

Wortham Primary School Weekly Newsletter

7th September 2025

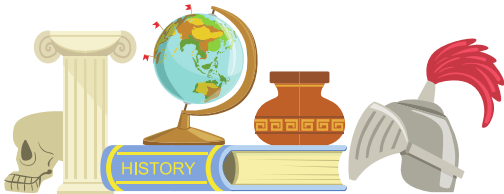


This Week at Wortham...

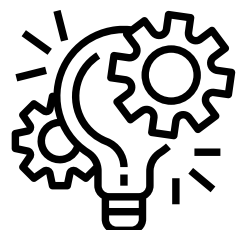
Despite a rainy start to the week, the weather certainly didn't dampen the excitement of returning to school. The children have settled back in with enthusiasm and a great attitude, ready to begin the new term. It's been lovely to hear all about their holiday adventures. There's a real sense of energy, positivity, and calm throughout the school, and we're already off to a fantastic start with our learning.

Our learning this half term

Our two focus subjects this half term are history and design & technology. The tables below shows the topics each class will be learning for each three week block.



	History	Design Technology
Bumblebee Class	'Who do you think you are?'	Structures – making a kite
Hedgehog Class	The Romans	Textiles – constructing & sewing a bookmark
Barn Owl Class	Vikings & a local study – Sutton Hoo	Cooking & Nutrition – savoury pastry slice
Otter Class	The Shang Dynasty	Mechanisms – 'Doodlers'

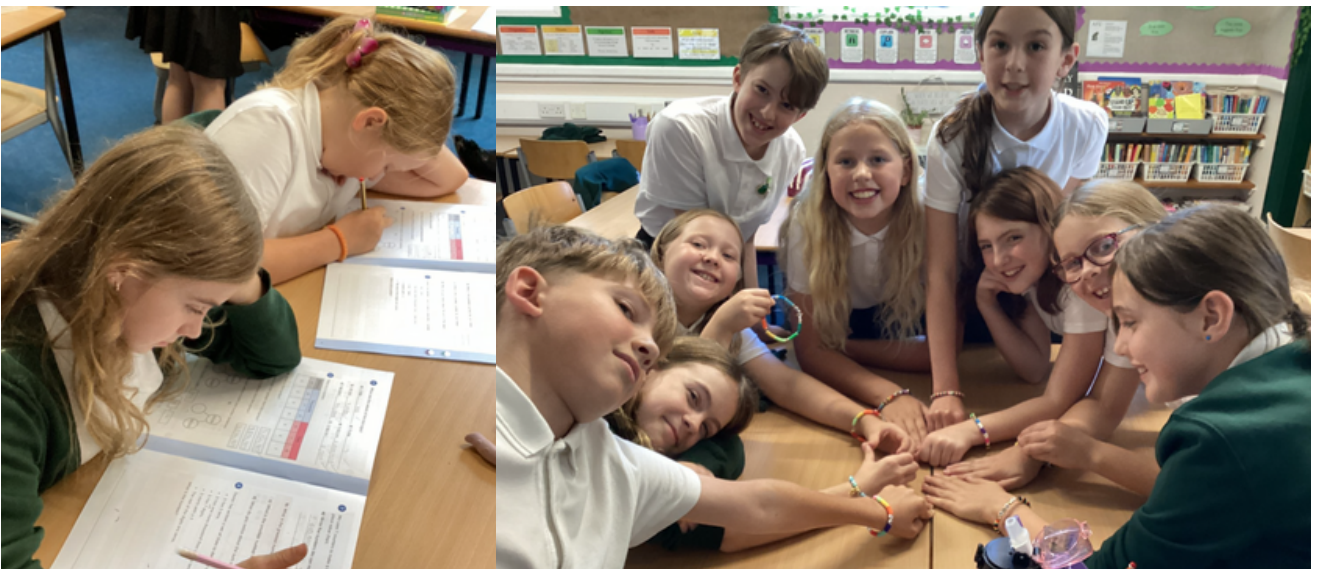


Class highlights this week...

