

Wortham Primary School Weekly Newsletter



23rd November 2025

Anti-Bullying Workshops

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, the children took part in drama workshops exploring this year's theme: "Power for Good." The workshops focused on understanding what bullying is, how to respond safely, and how our actions and words can make a positive difference. We would once again like to thank the Friends of Wortham Primary School (FOWS) for fully funding the workshops.

Reception children explored the book *Be Kind* by Pat Zeitlow Miller and completed a sorting activity to recognise different acts of kindness. They then coloured flowers and created a "kindness garden," writing examples of kind actions on each petal. Year 1 enjoyed a drama workshop all about being kind and staying connected with their friends. They explored this theme through movement activities such as linking elbows or shoulders with a partner, which they found great fun!



Hedgehogs took part in a fantastic drama workshop where they explored friendship, trust, and bullying through storytelling, freeze frames, and role play. The key message they took away was the importance of kindness and looking out for one another.



Key Stage Two children acted out scenarios from stories including *The Ugly Duckling* and *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, portraying the roles of victim, bully, and bystander. They showed great empathy, creativity, and understanding in expressing emotions and behaviours through drama.



School Nativity



This year's Nativity is 'A Midwife Crisis!' The children are already busy learning songs and practising lines, and it is certainly starting to feel very festive in school.

Tickets will be available from the school office starting Monday 24th November. To ensure everyone has the opportunity to attend, each family will initially be offered two tickets per performance. These will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis until Friday 5th December. After this date, any remaining tickets will be distributed to families who have requested extras, so we do encourage you to book early.

If you find that you no longer need your tickets, please return them to Mrs Paine so they can be passed on fairly to other families who may need them. We are very much looking forward to sharing this special performance with you.

Pantomime

We are looking forward to taking the children to the Diss Corn Hall on Tuesday 16th December to see Beauty and the Beast. This week, your child has brought home a colouring competition entry for the chance to win a family ticket to the pantomime.

Please return completed entries to school by Friday 5th December, and we will submit them on behalf of Wortham Primary. If you prefer, entries can also be handed in directly at the Corn Hall.

Christmas Cards & Advent Calendars

Our Christmas Post Box will be in the main school corridor for children to send Christmas cards to one another if they wish. Please ensure names are written clearly on the front and that the recipient's class is written in the corner, so cards can be delivered to the correct child. Posting dates are from 1st December, with the final collection on Tuesday 16th December.

Every child will also be taking home an advent calendar this week. The calendars have been kindly donated by a previous member of the Open the Book team.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who has already taken part in our Christmas Shoebox Appeal. We are proud to be supporting this project, helping to bring joy to children who may have very little this Christmas.

The filled shoeboxes will be sent to a school in Boyarka, Ukraine, as well as to nearby orphanages, through a local organisation in Diss. This is a meaningful way for our school community to show kindness, empathy and generosity.

This is now the final week to take part, and all shoeboxes need to be handed in by this Friday. We would love to see as many families join in as possible, and we are so 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)
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Gift Ideas

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

Please avoid

- War-related toys
- Liquids
- Medication



Thank you once again for your generosity.

Sports Competition

This week a team from Wortham took part in the Level 2 Tag Rugby competition at Thomas Mills High School. The children played with fantastic determination, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout all of their matches. In a league of seven teams, they secured three wins and one draw, which enabled them to progress to the final stages of the competition. We are very proud to share that they finished fourth out of fourteen teams – a brilliant achievement. Well done to everyone who took part!

Waveney Food Bank

Our collection for the Waveney Food Bank has now been processed, and we are pleased to share that our school community donated a total of 70kg of food. We have received a certificate recognising this contribution. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support.

Road Safety Competition

We were delighted to receive a fantastic range of creative and thoughtful entries for the road safety competition. After much careful judging, three winning designs have now been selected and submitted to the county competition.

Well done to everyone who took part, and a special congratulations to the three pupils whose designs have gone forward.



Geography In Hedgehog Class

This half term in geography, Hedgehog Class are learning all about Europe. The children will be exploring the countries that make up the continent, learning about capital cities, key landmarks, climates, physical and human features and cultural differences.

To support this learning, Mrs Banham would like to invite any parents, carers or grandparents who are originally from a European country, or who have lived in one, to visit the class and share their experiences. This might include talking about the language, landmarks, climate, traditions or any cultural differences. We hope to arrange this for the morning of Thursday 11th December.

If you would be interested in taking part, please could you contact Mrs Banham, thank you.



Art Gallery

Each class is working on an art project this term called Once Upon a Picture. Using a chosen book as inspiration, the children are planning and creating artwork linked to their story.

You will be able to view the finished pieces on Friday 12th December, when our gallery will be open before school from 8.30–9.00am and after school from 3.30–4.00pm.

We look forward to sharing the children's artwork with you.



What's on next week?

Monday:

- Flu Vaccinations
- Piano Tuition



Thursday:

- Swimming (years 4 & 5)

Friday:

- 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 24th - Flu Vaccine for all year groups
- Friday 28th - Shoebox Appeal Deadline

December

- Monday 1st - Nativity Costumes due (Bumblebee & Hedgehog Class)
- 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)
- Friday 5th - Beauty & The Beast Colouring Competition ends
- Tuesday 9th - Y6 Drama & Theatre workshop @ Hartismere
- Thursday 11th - Bumblebee & Hedgehog Class Nativity performances @ 1.30pm & 5.30pm
- Friday 12th - Wortham Art Gallery - 8.30am-9am & 3.30pm - 4pm
- Tuesday 16th - Whole school trip to Pantomime (Diss Cornhill)
- Tuesday 16th - Last Posting day for Christmas cards
- Wednesday 17th - Christmas lunch
- Thursday 18th - Christmas Share Day - 9.15am - 11.40am
- Thursday 18th - Carols Around The Tree @ 2.30pm, Parents & Grown Ups Invited
- Thursday 18th - Last Day
- Friday 19th - PD Day

