



Diocese of Norwich
St Benet's
Multi Academy Trust

Little Plumstead Primary Academy Newsletter



Message from Mrs Holmes, Interim Head of School

It is hard to believe that we are already over half way through this half term and what's more, the weather is still so beautiful for the time of year.

Since our last newsletter, we have had the pleasure of welcoming parents into school for four different events:

- Meet the teacher – these sessions were offered by every class and gave parents an opportunity to visit their children's classrooms and find out key information around the routines for the week e.g. PE days etc.
- Reception held a phonics information meeting
- Harvest Festival – this event was very well attended (standing room only!). Harvest is always a very special event as it marks the first public performance for our Reception class and the first 'last' event for Year 6. We sang the favourite 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' and I'm sure it is still stuck in your heads. Thank you to everyone who donated an item for Norwich Food Bank. These items will be gratefully received by many families that live in and around our local area. Your generosity is amazing, thank you.
- Coffee and Cake morning – this was also very well attended. The focus was on our positive behaviour policy. Thank you to everyone who came along and thank you for all the overwhelmingly supportive comments.

It has been lovely having so many parents back into school sharing their children's learning experiences. Please keep looking at our calendar detailing future events for more opportunities in the future.

Our vision and ethos is rooted in all that we do and we believe that every learner can grow to become outward looking and welcoming to all. This is supported by our curriculum which fully promotes inclusion for all and through it we teach the expectation for children to be kind and respectful to all. We would respectfully like to remind all children, parents and carers that we take any reports of racist behaviour, and any other prejudice related behaviour, very seriously and this includes activity on social media platforms. We will challenge any behaviours that fall short of that expectation.

We thank you for your support with this.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

On Wednesday 4th October Tempest photography will be visiting to take individuals & sibling photos, so please remember your best smile & school uniform.

Year 1, 2 & 6 will need to bring in school PE kit to change into.

Year 1

We have had the most wonderful start to year 1, with tennis, our magic artwork and inviting our families being our favorite part so far!

In our pe lessons we have been practicing our throwing and catching skills, which has been really valuable in improving our skills in tennis.

We use a racket and have a net to hit our balls over in tennis! We have been practicing standing side on to the net and hitting the ball with accuracy.



We have been finding the lessons so fun and have even been catching the ball using only ONE hand!

“Oh yes, we have tennis. I love love LOVE tennis!”
Ellis

We have been experimenting in art, using white wax crayons to draw and then making them come to life when painting over them. Our faces were a picture

when we saw this happening and all believe we are now magic!!

It was so wonderful having our parents in and having the opportunity to talk and play with them on the no mow! They were super impressed with our legendary line up and tremendous transition!

“I never knew I was magic! Look at my drawing!” Marcie



Positive Behaviour Policy

At Little Plumstead Church of England Primary Academy, it is our belief that every member of the school community should feel valued and respected, and that each person should be treated fairly and considerately.

The aim of our Positive Behaviour Policy is to ensure that behaviour management is consistently and fairly applied. The following underpin everything we do to support positive behaviour:

- Consistent, calm adult behaviour
- First attention to best conduct: recognise and celebrate positive behaviours rather than give attention to poor conduct.
- Consistent rules and relentless routines (across the whole school.) We have three school rules: be respectful; be responsible; be ready. Whole school routines include: meet and greet; tremendous transitions; legendary line-ups; team stop
- Scripted conversations – delivered privately with the child
- Restorative follow up: led by the adult dealing with the negative conversations; takes place in child's time – not learning time

When behaviour falls below expectations:

Behaviour that falls below expectations will be addressed with consistently suitable and proportionate consequences, following these steps:

	Steps	Action
1	Reminder	A reminder of the rules delivered privately whenever possible. Repeat reminders if reasonable adjustments are necessary. Take the initiative to keep things at this stage.
2	Caution	A clear verbal caution delivered privately, wherever possible, making the child aware of their behavior and clearly outlining the consequences if they continue.
3	Last chance	Speak to the child privately and give them the final opportunity to engage. Offer a positive choice to do so and refer to previous examples of good behavior. Use the 30 second scripted intervention (see point 4 – scripted conversations).
4	Time out	Time out might be a short time outside the classroom in another room or in a thinking/reflection space. It is time for the child to calm down, breathe, look at the situation from a different perspective and compose themselves.
5	Reconnect, Repair, Restore	Restorative conversation with the same adult, at an appropriate time. This may happen once the child has de-escalated and is therefore ready to discuss the incident. This should not be during learning time.

The policy also identifies further steps that can be taken if the poor behaviour persists or if serious incidents occur.

'From a tiny seed...all things are possible' is inspired by the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

This year, our classes have been renamed after people who are true examples of one tiny seed making amazing changes and being impactful in the world. Here is a brief explanation of the people who have inspired our new class names.

Year R: Mandela Class

Mandela Class is named after Nelson Mandela.



Reception have chosen to be named after Mandela as they believe he is a great example of our school vision; 'From a tiny seed, all things are possible...'

Mandela dedicated his life to fighting the apartheid in South Africa, where white people had more rights than black people. Mandela was arrested and imprisoned for 27 years for his work. Upon his release, he still believed in and worked towards peace. In 1994, at the age of 77, he became the first black president in South Africa, following the first, fully representational vote.

