

**Parent Communication Letter – Friday 6 February 2026**

**Academy News**

**National Story Telling Week**

This week was National Story Telling week. As part of our celebrations, Key Stage 2 visited Key Stage 1 and Early Years and share stories together. The children loved this so much that they have asked to do this again soon!

**County Lines Assembly**

This week, Paul Johnson from the Norfolk Constabulary visited children in Year 5 and Year 6 to speak to the children about County Lines. Some parents / carers may not be familiar with this term. County lines refers to situations where organised groups target young people to help transport drugs, money, or messages between different areas. Whilst visiting the Academy, Paul was extremely complimentary on the Academy and the children's behaviour.

**Disco!**

We are looking forward to celebrating 'Palentines' next week at our Discos! Key Stage 1 will be 4.15pm to 5.30pm and Key Stage 2 will be 5.45pm to 7.00pm. Tuck shop will be available at 50p per item.

**Dressing for the Weather**

As the weather is getting colder, children must bring a warm coat to school. Children should be wearing jumpers and may also bring gloves and a scarf for outdoor play too. Finally, children may wish to bring a change of footwear to walk home in if it snows again.

**Community News**

**Active Parks**

Active GY are offering free, weekly park-based physical activity groups for primary-aged children and their families in Great Yarmouth. The sessions will take place every Saturday, 10.00am to 12.00pm at St. George's Park and St. Nicholas' Rec in Great Yarmouth.

**Madagascar**

Merlin from Year 5 will be performing in The Madagascar Musical being performed at the Gorleston

Pavilion on Friday 20, Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 February 2026. The group is called Team2gether and is based in Kirkley – they do a lot of work helping people with additional needs and teaching theatre and circus skills. Tickets are available via this link - <https://www.team2gether.info/>

### **Marina and Phoenix Learn to Swim Open Day**

On Saturday 7 February, the Marina Centre in Great Yarmouth and the Phoenix Leisure Centre in Bradwell will be holding free 30-minute taster sessions for their Learn to Swim Open Weekend. The event is designed to introduce children to swimming in a fun, safe, and supportive environment, while giving families the opportunity to learn more about our Learn to Swim Programme.

Please follow the links below for more information.

<https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/marina-centre/swimming-lessons-enquiry/>

<https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/phoenix-leisure-centre/swimming-lessons-enquiry/>

### **Academy Staff INSET Days**

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

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

### **Diary Dates**

- Monday 9 February: Children's Mental Health week.
- Tuesday 10 February: Safer Internet Day.
- Friday 13 February: Academy closes for Half Term.
- Monday 23 February: Academy closed to pupils for INSET day.
- Tuesday 24 February: Academy re-opens for Spring Term 2.
- Tuesday 10 March: Parents' Evening.
- Thursday 12 March: Parents' Evening

### **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: Toby
- Explorers: Ava-Rae
- Searchers: Jagu
- Seekers: Francesca
- Pioneers: Darcy

- Investigators: Denis
- Wayfarers: Tabitha
- Navigators: Imogen-Rose
- Creators: Darla
- Pathfinders: Amazing-Grace
- Voyagers: Isabelle
- Venturers: Arnie
- Crusaders: Evangeline
- Discoverers: Korey

This week's Principal Awards goes to Eyan (Y2), Isabel (Y3), Ciara (Y4), Libby (Y4), Scarlett (Y5), Eva (Y6), Evaan (Y6).

This week's best dressed class is Venturers.

This week's winning marble colour is Yellow.

### **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: Creators

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.

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