

Parent Communication Letter – Friday 7 November 2025

Academy News

1950s Dress Up Day

Thank you for supporting our 1950s dress up day today – the children looked fantastic!

Herman 70 Year Anniversary Open Afternoon

We are looking forward to welcoming old scholars, staff and friends of Herman to our Academy on Monday 10 November from 3.30pm until 5.00pm as part of our ongoing celebrations to mark Herman's 70th anniversary. We have compiled lots of photographs and testimonies as well as original records from the 1950s onwards for you to come and see.

Antibullying Week

Next week is antibullying week. We will be marking the occasion by inviting children to wear odd socks on Monday 10 November to celebrate individuality and raise awareness of bullying.

Armistice Day

On Monday 10 November, Mrs Redhead will present a special Armistice Day assembly. On Tuesday 11 November, Year 6 will be visiting the Cenotaph in Gorleston for an Armistice Day memorial during the morning.

Parents' Evening

We look forward to welcoming parents / carers to the Academy on Tuesday and Thursday for Parents' Evenings. Please ensure you book an appointment with your child's class teacher if you have not already done so.

Mental Health Support Team

The Mental Health Support Team will be in the Academy on Thursday 13 November during Parents' Evening for anyone who wishes to access them.

Flu Immunisation

On Monday 10 November, the flu immunisation team will be in to administer nasal sprays for those

children whose parents / carers have opted them in.

No After School Clubs

A reminder that there are no after school clubs next week. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Children in Need

Children may come to the Academy in non-school uniform on Friday 14 November for Children in Need – suggested donation of 50p if you are able to. We will be sending sponsorship forms out for 'Challenge 25' today, however, please do not feel obliged to complete this as we are getting close to Christmas.

Scarecrow Competition

Some of you may remember that we recently made three scarecrows for a competition at Pensthorpe Nature Reserve. We are delighted to tell you that we came 3rd overall!

School Lunch Cost Increase

We have been informed by our Caterers, Edwards and Blake, that as of Monday 3 November 2025, there will be an increase in the cost of school lunches to £2.65 per meal.

Community News

Active GY

Active GY have launched a new Facebook page all about local ways to get active and stay connected with what's happening nearby. If you're looking for fun, easy ways to get moving and want to know about events and activities in Great Yarmouth, this is the page for you!

Visit Active GY here - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61581119892638>

'Walkie-Talkie'

On Wednesdays between 8.40am and 8.50am, the 'Walkie-Talkies' team will be meeting outside the Academy gate on Oriel Avenue for anyone who would like to join their group and walk local routes in and around Gorleston and Great Yarmouth. The aim of the group is to get active, connect with others and enjoy the benefits of spending time outside. Children in buggies are welcome, but please note that dogs are not allowed.

Academy Staff INSET Days

The Academy will be closed on the following dates for Staff INSET Days:

- Friday 5 December 2025
- Monday 5 January 2026

- Monday 23 February 2026
- Monday 13 April 2026
- Monday 20 July 2026

Diary Dates

- Monday 10 November: Herman 70 Year Anniversary week – open afternoon 3.30pm to 5.00pm.
- Monday 10 November: Flu Immunisation.
- Monday 10 November: Antibullying Week (Odd Socks Day).
- Tuesday 11 November: Y6 Visiting the Cenotaph.
- Tuesday 11 November: Parents' Evening.
- Thursday 13 November: Parents' Evening.
- Thursday 13 November: Mental Health Support Team in for Parents' Evening.
- Friday 14 November: Children in Need (Non-Uniform Day).
- Tuesday 18 November: Cross Country (selected Y3-Y6 pupils).
- Tuesday 18 November: Book Worms Book Fair after school.
- Thursday 20 November: Y4 Roman Soldier Experience.
- Thursday 20 November: Reception Open Evening, 3.30pm.
- Friday 21 November: Flu Immunisation.
- Monday 1 December: Y2 Trip to Time and Tide.
- Friday 5 December: INSET Day (Academy closed to pupils).
- Tuesday 9 December: Christmas Fayre, 2.00pm.
- Wednesday 10 December: Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance, 9.15am / 2.00pm.
- Thursday 11 December: Y1 / Y2 Christmas Performance, 9.15am / 2.00pm.
- Tuesday 16 December: Y3 / Y4 Christmas at the Church, 9.30am.
- Tuesday 16 December: Y5 / Y6 Christmas at the Church, 1.30pm.
- Thursday 18 December: Christmas Lunch and Party Afternoon.
- Friday 5 December: Academy Closed for Staff Training Day.

Weekly Winners

Each week, teachers select a pupil who has particularly impressed them with their attitude to learning, behaviour, effort etc. This week's stars are:

- Adventurers: Aadam
- Explorers: Myla
- Searchers: Joanne
- Seekers: Eleazar
- Pioneers: Aoife

- Investigators: Juaan
- Wayfarers: Sophia
- Navigators: Konor
- Creators: Kyle
- Pathfinders: Piper
- Voyagers: Isabella
- Venturers: Millie
- Crusaders: Ninitan
- Discoverers: Bobbi

Attendance

All children whose attendance is 98% or above for the Autumn Term will be entered into a draw to win a special prize.

The winning classes for the collective highest attendance this week are:

Early Years and Key Stage 1: Pioneers

Key Stage 2: Navigators

A big well done to both classes!

We are always striving to improve our attendance figures. Children who are in school are safe and accessing education to help them thrive. They are socialising with peers and learning how to be positive members of their community.

Our year-to-date attendance target is 96%, the whole school's attendance is 95.26% this week.

Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities.