George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

To all our families,

We are all delighted with our Ofsted report following our recent two-day Section 8 inspection last month. Our school has **taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection**. This means that the school continues to be:

Outstanding for Leadership and Management

Outstanding for Personal Development

Outstanding for Behaviours and Attitudes

Good for the Quality of Education.

There is just so much to celebrate! I am so proud of what we have achieved together and the 'offer' all children now receive. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all staff for their hard work and commitment to our school and to our parents for your continued support and help.

The report highlighted how:

'Pupils behave exceptionally well and are ready to learn because of their teachers high expectations.'

'The school prepares pupils well for life in modern Britain and as citizens of the world. Pupils are kind, tolerant, open-minded and expressive. They embrace difference and value other cultures.'

'The school has constructed an ambitious and inclusive curriculum. Teachers have strong subject knowledge because of the training they receive. Teachers ensure that pupils have much practice of what they have learned before.'

'Reading is a high priority. Teachers adopt a consistent approach to the teaching of reading. Pupils also gain understanding of global issues such as refugees, poverty and endangered species. Pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and those who speak English as an additional language, read with fluency and considerable expression.'

'The school's provision for pupils with SEND is exemplary. Staff implement precise adaptations to ensure pupils with SEND access the curriculum and achieve well.'

'Pupils receive precise support to ensure their learning improves.'

'Pupils enjoy a range of trips and other extra-curricular activities. These experiences enrich pupils curriculum and cultural knowledge. Pupils love to perform and compete. They sing with joy at school and at regional venues. Pupils grasp rhythm, tempo and musical notation. They learn to play a range of musical instruments.'

As a school, our focus on now maintaining all we have achieved, as well as thinking how we now address spelling misconceptions as a whole school consistent approach.

Please find the full report linked https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50268512

We have once again been awarded another grant. This time we have been gifted **£250 of vouchers from Halfords**. We are using this money to purchase scooter helmets for children to use at lunchtimes when using our school scooters.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Petchey and the George White Team.

This Week's Attendance

We hold a celebration assembly every Friday morning to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week.

Well-done to 3 Potter & 6 Palacio this week, for having the highest attendance.

6 Ness: 93%

6 Palacio: 98%

6 Morpurgo: 97%

5 Almond: 97%

5 Johnson: 96%

4 Tan: 96%

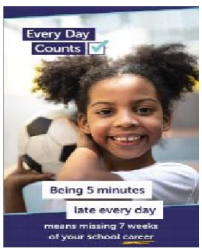
4 Pullman: 97%

3 Potter: 98%

3 Blyton: 97%

Whole school attendance for this week: 97%

School Target: 96%



Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs. Petchey, Mrs. Stolworthy, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Derer, Mrs Burman and Miss Alderton.

