# Newsletter ~ October 2026

# The Windmill Primary Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding half term at Terrington St John Primary School, I would like to thank our pupils, staff and families for their continued support. It has been wonderful to see the children engaging enthusiastically with their learning, developing their confidence and demonstrating our federation values of Ambition, Tolerance, Respect, Kindness and Pride in all that they do.
We are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes our children bring to school each day and the way they continue to grow as learners and as members of our school community. We remain committed to ensuring that every child feels valued, supported and encouraged to achieve their very best.

Alongside our classroom learning, we continue to value the opportunities we provide for children to develop their interests, build friendships and experience new challenges. These experiences play an important part in helping our pupils develop confidence, independence and a strong sense of belonging.

As we head into the half-term break, I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment, as well as our families for their ongoing support and partnership. Working together helps us to provide the best possible opportunities for every child.

We hope you all enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable half-term holiday, with time to rest and spend time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term of learning, opportunities and achievements.

*Emma Hunt and Kath Davies*

Executive Headteacher and Head of School

## Points to Remember

- Please do not park/wait on the zig-zags, especially during pick up and drop off times
- Where possible, if your child is ill, please report before 8.45. If they have a lunch booked, please cancel as otherwise you may still be charged.
- Thank you to all those continuing to follow the school uniform policy. If you would like any support, please contact the office.

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## Ducklings Class

Ducklings have had an excitingly busy and successful half-term, demonstrating fantastic progress, teamwork, and enthusiasm in their learning.

This half-term we completed our first Talk for writing unit, which the children have enjoyed retelling and creating actions to recite off by heart. The focus has been on deep-diving into our core stories, and building phonics and reading skills. The children fully immersed themselves in their texts, which inspired them to create fantastic independent writing. It has been wonderful to see them proudly showcasing their developing story telling skills in Reception and Key Stage 1.

In Maths, the children have been building vital foundational skills, focusing heavily on:

- Place Value: Understanding the value of numbers and how they are built.
- Addition & Subtraction: Developing mental strategies and practical methods to solve calculation problems confidently.

Reception children have explored the human body through their "All About Me" curriculum, confidently sharing and discussing what makes them unique. Meanwhile, KS1 focused on the five senses through hands-on experiments and investigations. Crucially, the older children also explored biology and empathy by investigating how people adapt and show resilience when functioning without certain senses.

Geography this half-term was highly collaborative. Working together, the children learned how to read and accurately draw maps. They successfully applied these new cartography skills to better understand their local area, connecting abstract map symbols to the real world around them.

The children have done a wonderful job settling into their new classroom and learning all of our daily routines! It has been an absolute joy to watch them blossom, make lovely new friendships, and build warm bonds with staff and classmates. We are so proud of our kind, happy, and helpful little community!







*Miss Cook and Mrs Timms*

Kingfishers Class

What a fantastic and busy half term we have had in Kingfisher Class! The children have worked incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum, and we are so proud of their enthusiasm, effort and achievements.

In Art, we have been exploring the seven elements of art and experimenting with a range of techniques, including line drawing, collage and sculpture. The children particularly enjoyed getting creative with an unexpected material – a humble bar of soap! There was plenty of fun (and some fantastic sculpting) along the way!

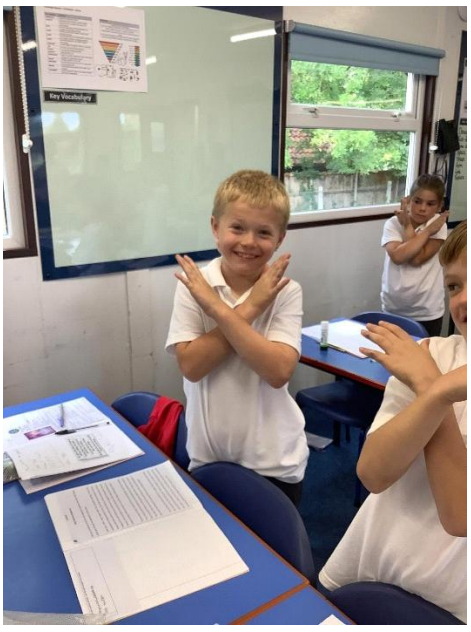
In History, we have been travelling back in time to Ancient Greece. After learning about the Battle of Marathon, we think we may have a future London Marathon champion in our midst!

In English, we completed our first Talk for Writing unit of the year. The children worked hard to develop their writing skills and produced some fantastic explanation texts about the Mesolithic Era. We have been very impressed with the knowledge and creativity they have demonstrated in their writing.

It has also been a half term full of exciting experiences! Some of our Year 3 and 4 children had the wonderful opportunity to represent the school at sporting events. We were also incredibly lucky to welcome Olympian Alice Sharpe into school. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a fitness circuit with her and hearing all about her sporting career. It was a brilliant opportunity to be inspired by an elite athlete!

We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this half term and look forward to another busy and exciting term as we begin the countdown to Christmas. We can't wait to see what the children achieve next!





*Mrs Davies and Mrs Ridley*

FRIENDS

Sadly, our Friends of School has officially closed down.
As part of the final extra ordinary meeting, it was decided that the remaining funds would be used to pay for the Pantomime we have coming again this year, some equipment for the school and a surprise for the children TBC.
We can not praise them enough for all they have done, members past and present. The support and activities will most definitely be missed.

*Thank you!*

From all Pupils and Staff

## Next Chapter - Uniform Page

The FOSA page has now become 'Terrington St John Uniform Selling'. Please have a look and follow/share and see if we can help each other with bits and pieces of uniform, either buy, sell or free.

## Families in hardship and needing wider support.

There is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support. Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Client Hardship Service (CHS) and the Crisis Support Fund, which may be able to provide financial support including essential household items to families experiencing hardship.
Families may get in touch with CHS via their dedicated website at Client Hardship Service – Norfolk County Council, which includes an online application form (here: https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/41970/How-to-get-help-from-the-Client-Hardship-Service ) or if you cannot access the internet, you can call 0344 800 8020.

## Diary Dates

COMING SOON

- Monday 2nd November Children Back
- Monday 9th November Flu Vaccinations
- Mon/Tues 9th/10th Nov Parents Evenings
- Wednesday 11th November NHS Screening Rec & Yr 6
- Wednesday 11th November Remembrance Performance, Springwood High @6pm
- Tuesday 17th November Read, Write Inc Parent Meeting
- Wednesday 2nd December Pantomime in School
- Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper and Dinner




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