

Parent Communication Letter – Friday 14 November 2025

Academy News

Herman's 70th Anniversary

We had a fantastic day on Monday celebrating Herman's 70th anniversary! It was really special to invite previous pupils and members of staff from the last 70 years to join us for a walk down memory lane. We opened up our classrooms for visitors to have a look around and enjoy speaking to our current Teachers and Support Staff. Thank you to all those who were able to join us.

Armistice Day

Year 6 represented the Academy very well when they visited the Cenotaph for an Armistice Day memorial service on Tuesday morning. Meanwhile, the rest of the Academy took part in a 2-minute silence to mark the occasion.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to those parents / carers who attended our Parents' Evening sessions this week. If you were unable to attend an appointment, please contact the Academy Office.

Children in Need

Thank you for your support with Children in Need. A huge congratulations and thank you as total donations and sponsorship money reached over £1100!

Congratulations to the Kitchen

Congratulations to our kitchen team who retained a top rating of 5 in their recent food hygiene inspection.

Book Worms Book Fair

We look forward to welcoming you all to the Book Worms Book Fair on Tuesday 18 November 2025 straight after school.

Reception 2026-27 Open Evening

The Open Evening for parents / carers of prospective Reception 2026-27 children will be on Thursday 20 November 2025 at 3.30pm.

Money Owed

We are owed a significant amount of money in unpaid dinner arrears. Please ensure any arrears are paid over the weekend ready for a new week on Monday.

Christmas Cafes

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our upcoming Christmas Cafes. Details below:

- Tuesday 25 November: Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Y6, 2.15pm.
- Wednesday 26 November: Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Y5, 8.45am.
- Wednesday 26 November: Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Y4, 2.15pm.
- Thursday 27 November: Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Y3, 2.15pm.
- Friday 28 November: Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Y1, 8.45am.
- Tuesday 2 December: Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Y2, 2.15pm.
- Wednesday 3 December: Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Reception, 2.00pm.
- Tuesday 9 December: Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session SIP, 8.45am.
- Friday 12 December: Christmas Crafts Parent / Carer Session Nursery, 2.15pm.

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

- 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 19 December: Academy Closed for Christmas Break.
- Monday 5 January: INSET Day (Academy closed to pupils).
- Tuesday 6 January: Academy Opens for Spring Term 1.

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: Maddison
- Explorers: Bohdi
- Searchers: Maisie
- Seekers: Kendrick
- Pioneers: Lucas
- Investigators: Lillie
- Wayfarers: Alfie
- Navigators: Farlie-Ellice
- Creators: Ciara
- Pathfinders: Mohab

- Voyagers: Karma
- Venturers: Jennifer
- Crusaders: Daisy
- Discoverers: Oscar

This week's Principal's Award goes to Oakley (Y2), Manve (Y2), Parker T (Y4), Ruby (Y4), Jashnika (Y4), Darcie (Y4), Amelia (Y4), Talia (Y4), Eli (Y5), Binky (Y5), Sofia (Y6), Joanna (Y6).

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: Investigators

Key Stage 2: Crusaders

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 95.28% this week.

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