre

MULTI ACTIVITY



Multi Activity is a fun packed day with lots of different fun activities from tennis to swimming and 50 up!

Multi Activity includes swimming, so please pack your children's swimming kit.

Multi Activity: Tuesday - Friday

Registration and Information:

Registration is at the Sports Centre main reception.

You may cancel your course up to 14 days before the course begins and request to receive a full refund. If a cancellation is made less than 14 days before you will receive a credit to reschedule your course at a later date.

In the event of a course not being viable to run, we will contact you and offer you an alternative date.

We are accepting childcare vouchers.

Information and Reminders:

All children require a packed lunch and refillable drinks bottle

- Suitable and weather appropriate clothing for the course
- Multi Activity: includes swimming, so please pack your children's swimming kit
- Any medication or inhalers

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones will not be permitted to be used at break or lunchtime. We want all children to enjoy their day and to make new friends.



We encourage mobile phones to be left at home. If phones are brought on site, they will remain in your child's bag. Tewkesbury School Sports Centre will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage.

If you urgently need to contact your child, please ring the school office on 01684 292152 and they will contact the Sports Centre Duty Manager.