

# Wortham Primary School Weekly Newsletter



16th November 2025

## Hilltop

Our Year 6 children are now home, safe and dry after a wonderful week at Hilltop. The children took part in a wide range of activities including archery, high ropes, orienteering, a tree-top trail and coastal walks. They also enjoyed a campfire and night walk, followed by a disco on the final evening!

Throughout the week, the children demonstrated all of our school values, showing resilience in abundance. They embraced new challenges, made new friends and developed important personal skills such as teamwork and confidence.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming them back to school next week and hearing all about their adventures. Thank you to Mrs Widdeson for organising and leading this fantastic residential opportunity for our children.



# Remembrance

On Tuesday, our school community came together to mark Remembrance Day. Each class spent time reflecting on the significance of the day and why it is so important to remember.

At 11 o'clock, we gathered as a school to observe a two-minute silence. Standing together in a circle, we paused to honour those who have made sacrifices for our freedom.

Thank you to Dalila for laying the wreath at the Wortham Church Service, and to the other children and families from our school who also attended.



# Road Safety

A reminder that Wortham is taking part in Suffolk County Council's Road Safety Poster Competition for primary schools.

Children are invited to design a colourful and eye-catching poster promoting an important road safety message. Winning designs will be made into lamp-post bollards and displayed near local schools, and the pupils behind them will receive a goodie bag prize.

Competition details:

- Posters must be portrait on A4
- Designs should clearly focus on road safety
- Each school may submit three entries
- Entries will be judged by Mrs Erith and Mrs Flatman

Deadline: Monday 17th November

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Erith.

We are looking forward to seeing the children's fantastic ideas and powerful road safety messages!

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# Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year, we are proud to be supporting a Christmas Shoebox Appeal, helping to bring joy to children who may have very little this Christmas. The filled shoeboxes will be sent to a special school in Boyarka, Ukraine, as well as to nearby orphanages, through a local organisation in Diss.

Taking part in the Shoebox Appeal is a meaningful way for our school community to show kindness, empathy and generosity. Even one small shoebox can make a huge difference to a child's Christmas — reminding them that they are cared for and not forgotten.

We would love as many families as possible to take part, and we are incredibly grateful for the support shown so far.

Packing Guidelines:

- Wrap the lid and box separately
- Label the box with the child's gender and age
- Items must be new (no second-hand or damaged items)

Gift Ideas:

- Toys: dolls, cuddly toys, cars, puzzles, small balls, skipping ropes
- Stationery: pens, colouring pencils, felt tips, notebooks, paper
- Picture books (minimal text)
- Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel, wrapped soap, hairbrush
- Clothing: socks, hats, gloves, scarves, hair accessories
- Sweets (must be in date through Christmas)

Please avoid:

- War-related toys
- Liquids
- Medication

Deadline: Friday 28th November

Shoeboxes can be handed to class teachers or brought to the school office.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support — together we can help make Christmas brighter for children who need it most.



# Anti-Bullying Workshops

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, our children will be taking part in special anti-bullying drama workshops next Friday. This year's theme is "Power for Good", and the workshops are designed to help children understand how their words and actions can make a positive difference.

Led by a professional drama facilitator, the sessions will use drama and team-building activities to:

- Celebrate what makes each person unique
- Encourage respectful listening and positive communication
- Explore what bullying is and how to recognise it
- Learn how to help others and seek help safely

Workshops are tailored for both KS1 and KS2, ensuring content is age-appropriate, engaging and meaningful. These sessions aim to strengthen kindness, confidence, empathy and inclusion across our school community, and we are very much looking forward to the day.

We are delighted to share that the workshops have been fully funded by the Friends of Wortham Primary School (FOWS), enabling every child to take part. A huge thank you to FOWS for your generosity and ongoing support.



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## Christmas Share Day

We are able to confirm the times for our Christmas Share on Thursday 18th December. The morning will run from 9.15am until 11.40am, and we look forward to welcoming you into school to enjoy Christmas crafts with your child.



# What's on next week?

## Monday:

Road Safety Competition closes



## Thursday:

Swimming for years 4 & 5

## Friday:

Anti-Bullying Workshops

Clarinet (years 4 & 5)

Guitar (year 6)

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

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# Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2025

## November

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Road Safety Competition Closes
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Anti-Bullying Workshops for all year groups
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Flu Vaccine for all year groups
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Shoebox Appeal Deadline

## December

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Donation box in the office for FoWS Christmas Hampers & Raffle tickets in bookbags
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - FoWS School Disco - Disco 1 5-6pm (Rec/Yr1/2) & Disco 2 6:15-7:30pm (Yr3/4/5/6)
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Drama & Theatre workshop @ Hartismere
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - Bumblebee & Hedgehog Class Nativity performances @ 1.30pm & 5.30pm
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Whole school trip to Pantomime (Diss Cornhill)
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas lunch
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Share Day - 9.15am - 11.40am
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Carols Around The Tree @ 2.30pm, Parents & Grown Ups Invited
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Last Day
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - PD Day