

**Parent Communication Letter – Friday 30 January 2026**

**Academy News**

**Year 4 Horstead Parent Meeting**

This will take place on Wednesday 4 February 2026 at 3.15pm for those parents / carers whose children will be attending the Horstead Residential Trip this year. The children are welcome to attend.

**Nursery Parents' Meeting**

These will take place on Wednesday 4 February and Thursday 5 February 2026. Letters have gone home this week for you to book your appointment.

**Y5 Y6 County Lines Assembly**

On Thursday, Paul Johnson from the Norfolk Constabulary will be visiting 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. The session will be sensitive, age-appropriate, and focused on helping children understand how to stay safe and seek help if they are ever worried.

**Y5 Freshly Greated Workshop**

On Thursday, the team from Freshly Greated will be visiting children in Year 5 for a craft workshop. If you are able, please could children in Year 5 bring in a clean, small plastic bottle (500ml).

**Community News**

**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 2 February: National Story Telling week.
- Wednesday 4 February: Y4 Horstead parent meeting, 3.15pm.
- Wednesday 4 February: Nursery Parents' Meetings.
- Thursday 5 February: Nursery Parents' Meetings.
- 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: Aurora Rose
- Explorers: Wyatt
- Searchers: Brennon
- Seekers: Roman
- Pioneers: Benni
- Investigators: Neeraj
- Wayfarers: Harrison

- Navigators: Oliver
- Creators: Isabella
- Pathfinders: Enzo
- Voyagers: Grace
- Venturers: Jenny
- Crusaders: Talia
- Discoverers: Emilia

This week's Principal Awards goes to Kasey (Y1), Penelope (Y1), Darcy (Y3), Skye (Y5), Harleen (Y6), Nuha (Y6).

This week's best dressed class is Navigators.

This week's winning marble colour is Green.

#### 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 93.24% this week.

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