

# DUSSINDALE NEWS



Week beginning: Monday 29th January 2024

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## Greetings

Thank you to our families who attended the Family Learning Sessions. We hope that you found these useful and that it gave parents an insight into your child's Maths curriculum. We are looking forward to another busy week in school. In our assembly this week we are sharing the story of "The Dot", this story teaches children it is not how well they can do something; it is the effort that they put into it that makes it their best. Finally we would like to say good luck to those children taking part in the Adapted Games and to Voice Squad, who are off to the O2 today to take part in Young Voices. We hope you enjoy the day!

### 100 Dojo's achievement

Congratulations to Callum in Goodall Class who has recently achieved his 100 Dojo certificate. It has been great to see more children reach their 100 Dojo's award last week.



### Be Resilient

Well done to the children who represented the school at the NCFC events last week. You showed such resilience and were great ambassadors for our school, with the Under 11 girls qualifying to the semi-finals.



### Be Ready



100% of Year 2 and Year 3 children were on time all last week! Well done to Year 1 who had the best attendance in school last week- 99.6% A Dojo point is coming your way!



## Be respectful, be responsible, be resilient and Be ready!

We were delighted to receive the following feedback from Bookbugs and Dragon Flies bookshop, following the librarians visit last Saturday to choose £306 worth of books funded by the PTFA

*'So lovely to see you are the wonderful Librarians on Saturday. I just wanted to say what an absolute credit to the school these young people are. They were so enthusiastic, polite and engaged and it was a real treat to spend time with them, hearing them enthusiastically discussing books and stories. They made some fabulous choices for the school as well. Thank you so much for coming along.'*



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Be responsible, Be respectful, Be resilient and Be ready

## Norfolk Area SEND and Alternative Provision



### Norfolk Area SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy (NASAPS) community engagement events

Parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and the professionals who work with them, are invited to attend one of the free NASAPS events taking place across the county this spring term.

Learn about the plans for improving SEND services and support in Norfolk from representatives from Norfolk County Council, and their partners.



Eventbrite



Facebook

Secure your place by booking through either [Eventbrite](#) or [Facebook](#), selecting from one of the dates below:

Date	Time	Where
Wednesday 17 January	10:00am - 12:00pm	Great Yarmouth Library
Wednesday 24 January	10:00am - 12:00pm	Swaffham Assembly Room
Thursday 25 January	10:00am - 12:00pm	Young's Park, Aylsham
Monday 29 January	10:00am - 12:00pm	Charles Burrell Centre, Thetford
Wednesday 31 January	10:00am - 12:00pm	Sheringham Community Centre
Tuesday 6 February	10:00am - 12:00pm	Fairstead Community Centre, King's Lynn
Thursday 8 February	10:00am - 12:00pm	Harford Community Centre, Norwich

#### Why should I attend?

- Learn about the new SEND strategy including themes, priorities, actions and how these were chosen
- Hear from senior leaders at Norfolk County Council and their partners
- Find out how you can get more involved
- Tell us your views on our SEND plans for 2024-2029
- Learn more about SEND services and support by visiting the information stands
- Share your experiences
- Talk to other parents/carers and professionals across education, health and social care
- Complimentary refreshments.

Complimentary refreshments

#### Secure your free place today by using the above booking links

If you have any questions or would like to speak to the team, please contact us:  
[send@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:send@norfolk.gov.uk) | [norfolk.gov.uk/send](http://norfolk.gov.uk/send)



## Staffing Update

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Moore back to school this week from the afternoon of Thursday 1st February. In the meantime Mrs Cockaday will cover the class. If you have any concerns or queries please contact either Mrs Bradley or Mrs Norgate via the office email. We thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

## Norwich Science Fair

Ahead of science week in March, Norwich Science Fair has lots of free events for families in February. Visit this [link](#) to find out more.



## Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who attended the Forum last week, along with Nathan Buxton - our Chair of Governors. The following points were discussed:

- School librarians have helped to plan World Book Day. Children will be able to dress up as their favourite book character for the day and take part in a story workshop, book fair and book swap. Further details to follow.
- As a group we discussed the family learning sessions and how these had been useful for parents. It was requested Come and Read sessions could be an alternative day.
- We discussed the new home learning procedures. The group agreed that Class Dojo points were helping to motivate the children. Teachers are also seeing an increase in home learning being completed. Thank you to parents for your ongoing support with home learning.



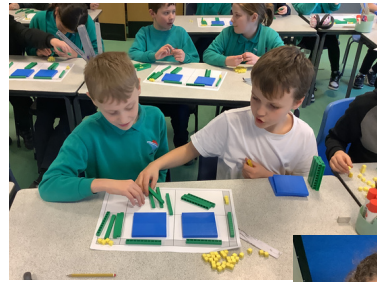
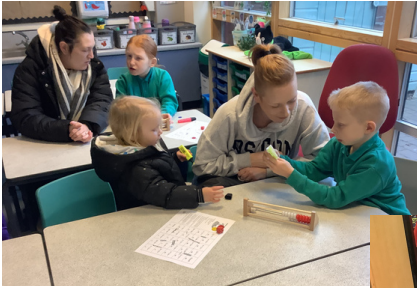
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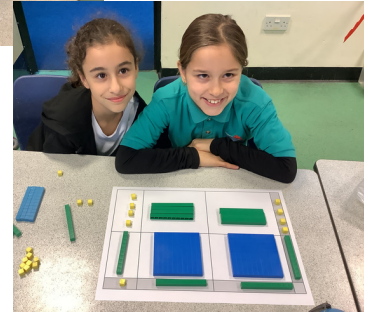
# FANTASTIC LEARNING



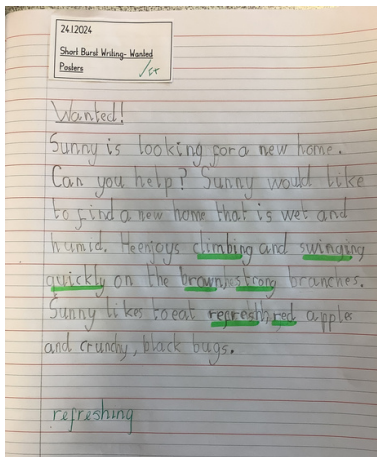
Year 2 Family Learning-learning how we use Rekenreks to help with our number facts.



Year 5 using maths equipment to help develop their understanding of multiplication.



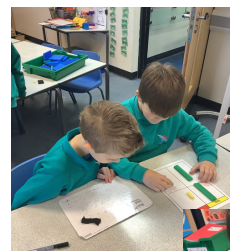
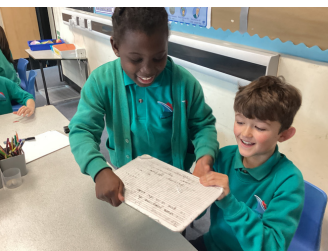
Year 2 have written fantastic descriptions of a setting and have composed their own pieces of art.



Year 6 learnt how to do marbling.



Our Year 1 classes learnt to slice fruit and use a juicer in their D and T lesson.



Year 3 are exploring magnets in the science lessons. In maths they are learning to multiply two - digit numbers.



# REMINDERS

## **School Lunches**

Please order (or cancel) your child's school lunch, via Parent Portal by 8am on the day. If a lunch has not been ordered you may be phoned and asked to bring a packed lunch for them. Unfortunately, Aspens informed us at the end of the last day of term, that the revised/new menu will not be available until after February half term 2024.

## **School Day**

The site opens at 8.30am and the doors at 8.40 am. The gates close at 8.50 am as this is registration. In the afternoon the gates open at 3.10 pm ready for Reception to be collected at 3.15 pm and Year 1-6 at 3.20 pm.

## **School Uniform**

Pupils are expected to wear a jade sweatshirt with the school logo, jade green polo shirt, navy trousers, shorts or skirt with green, navy or white tights or socks and plain black, flat shoes with a good sole grip. Green and white gingham dresses are also permitted. Your child's teacher will confirm when the class are learning PE and on these days children are expected to attend in a white t-shirt, black shorts, dark colour trainers and or black, navy or grey tracksuit. Please note all clothing must be plain with no logos.

## **Lost Property**

Please name all items of clothing so it can be returned to pupils. Unnamed items will be kept in the office for a fortnight for collection.

