Wortham Primary School

Monthly Newsletter

October 2026

This Month at Wortham...

As we move into October, it has been wonderful to see the children settling into the new school year so positively. Classrooms are busy with learning, pupils are embracing new challenges, and it has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm across the school.

This month brings many exciting opportunities, including our upcoming STEM Day, where children will take part in a range of activities designed to inspire curiosity, creativity and problem-solving. We also look forward to celebrating Harvest Festival, giving us an opportunity to reflect on the importance of community and helping those in need.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We greatly value the strong relationships we have with our families and appreciate everything you do to support your children's learning and wellbeing. We hope you enjoy reading about the events, achievements and important updates included in this month's newsletter.

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Class highlights this week...



Bumblebee Class

Bumblebee Class have been busy developing their creativity and writing skills this half term. In English, the Year 1 children have been enjoying the humorous story Oi Frog! and are working hard towards publishing their own rhyming books. They have shown fantastic enthusiasm for exploring rhyming words and creating their own imaginative texts.

Meanwhile, our Reception children have been focusing on developing their drawing skills, particularly drawing human bodies accurately. They have had great fun in the outdoor area, using chalk to draw around each other and adding lots of detail to their life-sized creations. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and creativity flourish through this hands-on activity.

Hedgehog Class

In English, we have been using the book Tadpole's Promise as our stimulus. After learning about the life cycle of a frog, the children are now busy planning their own explanation texts about how a caterpillar transforms into a butterfly. We can't wait to see their finished pieces of writing!

In Science, the children have been learning about how animals are specially suited to the habitats in which they live. They have enjoyed looking closely at animals including polar bears and camels, discovering the fascinating adaptations that help them survive in their environments.

In History, the children have particularly enjoyed learning about a range of significant individuals and discovering how each person has made an impact on the world. This week, we enjoyed our final History lesson, where we compared the significant individuals we have studied and discussed who the children thought had been the most significant. This led to some fantastic discussions about their lasting legacies, their impact and the contributions they have made to the world.



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Barn Owl Class

And just like that, September is behind us and we look forward to the next few weeks' of learning before the half term break. It's been a busy few weeks in Barn Owls continuing to develop and extend our knowledge of non-fiction writing based on the Hidden Figures of NACA and NASA. We are now working towards our final piece of writing; a non-chronological report about Dorothy, Mary and Katherine and the incredible pioneers they were during their time at NACA/NASA. Both year 4 and year 5 have done brilliantly in their end of unit assessments for place value in maths and we now embark upon our next unit of learning which is addition and subtraction. We continue with our patchwork quilts in DT and look forward to creating the elements of our final piece. In science we have been learning all about how to make electrical circuits to power lightbulbs and our knowledge of how to stay safe online grows with each class discussion we have in computing.



Otter Class

We have come to the end of our history topic on life during the Shang Dynasty, which included an exciting workshop that really brought our learning to life!

We are now excited to begin our DT project, where we will be designing and making Doodlers.

In Writing, we are also preparing to write our persuasive pieces explaining why we should save tigers from extinction. The children have had some fantastic discussions around this important topic and have shared lots of thoughtful ideas.

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Harvest Festival

We are holding our annual Harvest Festival on Tuesday 20th October at 2.30pm. We would like to invite parents and carers to our Harvest Festival. We are also collecting donations for the Waveney Food Bank. Please see separate poster with guidance of what food they accept. All donations can be dropped at school before Friday 23rd October.

Waveney Foodbank
Together with Trussell

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.

Stem Day Visitors Wanted!

As part of our exciting STEM Day on Monday 16th October, we are planning a range of engaging activities for the children and would love to hear from any parents or carers who work in a STEM-related field (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics).

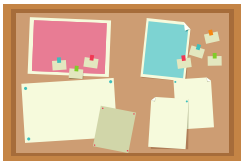
If you have a job connected to STEM and would be willing to visit school to talk to the children about your role, career journey and experiences, we would be delighted to hear from you. Sharing real-life examples of STEM careers can be incredibly inspiring for our pupils.

If you are interested in supporting this event, please contact the school office for further information.

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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 in October



Tuesday 6th - School Nurse to see Year 6
Wednesday 7th - Book Fair being Colleted
Friday 9th at 3.30pm - Hilltop Parent Information Sessions

Tuesday 13th , 3.30-6pm - Bumblebees, Hedgehogs and Otter Class Parents Evening
Wednesday 14th , 3.30pm - 6pm - Bumblebees, Hedgehogs, Barn Owls and Otter Class Parents Evening
Thursday 15th , 3.30pm - 6pm - Barn Owls and SENDCo Parents Evening

Tuesday 20th , 2.30pm - Harvest Festival
Friday 23rd - Last Day of Term

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Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2026

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 group 1 - 5
- Monday 9th - Art Day
- Wednesday 11th ,3pm, Art Show - Parents invited
- Friday 13th - Children in Need Non-Uniform Day
- Monday 16th - STEM Day
- Monday 30th - Non-uniform day - Donations for FOWS Xmas Hamper Draw

December

- Tuesday 8th - Hedgehog class Nativity Performance @ 5.30pm
- Wednesday 9th - Bumblebee class Nativity Performance @ 2.30pm
- 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 13th - 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
- Friday 18th June - Alternative Date for Sports Day incase of poor weather

July

- 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
- Wednesday 21st - Last Day