

Wortham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



24th January 2026

This week at Wortham...

Victorian Day in Bumblebee Class

This week, Bumblebee Class stepped back in time with a Victorian Day to immerse themselves in their History topic. The children took part in traditional Victorian-style lessons, including reading, writing and arithmetic, before heading outside to enjoy playground games such as marbles, hoop and stick, and long-line skipping. Inspired by the work of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the children designed and built bridges using junk modelling materials and tested them using a battery operated train.

In the afternoon, the children explored Victorian artefacts from Moyse Hall Museum and took part in a Victorian drill led by Mrs Putt. The day ended with a wonderful crafting session alongside parents and families, where the children made thaumatropes, spinning tops, ball and cup toys and embroidered bookmarks.



Barn Owl Class

Barn Owl Class have certainly been busy this week, with a focus on their World War II History topic. The children explored what life was like during the war, particularly the impact of food rationing, and have been thoroughly enjoying reading a range of World War II books during reading time, eagerly sharing interesting facts with one another.

In English, the class began reading their focus text, a retelling of Anne Frank by Josephine Poole and Angela Barrett. This has prompted thoughtful discussion, and the children have been learning about the features of an informal letter in preparation for writing their own letter to Anne.

Barn Owl Class also have an exciting World War II Day planned for **Tuesday 10th February**, immersing them further in their History learning. A separate email has already been sent with further details, including the invitation to dress up.

Wensum Hub

This week, we were delighted to welcome Rachel Bailey from the Wensum English Hub to Wortham. The Wensum English Hub is funded by the Department for Education and works in partnership with schools across the county to promote high quality teaching in reading and early language development. We were thrilled to share our reading, phonics and vocabulary provision with her and look forward to using the recommendations shared to further strengthen our practice.

NSPCC Number Day

We're excited to be supporting NSPCC Number Day on **Thursday 5th February**. To help raise money for this amazing charity, children are invited to come to school dressed as something number related.

This could be a top with numbers on it, or something more creative — in previous years we've seen some wonderfully imaginative outfits and we can't wait to see what the children come up with this year. Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of number themed activities, including a live competition and a special awards ceremony.

To take part, we kindly ask for a donation to support the NSPCC and the incredible work they do.



FOWS Annual General Meeting

Friends of Wortham School (FoWS) would love to invite parents and carers to join them at their Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday 10th February at 8pm**. This meeting is a great opportunity to hear more about the work of FOWS and to be part of shaping the year ahead. The AGM will be held virtually, with joining details shared nearer the time.

The school's staff and governors are incredibly grateful for the ongoing fundraising efforts of FoWS. Without their support, many of the events the children love, such as discos and the summer fair, would not be possible. FoWS also helps to cover the cost of school trips, visitors and special activities, giving our children valuable opportunities to engage in inspiring experiences. In addition, they support the school by providing resources such as laptops, library books and outdoor equipment for Bumblebee Class.

During the meeting, FoWS will share an update on fundraising over the past year, how much has been raised, and the resources and activities this has funded for the children. Plans for upcoming fundraising events will also be discussed, along with the appointment of the new committee.

Whether you would like to get involved, share ideas, or simply find out more, everyone is very welcome to attend.

Supporting Children's Digital Wellbeing

As screen use and social media continue to play a growing role in children's lives, many families are thinking carefully about how best to support healthy, balanced digital habits. Recent media coverage has highlighted increasing concerns around children's screen use and online experiences, alongside the growing Smartphone Free Childhood initiative, which encourages families to delay smartphone and social media use for as long as possible to support children's wellbeing.

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a helpful guide for parents and carers titled "What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives". Developed in partnership with young people, the guide supports families in making informed decisions about children's online lives and is available in a range of accessible formats.

The guide can be accessed here:

What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives - <https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf>

School Uniform Discount

Families can enjoy 10% off school uniform orders from MyClothing by using the code MYCQ110 at checkout.

Please note that the offer excludes bundles, event hoodies, and clearance items. The code is valid until 31 March 2026.



World Book Day at Wortham

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day at Wortham by focusing on what it is really all about — a love of reading. Rather than dressing up, the children will take part in a range of enjoyable, reading focused activities designed to inspire enthusiasm for books and stories.

We recognise that organising costumes can be time consuming and costly for families, and this approach allows us to celebrate the day in an inclusive and meaningful way, particularly as there are other dress-up days planned throughout the year.

Congratulations to Reece and Family

We would like to congratulate Reece, our sports coach, and his family on the safe arrival of baby Nico. Everyone is doing very well, and big brother Marley is already very much in love with his baby brother!



What's on this week?



Friday:

- Clarinet (years 4 & 5)
- **No Guitar (year 6)**

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Dates for Diary Spring Term 2026

January

- Wednesday 28th - No After School Wrap Around

February

- Thursday 5th - NSPCC Number Day (Number Dress Up)
- Friday 6th - Year 6 Hartismere Transition Day (Music)
- Monday 9th - Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 10th - Barn Owls - WW2 Day
- Tuesday 10th - FoWS - AGM at 8pm



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

February

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

March

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

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

Summer Term Begins - Monday 13th April

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