

Newsletter

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To all our families,

Thank you to everyone who has been following the new drop-off/pick-up procedures. Please remember not to go past the Penguin's class. The gates on School Lane will not open until 8.35am and will be locked 8.50am.

On Tuesday, Rev David Wells came into school to talk to the Year 2 children about Lent. He explained to the children why Christians celebrate Lent, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Rev David then showed us how he makes a cross on people's foreheads for Ash Wednesday and Lucian got to try on the Reverend's purple Lent robe!

Dragon dance



The reception children had a wonderful time learning a dragon dance to help celebrate Chinese New Year. Each of us had a special job to help make the dragon look spectacular! We performed the dance to the rest of the school in assembly.

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Do you have a job in the field of science? Would you be able to come in and share what you do and how science is involved in your job? We are looking for volunteers to come in during Science Week to talk to a class or a year group about what their job is and how it involves science. If you can do this, please speak to your child's teacher. This will be the week beginning 18th March.



The annual Norwich Science Festival is fast approaching, and I know that many of you take your children to Norwich to participate in some of the exciting activities available.

We would love to see any photos of the children participating. Please put them on Tapestry.

The website for the Norwich Science Festival, and to find out more and to book some of the activities is also below.

[Norwich Science Festival](#)



Norwich Science Festival is coming to Gorleston for one day only! In partnership with East Norfolk Sixth Form College, the Festival is bringing a fantastic day of hands-on science, workshops, talks, and free drop-in activities for families and young people.
Wed 21 Feb 🕒 10 am-4 pm



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Ask me about.....

Nursery

Maths	Numicon boards
Communication and language	We have been talking about the Norfolk tradition of Jack Valentine.
RWI Mark of the week	Single diagonal
Physical development	Cosmic Yoga- Going on a Bear Hunt
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We have been learning the circle game 'In and out the dusty bluebells'
Understanding of the world	Pancake day, including pancakes from different cultures
Expressive arts and design	Valentines' crafts

Reception

Literacy	Read Write Inc assessments
Maths	Reviewing Targets
Focus	Lunar New Year
Jigsaw	Footprint awards
PE	Gymnastics
Expressive Arts & Design	Dragon Dance Workshop
PSED	Dreams and Goals

Year 1

Literacy	Anansi The Spider, a traditional tale from Ghana
Maths	Addition
PE	Dance Sending and Receiving
Computing	Internet Safety
Geography	Comparing Caister and Kenya
Art	Kente Cloth from Ghana

Year 2

English and History	The Great Fire of London
Maths	Fractions - Half and quarters
Science	Materials - Investigating what shoes are made of and why
Computing	Numbots and TTRS
RE	Shrove Tuesday and Lent
Art & DT	Colour Mixing

Today, the reception children had the opportunity to try some Chinese food. They tried chow mein noodles, egg fried rice, prawn crackers and sweet and sour sauce. Thank you to **Tasty House** for providing us with all the food.

[Menu 雅軒庭 - Tasty House - Chinese Takeaway \(chinesecaister.com\)](https://www.chinesecaister.com)

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Rockstars of the week

Name	Class	Score
Logan G	Gulls	16,498
Stanley	Penguins	9,212
Nyle	Penguins	6,670
Katie	Gulls	5,662
Ethan R	Gulls	5,589



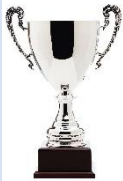
[Times Tables Rock Stars - Times Tables Rock Stars \(trockstars.com\)](http://trockstars.com)

We have several children in school with nut allergies who can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. We cannot have nuts in school in any form. Please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into school for break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance

This week's School Attendance was **85.72%**

Class	%	Congratulations to the Puffins class who are our Attendance Winners this week! 
Otters	88.41	
Seals	93.26	
Jellyfish	76.38	
Pufferfish	75.09	
Starfish	74.17	
Sealions	88.93	
Seashells	84.29	
Puffins	93.62	
Gulls	80.18	
Penguins	92.59	
Little Fishes	96	

Pupil of the Week

Class	Child
Sealions	Ronni-Bea Layla
Seashells	Phoebe
Starfish	Nora
Gulls	Aoife
Penguins	Jenson I
Puffins	Lillie