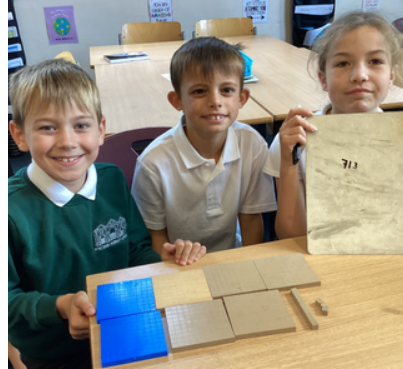
Hedgehog Class have had a fantastic few days settling into life in Years 2 and 3. The children have enjoyed practising their multiplication skills, spending time in the library, and exploring the activities in our calm corner. They've made a great start on their place value work in maths and have shown real enthusiasm as they began learning about the Romans.



Otter Class have already begun some amazing work across the curriculum, taken part in fun team-building games, and started to form strong bonds as this year's new Year 6 class. It's been lovely to see such a supportive, engaged group of learners coming together – we can't wait to see all that they achieve this year!



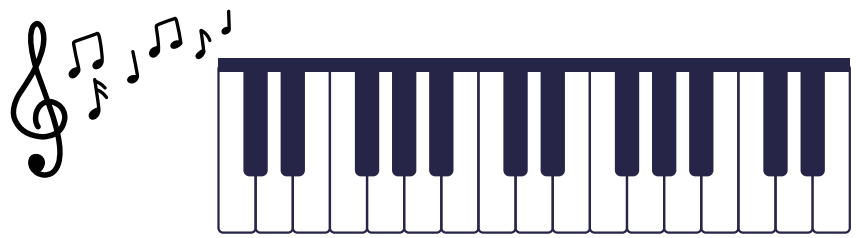
Barn Owls have been magnificent mathematicians this week! Year 4 have been exploring numbers to 1,000, using place value holders to help represent and understand the value of each digit. Meanwhile, Year 5 have been recapping Roman Numerals and put their knowledge to the test in a lively game of Fastest Table First, creating numbers with lolly sticks. A fun and focused start to the term in maths!



Bumblebee Class have loved sharing their summer holiday news, showing photos, and talking about their favourite highlights. They've also been very busy crafting. As part of settling in, the children have enjoyed exploring their new classroom environment — discovering different areas, learning routines, and making new friends along the way.



Piano Tuition



We are delighted to welcome Amy Tunmore, an experienced musician who has been playing the piano for over 20 years to Wortham. Amy has a genuine passion for both music and teaching, and she loves helping children enjoy and develop their musical skills. She will be offering piano tuition on Monday afternoons starting from 15th September. If you would like more information or wish to sign your child up for lessons, please contact the school office.



Daily Exercise

To promote healthy and active lifestyles, the whole school will continue to take part in 'daily exercise'. The children will take part in a carousel, within their house groups, of a running circuit, gym trial, basketball or beanbag throwing, skipping or hopscotch. This will be a time when we can enjoy exercising together and will not only benefit our physical health but also our mental health.

Reporting Absence

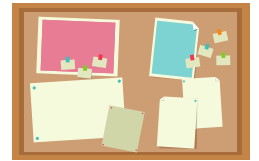


A reminder to parents to report any pupil absence by contacting the school office before 8:50am and providing a reason for the absence. If a child is absent for more than one day, parents are required to call the school each morning with an update. In cases of sickness and diarrhoea, pupils must remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode. Prescribed medication can be administered in school, but a consent form must be completed at the office beforehand.

Uniform

Please can we remind parents to **name every item your child brings to school, especially clothing.** We cannot return lost items to the correct child if they are not named.

Please can we also remind parents and children that **no jewellery** is to be worn other than watches and /or stud earrings (that don't go below the earlobe - no studded hoops) We would be grateful for your support in reminding your child to leave their necklaces, rings and friendship bracelets at home - thank you.