## **Attendance**

**If your child is absent please ensure you let the office know by either leaving a message on the school answer phone 01603 436180 or email [office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:office-ds@yare-edu.org.uk).** Please be aware that when children reach 9 unauthorised sessions within a six week period, schools are now required to issue a fixed penalty notice. If you are worried about your child's attendance Just One Norfolk have some useful advice: <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance>  
**Please refrain from using Class Dojo for reporting absences as the admin team do not have access to it.**

## **Benjamin DAB - Breakfast and After School Club**

Breakfast club sessions run from 7:30am to 8:40am and cost £6. A choice of cereals and toast are available. After school sessions run from 3:20pm to 6:00pm and cost £12. All children are provided with a school snack pack. Sessions are operated by school staff and will usually take place in the hall. Sessions are filling fast, with some already being full up. For any enquiries, please email [benjamindab@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:benjamindab@yare-edu.org.uk)

## **Parking**

Can we please remind parents to use Sainsbury's Car Park and walk through to the Vane Close school gate to keep our pupils safe and ensure they respect local residents.



## Spare Clothes

As we head into the colder months we are need of some spare clothes to keep in our First Aid room. The items we need are girls/boys bottoms, tights, socks and pants for all year groups. Any spare items can be given to the office or passed on to a member of staff.

## Pupil Admission Number

We have been asked to make parents aware that we are currently consulting on a proposed change to our admission numbers.

## Guide for parents worried about Neurodiversity Differences/Additional Needs

This NHS [guide](#) (on the SEND page of the school website) signpost families to resources and services to support you on your journey as well as useful information about training, EHCPs and help with sleep and mental health difficulties. Please reach out to these services for help.

## Clubs

This half term the following clubs are available to book on [Arbor](#): Art and Craft for Years 1 and 2 on a Monday, Tennis for Year 5 on Tuesday, Year 4 on Wednesday, Year 3 on Thursday, Girls Football for Years 2 - 6 on Monday, Kindness in the Community Years 1 to 3 on a Wednesday and Never too old to play for Years 2, 3 and 4 on a Monday. Clubs will run from week beginning 15th January to Friday 9th February 2024, 3.30 - 4.30 pm, except sport which will run until Friday 22nd March. Snow White also continues this term on a Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm.

## Children's Mental Health Week - Parents Coffee Morning/Workshop

Our Mental Health Support team invite parents and carers to a coffee morning and anxiety workshop at 9am on Thursday 8th Feb in the school hall.

## Year R Height and Weight Checks

If your child is not taking part in the Year R Height and Weight Checks on the 12th and 13th February, please return the form in this [link](#).

## SENCo Coffee Morning

We will be holding our next SENCO coffee morning on Monday 26th Feb at 9am. Mr Salgado (Thorpe St Andrew High School Senco) will be joining us. He will talk to parents/carers about the schools SEND provision/transition arrangements. Refreshments provided.

## Dyslexia Awareness Training

Tues 6 Feb 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Technology Focus (secondary age)</b> – The workshop will explore technology useful for supporting a dyslexic young person with reading, writing, spelling and maths at high school.	£10 per person
Weds 27 Mar 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Making Learning Stick (all ages)</b> - The workshop will explore what working memory is, as well as many ways for you to support your child with working memory skills to help increase their confidence and ability when reading, writing, doing arithmetic or studying for exams.	£10 per person
Thurs 2 May 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Supporting Maths Difficulties (all ages)</b> - The workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing maths and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.	£10 per person
Tues 18 Jun 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Reading/Spelling Strategies (primary age)</b> – The workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing reading and spelling, and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.	£10 per person

To book your place please click [here](#)

Please contact Laura Bates for further information or to book a place at:  
dosadmin@taverhamhigh.org or telephone 01603 860505 ex 239



## WHAT IS A MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM (MHST)?

MHSTs are intended to provide early mental health support to children and young people in education settings with mild to moderate mental health concerns. Your child's school has signed up to be part of this government programme to support children and young people with mild to moderate emerging mental health issues, and so, has a team of NHS staff now linked to the school and available to support and help.

The team is made up of different clinical staff who are trained in mental health. They are able to provide:

Individual face-to-face work (online or in-person), such as brief, low-intensity interventions for children, young people and families experiencing anxiety, low mood or behavioural difficulties.

Group work for pupils or parents, such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) informed guided self help for young people with conditions such as anxiety.

Ask to speak to schools mental health lead about referrals. Our mental health lead is: Sarah Dorling

### A Message for Safer Internet Day, 2024, from Norfolk Constabulary's Children and Young People Team.

Dear Parents and Carers,

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, marks this year's Safer Internet Day. We can all play a part in keeping children and young people safe online and I am writing to tell you that online safety remains one of the Constabulary's main priorities. With this in mind, we would like to share some links and resources with you.

