Wortham Primary School

Monthly Newsletter

14th September 2026

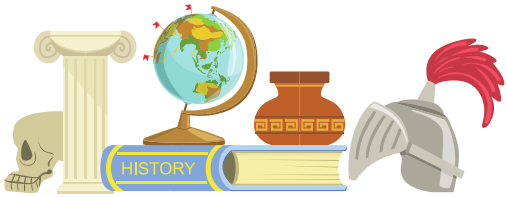


This Week at Wortham...

What a great first week back at Wortham. The children have settled back in with a great attitude and showing real enthusiasm for the new term. It's been lovely to hear all about their Summer adventures. There's a real sense of positivity, and calm throughout the school, and we're already off to a fantastic start with our learning. I have also enjoyed my first full week at Wortham. The children have been super helpful and kind ensuring I know where everything is. I look forward to meeting more parents/carers over the coming weeks.
Miss Walsh

Our learning this half term

Our two focus subjects this half term are history and design & technology. The tables below shows the topics each class will be learning for each three week block.



	History	Design and Technology
Bumblebee Class	Jurassic World	Structures and Mechanisms
Hedgehog Class	Significant Individuals	Cooking and Nutrition
Barn Owl Class	Ancient Greece	Textiles
Otter Class	History – The Shang Dynasty	Structures & Mechanisms

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Class highlights this week...

Bumblebee Class have settled well into the new routines for the year. They have shared all the exciting things they did over the holidays. The children have enjoyed exploring their new classroom environment and making new friends. A great start to the year from the newest members of our school.



Hedgehog Class have made a wonderful start to the new term and have settled in so well. We have been thinking carefully about what makes a classroom a happy, safe and positive place to learn, and the children have shared some fantastic ideas and created a colourful class display.
In History, we have begun our new topic on Significant Individuals. The children enjoyed exploring a selection of mystery envelopes and using the clues inside to work out who the significant individual might be and what their achievement was. There was lots of fantastic discussion, curiosity and teamwork as the children worked together to solve the clues.
In Maths, we have started our new Place Value topic. The children have particularly enjoyed our practical activities, using mathematical resources to build and represent different numbers. It has been lovely to see them working collaboratively and explaining their mathematical thinking to one another.





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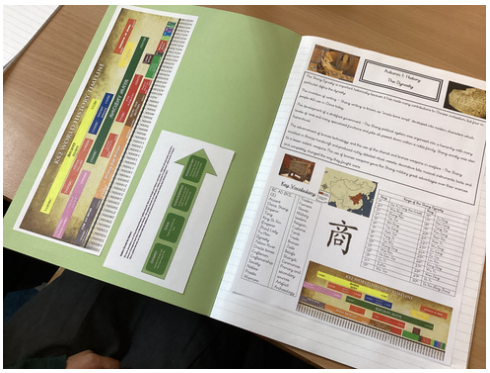
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We've had a great week in Barn Owls, kicking off the week by learning our new spelling rules as well as developing and deepening our understanding of place value in maths. Our new unit of writing began this week with an introduction to the mind-blowing world of NACA and NASA where we have been learning to categorise and sort facts before using conjunctions and adverbials to connect the information. In history, we have started learning all about life in Ancient Greece beginning with placing key facts from that era in chronological order.

Year 6 have settled in well and have started their new history topic finding out all about the Shang Dynasty. They have also been very kind and supportive of our new children in school.





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Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a 'Nut Free School'. We have children with severe allergies in school so want to ensure all children are kept safe. Please be mindful when preparing packed lunches and providing snacks for your children.



Reporting Absence

A reminder to parents to report any pupil absence by contacting the school office before 8:50am and providing a reason for the absence. If a child is absent for more than one day, parents are required to call the school each morning with an update. In cases of sickness and diarrhoea, pupils must remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode. Prescribed medication can be administered in school, but a consent form must be completed at the office beforehand.

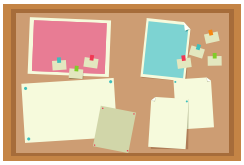
Uniform

Please can we remind parents to **name <u>every item</u> your child brings to school, especially clothing.** We cannot return lost items to the correct child if they are not named.
Please can we also remind parents and children that **no jewellery** is to be worn other than watches and /or stud earrings (that don't go below the earlobe - no studded hoops) We would be grateful for your support in reminding your child to leave their necklaces, rings and friendship bracelets at home - thank you.