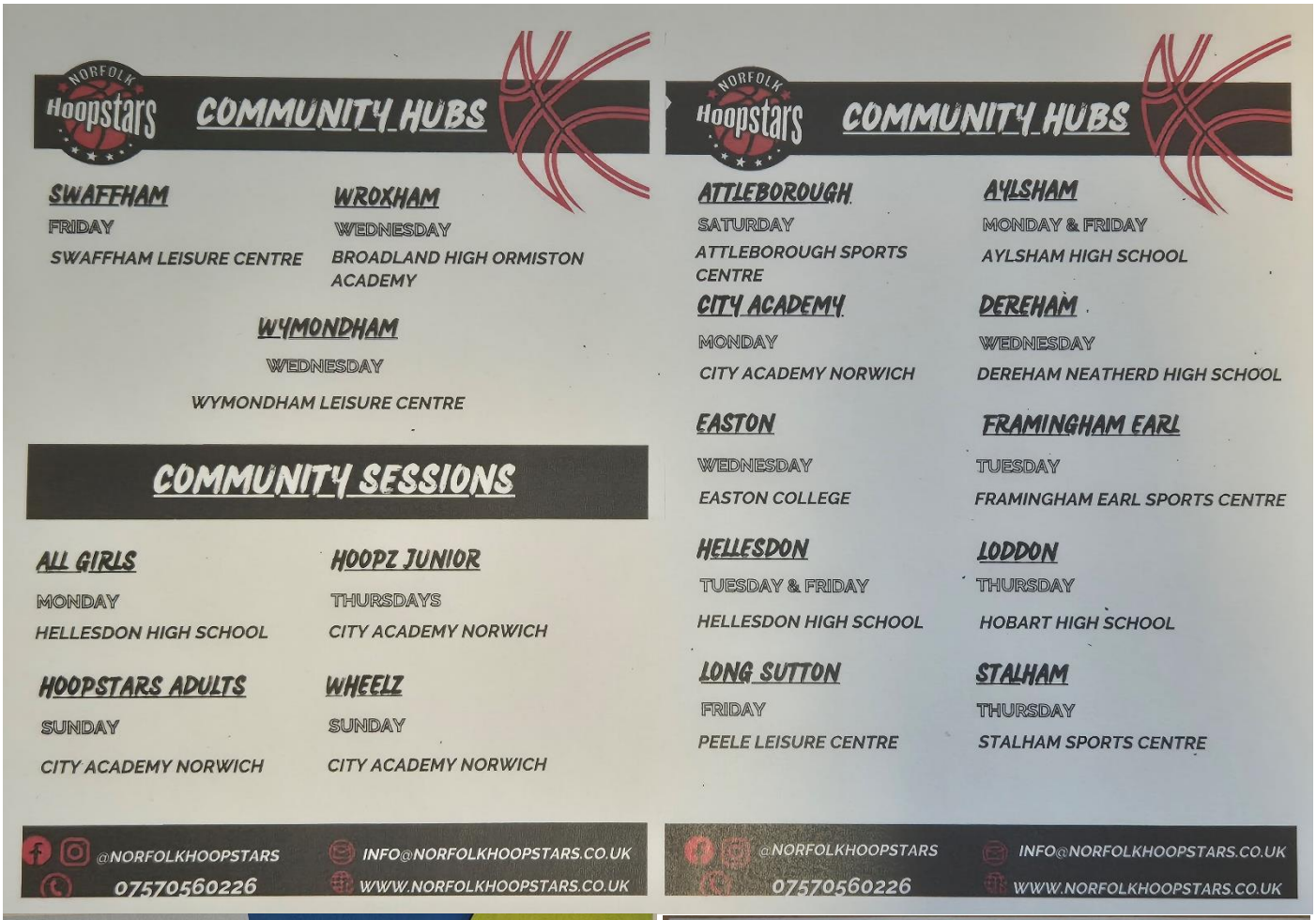
These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, then the number to ring is:

CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020



HALF TERM EVENTS







Look at what we're learning

Year 3

What an amazing week of learning we've had in Year 3!

This week in **Maths**, we've been learning all about **scaling**. The children have worked hard to understand how numbers can be scaled up and down, using multiplication and division strategies to solve problems. It's been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they tackled increasingly challenging questions!

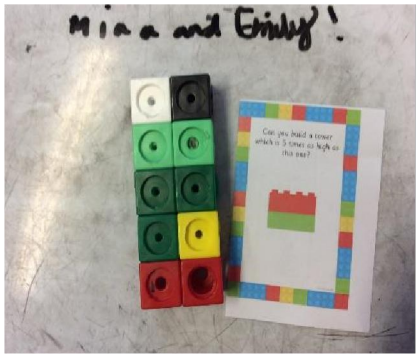
In **English**, the children have planned and written their own sequels to *Winter's Child*, creating their own imaginative stories called *Autumn Child*. They have worked on using **adverbs of time, conjunctions, and prepositions** to make their writing more engaging, while also remembering the all-important basics—**capital letters and full stops**! Their creativity and attention to detail have been brilliant.

In **Science**, we've been learning about the work of **Isaac Newton** and his discoveries about forces and motion. The children were fascinated by his experiments with gravity and light, and we even had fun testing some of his theories ourselves!

