

# Wortham Primary School

# Weekly Newsletter



7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Please see below for a message from Simon Furlong, our Chair of Governors.

## **End of Year Message from the Governing Body**

As the festive holiday season approaches, the governing body would like to thank the Staff, Children and Parents/Carers for their hard work this term and wish everybody a happy holiday.

There have been changes within the teaching staff this term and with the departure of Mrs Clarke at the end of last year, Mrs Erith has taken on the Head of School role to great effect and there has been a seamless transition.

We also welcomed Miss Parsons to the school, who has fitted in wonderfully and I know from conversations with the children they think "she is best teacher in the world".

Zoe Clancy has also joined the team at Wortham and has already brought some positive developments to our SEND provision. We are very fortunate to have her as our SENDCo.

I would also like to thank FoWS for their continued hard work and fund raising for the school which I know Mrs Flatman and Mrs Erith are very grateful for. It enables the school to fund items that would otherwise not be able to be provided and enhances the learning for our children.

The governing body has also welcomed Laura London as a co-opted governor, Laura is a welcome addition and brings a level of expertise in the educational arena as an ex-teacher and currently working at UEA on the teacher training programme. Two of our parent governors Jenny Ralls and Charlotte du Toit are coming to the end of their current term as governors and I am really pleased that they have both said they are happy to continue for a further term of office. Our rules of governance require parents to vote for their choice of representative where there is more than one applicant for a vacancy, so if any other parent wishes to join the governing body as a parent governor we will arrange a selection process in January. If no other parent comes forward then Jenny and Charlotte will be re-instated for another term. There is also a vacancy for a co-opted governor (not required to have pupils at the school) and I would welcome a conversation with parents/ carers who may be interested in this role. If you are interested in either role can you please notify me by the 23 December 2025 at [s.furlong@worthamprimary.org.uk](mailto:s.furlong@worthamprimary.org.uk).

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# Christmas Raffle: Tickets and Prize Donations



Just a reminder to return your raffle tickets and money to the school office. Every ticket helps support our school!

If you have any donations for the FoWS Christmas Raffle, these can be dropped into the box outside the school office.

Thank you so much for your generosity—we're grateful for your support!

## Our Nativity



We are looking forward to sharing our special performance of A Midwife Crisis with you. If you need tickets, please come and see Mrs Paine by the end of Monday 8th December.

If you have any tickets that you no longer need, we would be very grateful if you could return them to the school office by this date so they can be reallocated to other families.

Please note that tickets for the performances cannot be swapped, so if you require tickets for a different performance instead, do come and speak to Mrs Paine.

Thank you for your understanding — we look forward to seeing you at this special event!

## Nativity Costumes Reminder

Please send your child's nativity costume to school by Monday in a named bag. Slips with costume details have been sent home.

We'll also be using face paints—if you'd prefer your child not to have face paint, please inform their class teacher.

Thank you for your help!

## Carols Around The Tree



Be part of our magical Carols Around the Tree Assembly!

We'd love children to share a short Christmas poem or story, or deliver a festive message. You can bring your own poem or extract that you've found or created, or Mrs Erith can help choose one. If you play a musical instrument and would like to share a festive musical piece, you would also be very welcome.

If you'd like to take part, children can speak directly with Mrs Erith, or parents can email to register interest.

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# What's on next week?



## Monday:

- Piano Tuition
- Cross Country Competition

## Tuesday:

- Y6 Theatre Day at Hartismere High School

## Wednesday:

- Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 1.30pm
- Nativity Performance at 5.30pm

## Thursday:

- Nativity Performance at 1.30pm & 5.30pm
- 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

## December

- Tuesday 9th - Y6 Drama & Theatre workshop @ Hartismere
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Bumblebee & Hedgehog Class Nativity performance @ 1.30pm
- Thursday 11th - Bumblebee & Hedgehog Class Nativity performances @ 1.30pm & 5.30pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Wortham Art Gallery - 8.30am-9am & 3.30pm - 4pm
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Whole school trip to Pantomime (Diss Cornhill)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Last Posting day for Christmas cards
- 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 19th - PD Day