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Key Dates



Please see the last two pages which include key dates for the Autumn term and for then for the remaining 2026 - 2027 academic year. These can be printed and placed on your fridge / noticeboard for quick reference. We hope that these help you to plan ahead and be aware of the events that are coming up.

What's on next week?



Before & After School Clubs running all week, w/c 14th September.

Monday 14th - Welcome to Class Meetings (Parents of children in years 1 - 6)
Bumblebee Class - 2.45pm - 2.55pm
Hedgehog Class - 2.55pm - 3.05pm
Barn Owl & Otter Class - 3.05 pm- 3.15pm

Thursdays - Rocksteady and Swimming for Year 5 and 6
Thursday 17th - Individual and Sibling Photographs (Siblings can come in from 8.30am)

Fridays- Brass (Yr4/5) & Guitar (Yr 6) lessons and Lifetime sessions

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Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2026

September

- Monday 14th - Welcome to Class Meetings (see times above)
- Thursday 17th - Individual & Sibling photos (Younger siblings can come in from 8.30am)
- Tuesday 22nd -Ancient Greece & Shang Dynasty Workshop
- Wednesday 23rd - Christmas Project Recording 1pm - 1.30pm
- Wednesday 30th - Wednesday 7th - October Book Fair

October

- Tuesday 13th - Bumblebees, Hedgehogs and Otter Class Parents' Evening - Information to follow
- Wednesday 14th - Bumblebees, Hedgehogs, Barn Owls and Otter Class Parents' Evening - Information to follow
- Thursday 15th - Barn Owls and SENDCo Parents' Evening - Information to follow
- Tuesday 20th - Harvest Assembly @ 2.30pm - Parents invited
- Friday 23rd - Last day of the half term

Half Term - Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

November

- Monday 2nd - Back to school
- Monday 2nd - Friday 6th - Y6 at Hilltop Residential
- Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th ,9.30am - 10.30am, - EYFS Open Days for Reception 2027 starters
- Wednesday 4th - Flu Vaccine for all year groups
- Monday 9th - Art Day
- Wednesday 11th ,3pm, Art Show - Parents invited
- Monday 16th - STEM Day

December

- Wednesday 9th - Bumblebee class Nativity Performance @ 2.30pm
- Thursday 10th - Hedgehog class Nativity Performance @ 1.30pm & 5.30pm
- Tuesday 15th - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
- Thursday - 17th - Christmas Share - Parents & Grown Ups Invited (more details to follow)
- Thursday 17th - Last Day
- Fri 18th - PD Day

Please note that more dates will be added each term as and when special events are confirmed and organised. We are not planning for any of the dates above to change but should we need to, we will always aim to give you as much notice as possible.

Key Dates for 2026 - 2027

January

- Monday 4th - PD Day
- Tuesday 5th - 1st day back - Spring Term Starts

February

- Friday 5th - Number Day
- Tuesday 9th - Online Safety Day
- Friday 12th - Last day of the half term

Half Term - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

- Monday 22nd - Back to school after half term

March

- Thursday 4th - World Book Day (More details to follow)
- W/C 8th March - British Science Week
- W/C 22nd - Annual School Reports to be sent home this week
- Friday 25th - Last day of the Spring term

Easter Holidays - Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April

April

- Monday 12th - First day back
- Friday 23rd - Mini Marathon Fundraising Event

May

- Monday 11th - Thursday 14th - Y6 KS2 SATS
- Friday 28th - Last day of the half term

Half Term - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

June

- Monday 7th - First Day Back
- W/C 7th - Year 4 Multiplication Checks begin
- W/C 14th - Year 1 Phonics Screening begin
- Friday 11th - Sports Day - Parents & Grown ups invited for afternoon session

July

- Friday 3rd - Sports Day - Parents & Grown ups invited for afternoon session
- Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th - Parents Evening
- Monday 5th - Barn Owls & Otters Performance @ 1.30pm
- Tuesday 6th - Barn Owls & Otters Performance @ 5.30pm
- Wednesday 21st - Leavers' Assembly
- Friday 21st - Last Day