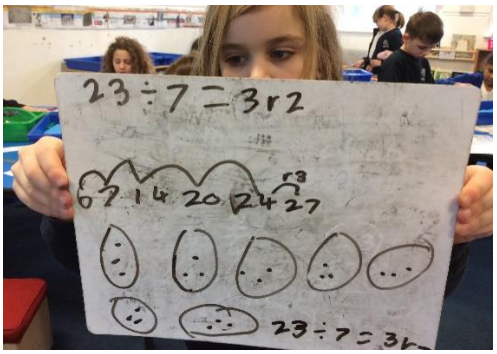
In **History**, we've been exploring the wonders of **Ancient Egypt**, focusing on the importance of the **River Nile**. The children learned how the river was vital for farming, transport, and daily life in ancient times. They asked fantastic questions and showed a great enthusiasm for this fascinating topic!

We have also continued reading and enjoying our class book, *The Wild Robot*. The children are thoroughly engaged with the story and love discussing the adventures of Roz, our robotic protagonist.

It's been a wonderful week full of curiosity and creativity, and we can't wait for more exciting learning ahead. Well done, Year 3!

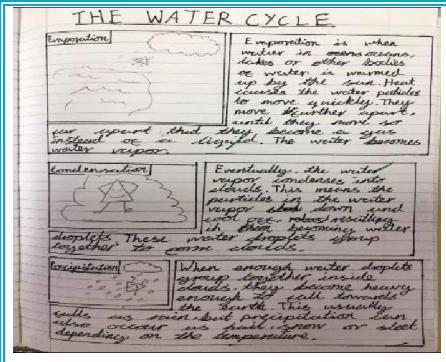


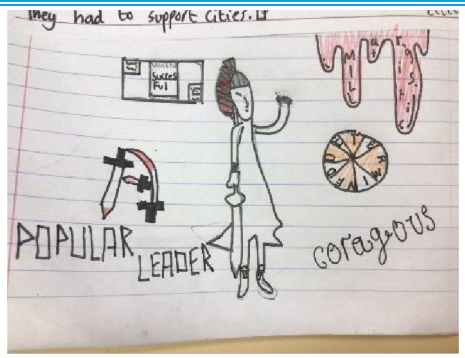


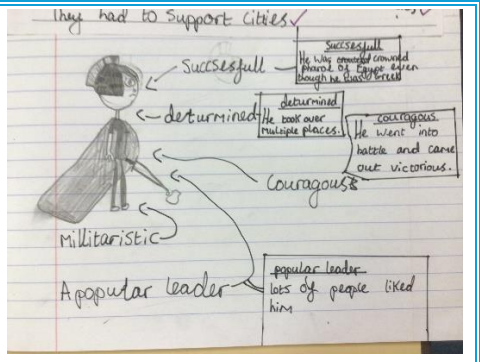


Year 4

The children have had a busy week in year 4! They have been completing tests in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Reading and Maths. The children have worked so hard and we are very proud of them all! They have shown resilience, perseverance and confidence. In Science this week the children studied the water cycle, they created a comic strip around what they had learnt. Our history learning around the Ancient Greeks is coming to an end this week, we learnt about Alexander the Great! Next week, we will be starting our Art learning. We know that the children are very excited by this. On Thursday afternoon we took part in a Zoom meeting which raises awareness for children's mental health week. We are looking forward to aspirations week next week! We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

