

Newsletter ~ February 2026

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Dear Families,

As this half-term draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support and take a moment to recognise the many successes achieved by our children. Throughout the term, pupils have demonstrated a positive attitude to learning, showing determination, resilience and a strong desire to achieve their best.

It has been wonderful to see our school values reflected so clearly in daily school life. Children have shown kindness and respect towards one another and have taken pride in their efforts and accomplishments. We have also been pleased to see a continued focus on good attendance, recognising its importance in helping children to thrive academically. This message has been strongly supported by our Junior Leadership Team.

The federation choir has continued to be well attended at Tilney St Lawrence. The children greatly enjoyed taking part in the Young Voices livestream from the O2, where they performed an energetic medley from Wicked.

Thank you to the families who attended the Tea and Talk event at West Walton Primary School. It was encouraging to see families engaging with a range of professionals, including the Schools and Community Team and Family Hubs. We were also pleased to welcome many families to the after-school food tasting session hosted by Lunchtime Co. The feedback was extremely positive, particularly in relation to the chocolate cake! It was lovely to see so many children willing to explore and try new foods.

We are pleased that the majority of families are now using Class Dojo. This platform supports effective communication by allowing us to share classroom learning and important updates in a clear and timely manner.

As we look ahead to the second half of the academic year, we do so with confidence and enthusiasm. I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Kind regards,

Emma Hunt & Kelly Farthing
Exec Headteacher & Head of School

Hedgehogs Class

Wow! What a speedy half term!

In Reception Class, our learning has been all about Kings, Queens and Countries. We have found the United Kingdom on the globe and know that the capital city of England is London. The children have really enjoyed taking 'bus and train rides' to London landmarks in their imaginative play. They have dressed up as King Charles and Queen Camilla and have hosted lots of Royal Tea Parties! The children are also engaging brilliantly with Phonics, and their progress has been amazing.

Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed reading *Until I Met Dudley* and used their imagination to design their own helping machine inventions! They have written explanation texts describing how their machines work, complete with diagrams.

In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction, and the children can now add and subtract two 2-digit numbers using concrete apparatus for support.

In Geography, they have learnt about the countries in the British Isles, and in Science they have been exploring how our bodies work. The children have also really enjoyed Music this term—especially the warm up song "Pop It on Your Head with a Ping pong Ball!"

This half term has whizzed by, and it's hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year. I hope you enjoy the break, and I look forward to seeing you all in the brighter days of Spring 2.
Kind regards

Mrs Else



FOWHPS would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the year. Please note that hot chocolates will no longer be available after school; instead, we will be running a tuck shop after school on Wednesdays and Fridays. Valentine's roses will be on sale on the playground this Friday, and with Easter approaching there will also be a raffle for a giant Easter egg. In addition, FOWHPS will be contributing towards a trip to King's Lynn Museum for the Hedgehogs class in March. More details for this will follow.

Owls Class

The children in Owls have been working really hard, and I'm so proud of all they have achieved recently. Our new working walls are now up, our library is finished and the classroom is looking amazing! The children have really enjoyed spending time in the space and taking pride in their learning environment.

In History, the children have loved learning about The Stuarts — particularly the Great Plague and the Great Fire of London, which sparked lots of interest and thoughtful discussion. In Geography, they've enjoyed exploring mountains and learning about how they are formed.

We've been very lucky to have Mr Head visiting to teach the children ukulele. They are becoming proper musicians and have shown fantastic focus and enthusiasm during these sessions!

In Science, our focus has been Astronomy. The children have taken part in investigations and especially enjoyed creating their own "Top Trumps" cards for the planets — a great mix of creativity and scientific knowledge.

Art lessons have been extra special, with the children using specialist equipment while learning about Art of the East. They produced some very impressive work, including practicing Chinese calligraphy — the results were fantastic.

In PSHE, we have started our new Jigsaw scheme. Many children have enjoyed having the opportunity to share more, as well as spending time in quiet, calm reflection which has been a lovely part of our week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It's been a busy and exciting time in the classroom, and we're looking forward to everything that's still to come.

Miss Clark



Diary Dates

COMING SOON

13th February – Valentines Lunch

24th February – Instrumental Play Day and Concert – MITI Students – selected pupils

26th February –

15:00pm – SATs information session for Year 6 Parents

15:15pm – Multiplication Times Table Check Information Session for Years 3 & 4 parents

Both Sessions @ Walpole Highway with Miss Clark

3rd & 4th March – Parent Consultations Meetings

4th March – WNAT Primary Literary Event – selected pupils

5th March -World Book Day

11th March – KS1 Trip – Kings Lynn Museum – more info to follow

12th March – WNAT Sport Event – OAA Selected Pupils

Parent Consultations

We are pleased to inform you that our Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 3rd March and Wednesday 4th March. These meetings will be face to face and will provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and achievements so far this year. Letters will be coming home soon with more information.



PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance.



**missed minutes =
missed learning
= missed opportunities!**

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

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