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Key dates for the diary

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There may be additional dates added which will be highlighted or changes to dates/info highlighted		
Friday 16 th February	Last day half term-	children return to school Monday 26 th February
4 th March	Year 1 Football	Cluster School Year 1 Mixed Football event 1-3pm
Week of 4 th March	World book week	Lots of exciting activities are planned for this week- please see below.
4 th March	Performance Arts	Book-themed performance art days organised by Premier Education
5 th March	Bedtime stories	Bedtime stories 5-6pm. Children go to classrooms, and refreshments available for parent/carers in the school hall. Usborne books will be set up in the hall all day. Miranda from Caister Library will be in school to support signing up.
7 th March	World book day	Author visit from Kate Read
8 th March	FA Girls Football Day	To raise awareness of girls' football- all girls are invited into school in a football top/kit.
8 th March	Happy smiles dental visit	Dentist screening for children
11 th March	Waste Week	Lots of exciting lessons and activities planned.
12 th March	Phonics parent talk	Mrs Welton will speak to Year 1 parents about the Phonics Screening Test.
Week of 18 th March	Parent consultation evening	Tuesday - 3.30pm - 5pm Wednesday - 3.30pm - 5pm Thursday - 4pm - 6.30pm
18 th March	Science week	Lots of exciting activities are planned for this week- please see below.
18 th March	Science Day	'Mad Science' will work with the children in workshops, assemblies, and experiments.
20 th March	Science Workshop	Scientists from the UEA will work with children.
25 th March	Year 2 Football event	Cluster School Year 2 Mixed Football event 1-3pm
25 th March	Send Café	Parents and carers will be invited by our SEND team to join them for a SEND Café
	Nursery Café	TBC
27 th March	Last day of Spring	Last day of Spring 2 - children return to school Monday 15th April

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Day	WEEK ONE W/C 01/01, 22/01, 12/02 & 11/03	WEEK TWO W/C 08/01, 29/01, 26/02 & 18/03	WEEK THREE W/C 15/01, 05/02, 04/03 & 25/03	Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza With waffles and spaghetti hoops Rice Krispie Bar & marshmallow	Cheese & tomato pasta with Sweetcorn & pea mix and wholemeal bread Frozen Strawberry yogurt or ice cream tub	Macaroni cheese with broccoli & a French stick slice Apple crumble & ice cream	Crackers and a cheese triangle, carrot sticks, chocolate oatcake & apple slices	Beans
Tuesday	Roast Turkey Or Cheese triangle with fresh vegetables & roast potatoes Chocolate Oatcake	Chicken Chunks Or Quorn Nuggets with noodles, sweet & sour sauce and vegetable stir fry Chocolate Oatcake	Chicken curry with rice Or Veggie curry with rice sweetcorn & naan bread Krackolet	Cheese French stick, cucumber slices, rice krispie bar & a box of raisins	Tuna & Salad Cream
Wednesday	Meatballs or Quorn meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta, sweetcorn & garlic bread Meringue with cream & fruit	Cheese & Potato Pie With baked beans and bread Chocolate crunch	Sausage roll or cheese flan with wedges, baked beans & cucumber slices Chocolate sponge pudding & chocolate custard	Sausage wrap, bread sticks, cherry tomatoes, shortbread & melon cubes	Cheese & Beans
Thursday	Breakfast sausage Or vegetarian sausage with omelette, hash brown & beans Iced Sponge Cake	Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage with a Yorkshire Pudding, mash, peas, carrots & gravy Jelly & ice cream	Bolognese Or quorn bolognese with pasta, garlic bread & sweetcorn Toffee Tart	Cheese and tomato pasta pots, nutri-grain cereal bag, an iced sponge cake & grapes	Ham & Coleslaw
Friday	Chicken nuggets Or quorn nuggets with chips & spaghetti hoops ice cream tub	Fish Fingers Or Veggie Fingers with chips & beans Shortbread Biscuit	Chicken nuggets Or Cheese wheel with chips, peas & salad Peach slices with ice-cream	Ham sandwich, cucumber sticks, chocolate crunch biscuit & a piece of fruit	Cheese & Beans