Key Dates

Please see the last two pages which include key dates for the Autumn term and for then for the remaining 2025 - 2026 academic year. These can be printed and placed on your fridge / noticeboard for quick reference. We hope that these help you to plan ahead and be aware of the events that are coming up.



What's on next week?

Before & After School Clubs start this week.

Tuesday 9th - Viking & Shang Dynasty Workshops (Barn Owl & Otter Class)

Wednesday - Coffee Morning (all welcome) - 9am

Thursday - Welcome to Class Meetings (Parents of children in years 1 - 6)

Bumblebee Class - 2.45 - 2.55pm

Hedgehog Class - 2.55 - 3.05pm

Barn Owl & Otter Class - 3.05 - 3.15pm

Friday - Clarinet (Yrs 4 & 5) & Guitar (Yr 6) lessons begin

Lifetime sessions begin

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Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2025

September

- Tues 9th - History Day - Viking & Shang Dynasty Workshop
- Wednesday 10th - Coffee morning @ 9am
- Thursday 11th - Welcome to Class Meetings (see times above)
- Wednesday 17th - Individual & Sibling photos (Younger siblings can come in from 8.30am)
- Thursday 18th - Hedgehog Class History Trip to Norwich Castle (letters out next week)
- Tuesday 30th - Reception Parents Meeting (Early Reading) 3.30pm - 4pm

October

- Thursday 2nd - Tuesday 7th - Book Fair
- Monday 6th - Y6 Hilltop Presentation @ 3.30pm
- Tuesday 7th - Waveney Food Bank Assembly for children - whole school community collecting food for local food bank
- Tuesday 21st - Harvest Assembly @ 2.30pm - Parents invited
- Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd - Open Day for children starting school in September 2026 - Sessions (9.30 - 10.30)
- Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd - Parents Evening
- Friday 24th - Last day of the half term

Half Term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

November

- Monday 3rd - Back to school
- Wednesday 6th - STEM Day with Parents & Grown Ups Invited
(Morning session for Red & Green house groups & Afternoon session for Blue & Yellow house groups)
- Monday 10th - Friday 14th - Y6 at Hilltop Residential
- Monday 24th - Flu Vaccine for all year groups

December

- Thursday 11th - Bumblebee & Hedgehog class Nativity performances @ 1.30pm & 5.30pm
- Tuesday 16th - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
- Wednesday - 17th - Christmas Share - Parents & Grown Ups Invited (more details to follow)
- Thursday 18th - Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 18th - Carols Around the Tree @ 2.45pm Parents & Grown Ups Invited
- Thursday 18th - Last Day
- Fri 19th - PD Day

Key Dates for 2025 - 2026

January

- Monday 5th - PD Day
- Tuesday 6th - 1st day back - Spring Term Starts

February

- Friday 13th - Last day of the half term

Half Term - Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

- Monday 23rd - Back to school after half term

March

- Thursday 5th - World Book Day (More details to follow)
- Friday 21st - Red Nose Day
- W/C 23rd - Annual School Reports to be sent home this week
- Friday 27th - Last day of the Spring term

Easter Holidays - Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

April

- Monday 13th - First day back
- Friday 24th - Mini Marathon Fundraising Event

May

- Monday 11th - Thursday 14th - Y6 KS2 SATS
- Friday 22nd - Last day of the half term

Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

June

- W/C 1st - Year 4 Multiplication Checks begin
- W/C 8th - Year 1 Phonics Screening begin
- Thursday 25th - Move up Day

July

- Friday 3rd - Sports Day - Parents & Grown ups invited for afternoon session
- Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th - Parents Evening
- Tuesday 14th - Barn Owls & Otters Performance @ 1.30pm & 5.30pm
- Friday 17th - Last Day

Please note that more dates will be added each term as and when special events are confirmed and organised.

We are not planning for any of the dates above to change but should we need to, we will always aim to give you as much notice as possible.