- Organisers of Safer Internet Day, The Safer Internet Centre, have a wealth of information for parents and carers on their website on the "Guides and Resources" section. Go to [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)
- Setting boundaries and rules about your child's internet use as early as possible will help you to have open and honest conversations about any issues that arise. Please find below both a colour and black and white copy of Norfolk Constabulary's 'Family Internet Agreement' to help you do this.
- Head to YouTube where you will find a recording of the webinar we delivered on Safer Internet Day, 2023, [Recorded Online Safety webinar for parents and carers \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)
- Follow National Online Safety on Twitter - @natonlinesafety; Instagram - @nationalonlinesafety; or search "National Online Safety" on Facebook. You can also download the "National Online Safety" app in the Play Store, or on Google Play. Here you will find information about games, websites and apps young people are using so you can make sure your knowledge is up to date.
- The National Crime Agency's Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Education team have a parent and carer area on their website where you can get advice about online safety [Parents and carers | CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/) If you are worried that your child is being groomed online, or sexually exploited, you can find advice about reporting by clicking on the 'How to get help' tab.
- The Internet Watch Foundation and the NSPCC have developed the 'Report Remove' tool, in partnership with age verification app, [Yoti](https://www.yoti.com/). Report Remove can support a young person in reporting sexual images or videos shared online and enables them to get the image removed if it is illegal. Go to [Report Remove \(iwf.org.uk\)](https://www.reportremove.org.uk/)

Inspector Bex Brown  
Norfolk Constabulary, Children and Young People Team.

## School Anxiety

School phobia, or school-related anxiety - sometimes called 'school refusal' - is when your child feels fearful or anxious about school and/or is unable to go to school. It's also referred to as emotionally-based school avoidance (EBSA) or anxiety-related absence. Young Minds have some useful resources and advice for parents. Click on the link: [Young Minds Website](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/)



### Whenever you're struggling with...

- Whenever you're struggling with **change**
- Whenever you're struggling with **money worries**
- Whenever you're struggling with **health concerns**
- Whenever you're struggling with **your relationship**
- Whenever you're struggling with **bereavement**

Reach out to us.

[www.qwell.io](http://www.qwell.io)



# DIARY DATES

Monday 29th January - Voice Squad to Young Voices O2

Monday 29th January - Adaptive Games at UEA

Thursday 1st February - Year 5 coding event at Thorpe St. Andrews High School tbc

Monday 5th to Friday 9th February - Mental Health week

Wednesday 6th March - Science Bus to Year 5 tbc

Monday 5th February - Year 1/2 boys Football Festival

Thursday 8th February - Parents and Carers Coffee morning and anxiety workshop with School Mental Health Team

Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th February - Parent Teacher Consultation Evening

Monday 12th February - Year 3/4 girls football event NCFC

Thursday 15th February - 3.30 pm PTFA meeting in the library

Friday 16th February - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half term

Monday 26th February - 9 am Parent and Carer Coffee Morning with SENCo

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 15th March - Year 4 Bikeability Group 1 and 2

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief tbc

Wednesday 20th March - Year 5 Wicked trip

Friday 22nd March - Year 4 Bikeability Group 3 and 4

Friday 22nd March - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children

Friday 22nd March - School 'Festival of Light' discos - PTFA event

Wednesday 20th - 27th March - Easter Egg lottery squares on sale

Wednesday 27th March - Easter Egg lottery draw

Monday 25th March - Year 5 Level 1 Bikeability Groups 1 and 2

Tuesday 26th March - Year 5 Level 1 Bikeability Groups 3 and 4

Thursday 28th March - Trust INSET day School Closed

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter Holidays

Monday 29th April Yr 5 Victorian Day at Gressenhall

Monday 6th May - Bank holiday Monday

Tuesday 7th - Thursday 9th May - Year 4 Eaton Vale residential

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May - Key Stage 2 SATs week

Friday 24th May - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half term

Week beginning Monday 3rd June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Wednesday 5th June - Year 2 educational visit to Strangers Hall

Week beginning 10th June - Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening

Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th June - Year 6 residential to Gillwell Park

Tuesday 18th June - Year 3/4 Safeguarding Talk by Police

Wednesday 19th June - Year 3/4 Safeguarding Talk by Police

Thursday 20th June - EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Day morning followed by picnic

Friday 21st June - Day of Welcome

Monday 24th June - Year 3/4 football NCFC