

# Wortham Primary School

# Weekly Newsletter



17th January 2026

## This week at Wortham...

Our first full week back at school has been full of exciting learning opportunities, as children have delved into their new topics of learning.

This half term, our key focus subjects are History and Art & Design. At Wortham, we organise our timetable so that children can fully immerse themselves in particular subjects over a focused period of time. While core subjects such as English, Phonics and Maths continue to be taught daily, and other subjects are taught weekly, History and Art & Design are taught in longer, dedicated sessions across the half term. This approach allows children to build deeper knowledge, make connections, and produce high quality work.

Please see the table below to find out what your child's class will be learning this half term.



	History	Art & Design
<b>Bumblebees</b>	Victorians	Drawing – 'Spirals'
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Anglo Saxons & The Legend of King Edmund	Drawing – 'Still Life'
<b>Barn Owls</b>	World War Two	Texture – 'Paper Relief Structures'
<b>Otters</b>	The History of Civil Rights	Drawing – 'Perspectives through Landscapes'



## Welcome



We are delighted to have welcomed Monika into Year 1 this week. Monika has settled into school extremely well, and we warmly welcome her and her family to our school community.

Mrs Welch has joined our team this week in Barn Owl Class and has had a wonderful first week getting to know the children. They have enjoyed exploring fractions in maths, carrying out practical science experiments to investigate gravity, and designing thoughtful propaganda posters as part of their World War II history topic.

Mrs Welch has been particularly impressed with the children's enthusiasm, curiosity, and creativity, and how they contribute to a welcoming and inclusive learning environment. She is very much looking forward to teaching the class and building on such a positive start.

## Mrs Sleath

Mrs Sleath has now gone on maternity leave! We are very much looking forward to hearing the news of her upcoming arrival and wish her and her husband, Ben, all the very best at this exciting and special time!

## World Religion Day

This week, our school celebrated World Religion Day with an assembly focused on understanding and respecting the many religions across the world. Children explored the importance of acceptance and compassion for others, regardless of beliefs.

Bumblebees and Hedgehogs created paper chains displaying our school values, while Barn Owls and Otters made lotus flower origami to symbolise peace and harmony.

Celebrating diversity and respect remains an important part of our school community.



## Woodbridge Suffolk Schools Cross Country Championships Finals

We would like to congratulate Edith on a fantastic achievement in her running this week. Edith competed in the Woodbridge Suffolk Schools Cross Country Championships Finals for Years 6 and 7, running a challenging 2.3km course in very wet, windy and muddy conditions. She placed an impressive 40th out of 110 girls in her first year of competing, racing against older and more experienced runners. Edith was incredibly proud of her performance, and we are excited to see how the rest of her season unfolds. Well done, Edith!



# A Few Reminders

As previously communicated, there is no after school wrap around care on the following dates, due to staff training. Thank you for understanding.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope that by providing plenty of advance notice, families are able to make alternative arrangements where needed.

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Please can you ensure that children have a pair of trainers in school daily. For safety reasons, children must wear trainers to play on the bark area and apparatus. Additionally, with the ground being so wet and muddy, we ask that children change into indoor shoes after break times to help prevent mud and bark from being tracked through the school and onto carpets. It also keeps school shoes looked after!



We would also like to remind parents that toys, including cuddly toys, should not be brought into school. The only exception to this is a comfort toy that has been agreed in advance with the class teacher. Bringing toys into school can sometimes lead to them being lost, causing upset between children, or becoming a distraction to learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

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## Postponed - Year 6 Transition Day to Hartismere

Unfortunately, the planned transition session at Hartismere for the Year 6 pupils scheduled for Monday has been postponed and will now take place on Monday 23rd February.

# What's on this week?



## Thursday:

- Bumblebee Victorian Day

## Friday:

- Clarinet (years 4 & 5)
- Guitar (year 6)

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# Dates for Diary Spring Term 2026

## January

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Bumblebee Victorian Day
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - No After School Wrap Around



## February

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> - NSPCC Number Day (More details to follow)
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Hartismere Transition Day (Music)
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Children's Mental Health Week

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

## February

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 6 Hartismere Transition Day (English)
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - No After School Wrap Around

## March

- WB Monday 2nd March - World Book Day Celebration this week (details to follow)
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> - No After School Wrap Around
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Brazillian Carnival Workshops
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - No After School Wrap Around
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - PINS Whole School Community Workshop
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Red Nose Day
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Children's Annunal School Reports sent home this week
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - PINS Whole School Community Workshop
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Last Day

**Easter Holidays -Saturday 28th March 2026 to Sunday 12th April 2026**

**Summer Term Begins - Monday 13th April**

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