

**Parent Communication Letter – Friday 28 November 2025**

**Academy News**

**Year 5, 6 Football**

Our Year 5 and Year 6 boys proudly took part in the Year 6 Football Tournament, which began with a competitive league stage before moving into the Cup and Plate knockout rounds. All four of our teams showed fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. After some brilliant performances in the league, two of our teams qualified for the Cup competition, while the other two secured well-earned places in the Plate competition. Every team represented the school brilliantly, and we are incredibly proud of their effort, attitude and achievements.

**Year 2 Time and Tide Visit – Monday 1 December**

On Monday 1 December, Year 2 will be visiting the Time and Tide Museum as part of their learning on the World. Please ensure children wear their normal school uniform and a coat and bring a water bottle and lunch with them (unless they have ordered a school packed lunch).

**Year 3 Lantern Making Workshop – Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 December**

On Wednesday 3 December (Wayfarers class, 1.00pm) and Thursday 4 December (Navigators class, 1.00pm) we will be inviting parents / carers in for a lantern making workshop as part of the Enjoy, Learn and Prosper activities. This is a lovely opportunity for you to work creatively with your child and join in with some festive fun. All materials will be provided, and we hope you can join us. There will then be a lantern parade on Saturday 13 December, 3.00pm, at The Priory 1101, Priory Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 1NW, where children can share their creations.

**Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 4 December**

On Thursday 4 December children are invited to wear non-uniform in return for donations for the Christmas Fayre if you are able to. As ever, please do not feel obliged to contribute if you are unable as we understand that this time of the year can be expensive. Donations for our tombola would be very much appreciated – food tins, toiletries, gift sets, chocolate and selection packs are good options!

**Sounds 4 Christmas – Thursday 4 December**

On Thursday 4 December our Year 1, 2, 3 Choir will be performing at the Great Yarmouth Minster at

6.00pm at the Sounds 4 Christmas event. Children will need to wear their normal school uniform for this event and will need to be dropped off and collected from the Minster. Children need to be at the Minster at 5.30pm ready for the concert to begin at 6.00pm.

Tickets will not be available on the door so you will need to pre-purchase your ticket. Tickets will be £6 per adult and £3 for under 16s. Tickets must be purchased for each person in the audience They are available online <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-ejkjygj>.

#### **Staff INSET Day – Friday 5 December**

The Academy will be closed to pupils on Friday 5 December for a staff INSET day. The Academy will reopen to pupils on Monday 8 December.

#### **Little Fledglings**

Polite reminder, we would love to see pre-school children and their parents / carers join us at our free Little Fledglings Baby and Toddler group on Tuesdays, 8.45am to 10.15am here at the Academy.

#### **Christmas Lunch – Thursday 18 December**

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 18 December – roast chicken or veggie sausage with roast potatoes, yorkshire pudding, sage and onion stuffing, sausage, carrots, peas, gravy and chocolate mousse cookie cup for pudding. There's no need to order in advance this year.

#### **Christmas Crafts**

Thank you to those parents and carers who have been able to join us for our Christmas Cafes recently. We look forward to welcoming more of you in over the coming weeks.

#### **Christmas Cafes**

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

- 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**

##### **Elf to the Elderly**

With Christmas fast approaching Lydia Eva Residential Home are launching their Elf to the Elderly campaign and would really appreciate any donations if you are able. If you would like to help with this,

please buy and wrap a gift for a resident of the home and label it as male or female and pop it into the home ready for the team to put under the Christmas tree. Any gift would be greatly received - toiletries, chocolate, socks, slippers, or a blanket are a good choice! Thank you.

### **Happy Smiles Club NHS Dental Registration**

John G Plummer and Associates Dental Practice are taking on NHS patients under the age of 18 at their Bradwell Practice (Faces and Smiles, Church Lane, Bradwell, NR31 8QW). If you would like to arrange an appointment for your child, please contact the practice directly on 01493 378208.

### **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 1 December: Y2 Trip to Time and Tide.
- Wednesday 3 December: Wayfarers Class Lantern Making Workshop, 1.00pm.
- Thursday 4 December: Navigators Class Lantern Making Workshop, 1.00pm.
- Thursday 4 December: Non-uniform Day.
- Thursday 4 December: Sounds 4 Christmas, 6.00pm.
- 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: Crue
- Explorers: Ashanti
- Searchers: Advay
- Seekers: Zachary
- Pioneers: Bella
- Investigators: George
- Wayfarers: Diana
- Navigators: Jonah
- Creators: Oliver
- Pathfinders: Kaio
- Voyagers: Evea
- Venturers: Skye
- Crusaders: Leon
- Discoverers: Angel

This week's Principal's Award goes to Haythen (Y3), Parker T. (Y4), Layla (Y4), Nour (Y6), Amelia (Y6).

This week's Best Dressed class is Seekers!

This week's winning marble colour is the Yellow team!

### 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 91.04% this week.  
Wherever possible, please ensure your child is attending every day to avoid missing valuable learning opportunities.

