Wortham Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

20th February 2026

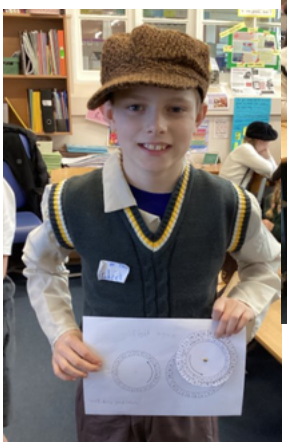
World War Two Day

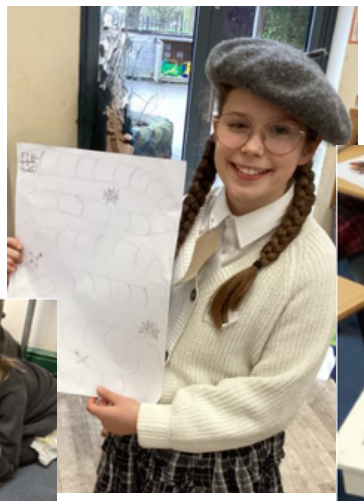
Children in Barn Owl Class enjoyed a memorable World War II Day before half term. They arrived in fantastic evacuee costumes and fully embraced the opportunity to step back in time to experience life in a 1940s classroom. Throughout the day, the class followed traditional school rules, adopted their own evacuee personas and explored what school life would have been like during the early 1940s.

As part of their learning, children studied historical images, created detailed character mind maps and made cipher wheels to decode secret messages. They listened to the sound of air raid sirens and practised taking shelter under their desks, helping them to understand the realities of wartime Britain. The day also included sewing, playing with traditional 1940s toys and making creations from recycled materials, reflecting the resourcefulness of the era.

A particularly meaningful element of the day was the opportunity to explore wartime artefacts and family mementoes, which deepened understanding and helped make personal connections to history. It was a rich and immersive experience that brought their World War II learning vividly to life.

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting the day with such wonderful costumes, the children all looked fantastic!





Children's Mental Health Week

During Children's Mental Health Week, we marked this year's theme, 'This Is My Place,' by focusing on belonging, voice and community across the school. Each class took part in circle time activities designed to help children feel safe, valued and listened to. Children shared their thoughts, practised respectful listening, explored what it means to belong, expressed their feelings creatively through art and reflected on the importance of kindness. It was encouraging to see children speaking confidently, listening thoughtfully to one another and recognising the positive contribution they each make to our school community. The week reinforced the importance of listening, respect and ensuring that every child feels included and valued at Wortham.

NSPCC Number Day

We are delighted to share that our final total for NSPCC Number Day is £221.00. Thank you for your donations - this is a fantastic amount raised for such an important cause.

MP Adrian Ramsay Visits Wortham

We were delighted to welcome Adrian Ramsay to our school on the last day of the half term. During a whole school assembly, he explained what an MP is, what his role involves and the work he does both in Parliament and within the local community. He invited children to share issues that matter to them and their local area. This led to thoughtful discussions about the proposed electricity pylon developments, littering, access to dentists and the distance to local hospitals. The children engaged brilliantly, asking insightful questions and confidently sharing their views, and greatly enjoyed the opportunity to have their voices heard.

Writing Review

Before half term, we were pleased to welcome Mrs Melanie Barrow, CEO of All Saints Academy Trust, to Wortham to carry out a writing review. Mrs Barrow spent time visiting writing lessons, speaking to pupils about their learning and looking through examples of children's work. It was wonderful to hear how confidently the children talked about their writing and to see the pride they take in their work. The review recognised writing as a strength of the school, highlighting the children's enthusiasm, high expectations and the strong progress being made across year groups.

Orienteering

Before half term, a group of our children, visited Hartismere High School to take part in an exciting orienteering event. The children began with an excellent training session, where they developed their map reading and navigation skills, before setting off on their races around the school grounds. We were incredibly proud of all the children, who demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination and resilience as they put their orienteering skills into practice.

Mr Varela

Mr Varela's confirmed start date to begin at Wortham is Monday 16th March. Mr Varela will be coming to Wortham regularly over the coming weeks and will be getting to know our children (and seeing some of our older children again), meeting parents, governors and spending time in school. He is incredibly excited to take up his position at Wortham. A letter will be sent to parents shortly to confirm staffing structure.

Lifetime & PE

Please see below our Lifetime offering for the second half of the Spring Term.

Year	Lifetime Activity
Reception	Introductory French words, phrases and songs
Year 1	Gardening
Year 2	Forest School
Year 3	Drama Club
Year 4	Cooking
Year 5	
Year 6	Sports with Mr Clarke

Children completing Forest School and Gardening will need to come into school wearing suitable outdoor clothing. Children who are doing Sports will need to come into school wearing their PE uniform.

PE days will stay the same as Spring 1, unless a change has been communicated by your child's classroom teacher.

Wrap Around Care

We would like to remind parents that there is no after school wrap around care on the following dates -

Wednesday 25th February
Wednesday 4th March
Wednesday 11th March

This is to ensure that all of our team are able to attend important staff training. Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support.

What's on next week?

Monday

- Year 6 - Visit to Hartismere High School for English Transition

Wednesday

- No After School Wrap Around

Friday

- Clarinet - Barn Owls
- Guitar - Otter Class

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Dates for Diary Spring Term 2026

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

- Monday 2nd March - World Book Day Celebration this week
- Wednesday 4th - No After School Wrap Around
- Tuesday 10th March - Brazilian 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 Annual School Reports sent home this week
- Thursday 26th - PINS Whole School Community Workshop
- Friday 27th March - Easter Bingo & Raffle
- 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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