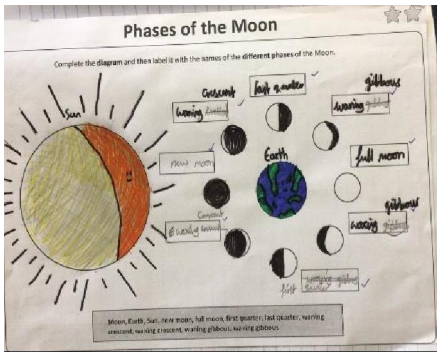


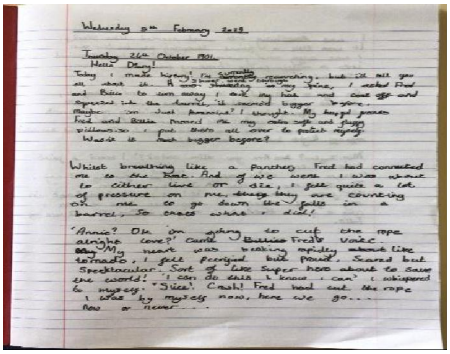




Year 5

We've had another fantastic week in Year 5!
All the children have worked really hard to complete all their assessments and we are so proud of all of them. In English we've been busy planning and writing diary entries from the point of view of Annie describing her journey down Niagara Falls in a barrel, and we are so impressed with the work they have produced (See photo). In maths the children have impressed us so much with their amazing knowledge of fractions and have shown real confidence in applying their knowledge of fractions to our next step of multiplying fractions. In science the children have really enjoyed continuing our exploration of the solar system, this week focusing on the phases of the moon, and we hope to see you all next Monday for our star gazing event which links into our science topic. We started our new history topic this week and the children became detectives and used clues to discover the period in history we are focusing on - the Ancient Maya Civilization! We look forward to all the amazing learning which will take place as we continue to explore this topic. On Thursday we were privileged to join in a virtual assembly from 'Amazing People Schools' where we heard from premier league footballer Josh King about how he manages his wellbeing. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the children!
We hope you have a lovely weekend,
The Year 5 Team.







Year 6

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 6! Here's a brief overview of all the exciting learning and activities that took place:
In English, we've kicked off our new poetry topic. The children have been working hard to learn a poem for a performance, and they're doing an amazing job! It's been wonderful to see their creativity shine as they practice their lines, focusing on expression and delivery.
In Maths, we've continued exploring our shape unit. The children have been learning how to find missing angles in quadrilaterals and polygons, and they now have a solid understanding of how to calculate the perimeter and area of various shapes. It's been impressive to see their problem-solving skills developing!
In History, the children were thrilled to explore photos of Norwich during World War II. They learned about the significant impact the war had on the city and were fascinated by the historical insights they discovered. This session really brought history to life for them.
On Thursday, we had a special event with *Inspiring Stories from Inspiring Role Models*. The children were inspired by stories of resilience and teamwork, and we discussed how these character strengths

can positively support children's mental health. It was a powerful session that encouraged everyone to reflect on their own strengths.

On Friday, half of Year 6 had the opportunity to visit the Cathedral. They learned about Christianity and explored the history and significance of the church. This trip was a great way to bring their learning about religion to life!

It's been another wonderful week in Year 6, and with only one more week to go, we're excited to finish strong before our well-deserved break.

Thank you for your continued support!

Best regards,

Year 6 Teachers





Blake Class

Blake class have been very creative this week. Linking with our circus topic, they have made pneumatic monsters. They designed them, decided on materials to use, created and evaluated their monsters. They were very proud of what they achieved.

We have had lots of visitors in the SRB this week and it's been lovely to see the children queuing up to show their books to our guests. They have written some fabulous sentences which have included prepositions, fronted adverbials and adjectives and are gaining independence in their writing each day.

In maths, we started looking at perimeter and used geoboards to create 2-D shapes. They then measured the distance around the outside and challenged others to measure their shapes. We have learnt new vocabulary and worked to take our understanding from concrete to pictorial.





Dates for the Diary 2024/2025	
Monday 10th February	Aspirations Week
Monday 10th February	Year 5 Stargazing at 5.00 – 5.40pm Main Playground
Tuesday 11th February	Open Classrooms for all years from 3.20pm
Friday 14th February	Half of Year 6 visit to Norwich Cathedral
Monday 17th February	Half Term Break
Monday 24th February	Welcome Back after half term- gates open at 8.30am
Monday 24th February	Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Check Parent Meeting at 3.30pm
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day – Details to follow
Tuesday 18th March	Open Classrooms for all years from 3.20pm
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day – Do something funny for money – Details to follow
Monday 24th March	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Tuesday 25th March	Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm
Wednesday 2nd April	Easter Bonnet Competition and parade