

Wortham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



9th November 2025

This week at Wortham

Firstly, a very warm welcome to Flynn and his family, who have joined us in Year 1, as well as Amjad in Year 5 and Ehab in Year 1 and their family. We're delighted to have you with us and hope you already feel part of our Wortham family!

This week has been packed with wonderful opportunities — from inspiring classroom learning to our STEM Share Day and our very first PINS coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported these events; your involvement makes a real difference to our school community.

We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm, support, and positivity of our families. Together, we continue to make Wortham a fantastic place for our children to learn and grow.

STEM Day

Our STEM day was a huge success! The school was buzzing with imagination, curiosity, and hands-on learning. Pupils — along with their grown-ups — tackled exciting engineering challenges, from creating roller coasters with recycled materials to constructing bridges that carried surprisingly heavy loads. Everyone showed determination and impressive problem-solving skills. Children also took part in a STEM quiz, created eye-catching posters, and collected well-earned stickers throughout the afternoon. It was wonderful to see so much teamwork, creativity, and excitement for science, technology, engineering, and maths.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year, we are proud to be supporting a Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This involves filling a shoebox with small presents for a child, which will be delivered to a special school in Boyarka, Ukraine, and to nearby orphanages. The shoeboxes will be sent by a local organisation based in Diss.

Taking part in the Shoebox Appeal is a wonderful way to help children who may have very little, bringing them joy and gifts at Christmas. It encourages our children to show kindness, empathy, and gratitude, while also giving our school community the chance to make a difference together.

Packing Guidelines:

- Wrap the lid and box separately.
- Label the box with the child's gender and approximate age.
- Fill with a good selection of new items only (no used or damaged items).

Gift suggestions:

- Toys such as dolls, cuddly toys, cars, trucks, skipping ropes, small balls, puzzles, musical instruments
- Stationery: pens, colouring pencils, crayons, felt pens, stamps, pencil cases, sharpeners, erasers, notebooks, paper, colouring books
- Picture books (avoid books with lots of words)
- Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, wrapped bar of soap, hairbrush/comb
- Clothing and accessories: hat, gloves, scarf, socks, tights, hair accessories, jewellery
- Sweets (ensure the sell-by date lasts until Christmas)

Please do not include:

- Toys such as guns, knives, or military figures
- Liquid items (bubbles, lotions, shampoo)
- Medicines or medication



Deadline:

Should you wish to take part, please bring shoeboxes into school by Friday 28th November. Shoeboxes can be handed to Mrs Paine in the office or to class teachers. Thank you for your support.

Road Safety Poster Competition

With Road Safety Week approaching, Wortham will be taking part in a Suffolk County Council road safety poster competition for primary schools.

Pupils are invited to design colourful and eye-catching posters that promote important road safety messages. Winning designs will be made into lamp post bollards and displayed near local schools, and the pupils behind them will receive a goodie bag.

Competition details:

- Posters must be portrait on A4 paper
- Designs should clearly focus on road safety
- Each school can submit three entries
- Mrs Erith and Mrs Flatman will judge the school's entries



Deadline:

All entries must be submitted to school by Monday 17th November to allow time for posting.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Mrs Erith. We can't wait to see the pupils' creative ideas and important road safety messages come to life!

Hilltop Residential Trip

We would like to wish our Year 6 children a wonderful week away at Hilltop next week! We know that they will have an incredible time, and we look forward to sharing updates with you via our Wortham Primary Facebook Page.

Autumn Term Dates

In addition to the dates for next week, we have included important dates for the remainder of the Autumn term for your information. With so much happening at this time of year, we hope you find this helpful for planning ahead.

What's on next week?



Monday:

Year 6 - Hilltop Residential

Tuesday:

Remembrance Day

Wednesday:

Open Morning for New Reception Parents
(2026) - 9.30 - 10.30am

Thursday:

Swimming for years 4 & 5

Friday

Clarinet

Please see below a list of dates for the remainder of the Autumn term.

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Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2024

November

- Monday 10th - Friday 14th - Y6 at Hilltop Residential
- Monday 17th - Road Safety Competition Closes
- Friday 21st - Anti-Bullying Workshops for all year groups (more information to follow)
- Monday 24th - Flu Vaccine for all year groups
- Friday 28th Shoebox Appeal Deadline

December

- Monday 1st - Donation box in the office for FoWS Christmas Hampers & Raffle tickets in bookbags
- Friday 5th - FoWS School Disco - Disco 1 5-6pm (Rec/Yr1/2) & Disco 2 6:15-7:30pm (Yr3/4/5/6)
- Tuesday 9th - Y6 Drama & Theatre workshop @ Hartismere
- Thursday 11th - Bumblebee & Hedgehog Class Nativity performances @ 1.30pm & 5.30pm
- Tuesday 16th - Whole school trip to Pantomime (Diss Cornhill)
- Wednesday 17th - Christmas lunch
- Thursday 18th - Christmas Share Day (Times TBC)
- Thursday 18th - Carols Around The Tree @ 2.30pm, Parents & Grown Ups Invited
- Thursday 18th - Last Day
- Friday 19th - PD Day