The courage and bravery that Mandela showed is something we hope the children at Little Plumstead aspire to. His belief that we should be judged, not by success, but by how hard we tried is something that we believe in for the children.

"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I feel down and got back up again" – Nelson Mandela

Year 1: Armstrong Class

Armstrong Class is named after Neil Armstrong.



Neil Alden Armstrong was born on the 5th of August 1930. He was an American astronaut and aeronautical engineer. In 1969, he became the first person to walk on the Moon. 'One small step for man, one giant leap for man kind.'

Year 2: Nightingale Class

Nightingale Class is named after Florence Nightingale



Florence Nightingale was an inspirational person who helped revolutionise nursing and was the founder of the first nursing college.

Year 3: Parks Class

Parks Class is named after Rosa Parks.



Rosa Parks is an inspirational figure from Alabama in the United States of America. Her simple act of defiance against an unjust Jim Crow segregation law became the spark that ignited the civil rights movement across America in the 1950's and still continues today.

Rosa Parks' imprisonment and fine for refusing to give up her seat on the bus to a white person, lead to the Montgomery Bus boycott. The boycott lasted for a total of 381 days with black and white people in the area refusing to use the bus services and walking instead. Although this may seem like a small thing to do, it lead to a much larger set of protests. Martin Luther King Jr and Edgar Nixon, used the momentum and high profile of the events in Montgomery, to force leaders into making changes to the laws and helped to eliminate laws that encouraged racial division.

Year 4: Pocock Class

Pocock Class is named after Maggie Aderin-Pocock



Maggie Aderin-Pocock is inspirational. Although she struggled at school due to dyslexia, she grew up to complete a PhD and become a leading space scientist, educator and communicator. She had been fascinated by space and astronomy since she first watched Star Trek as a child, and today she is a presenter on numerous science documentaries and has written several books about space for children and adults. As a black, female scientist, she has also done a huge amount to promote diversity and inclusion in STEM fields. Year 4 believe that she aligns with our school vision of 'From a tiny seed, all things are possible...'

'I want to inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers and innovators, and show them that anything is possible if you follow your passion and work hard.' Maggie Aderin-Pocock

Year 5: Earhart Class

Earhart Class is named after Amelia Earhart.



Early in her adult life, Amelia devoted herself to helping others by treating the wounded soldiers of World War I as a nurse. When the war ended, she discovered her passion for flying and was determined to make a name for herself. Earhart's most notable achievement was being the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic, but she continuously set records and continued flying up until her disappearance in 1937.

Earhart's desire to see women succeed in fields outside of what was considered normal at the time, encouraged her to found an organisation of female pilots that became known as the Ninety-Nines, and even created her own women's clothing line designed for a more practical lifestyle.

There are many quotes from Earhart but the children liked her can-do attitude and chose the following as her legacy, "The most effective way to do it, is to do it."

Year 6: Thunberg Class



Our class is named after Greta Thunberg. She is inspirational as she has shown how young people can make themselves heard in the world. She has inspired millions of people to take climate change seriously and listen to her, including world leaders at the United Nations in 2019. She views having Asperger syndrome as a positive, calling it her 'superpower' and she has shown that 'No one is too small to make a difference.'



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OPEN DAY

Is your child starting school in
September 2024?

Come along to one of our Open Day
sessions

Wednesday 4th October @ 10am,
Friday 13th October @ 10am,
Tuesday 7th November @ 2pm

Please contact the school on
01603 712165 to book a place.

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
OUTSTANDING

Ofsted
Good rating



We are aware that cases of Covid-19 are currently on the increase and would like to refer parents/carers to the current NHS guidance which can be accessed at the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

Visit a National Trust place for free this autumn between 18th September and 20th October 2023

[Free autumn National Trust passes](#) | [National Trust](#)

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES		
DATE	TIME (where applicable)	EVENT/ACTIVITY
4 th October		School photographs
	10am	New Intake Open Day
5 th October		Autumn Census Day
9 th October	2:30pm	Coffee and Cake (SEND)
13 th October	10am	New Intake Open Day
23rd–27th October	AUTUMN HALF TERM	
30 th October		School starts
31 st October	4:30pm – 7:00pm	Parent Consultations
1 st November	3:30pm – 6:00pm	Parent Consultations
6 th – 9 th November		Bikeability course Y5
6 th November	TBC	School Discos
7 th November	2pm	New Intake Open Day
10 th November		Armistice Service in church (Pupils only)
17 th November		Children In Need (details tbc)
30 th November		Flu Vaccinations
5 th December	9:30am	KS1 Nativity
6 th December	1:30pm	KS1 Nativity
8 th December	2:30pm	KS2 Carol Concert
19 th December		Christmas Service in Church (Pupils only)
21 st Dec – 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
4 th January		School starts
w/c 5 th February		Children’s Mental Health Week (details tbc)
14 th February		Church Service - Ash Wednesday, Lent begins (Pupils only)
19 th – 23 rd February	SPRING HALF TERM	
26 th February		School starts
27 th February	TBC	Parent Consultations
28 th February	TBC	Parent Consultations
4 th March	TBC	School Discos
6 th March	TBC	Mother’s Day Assembly KS1
7 th March		World Book Day
8 th March	TBC	Mother’s Day Assembly KS2
26 th March		Easter Church Service (Pupils only)
28 th March – 12 th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
15 th April		School starts
6 th May		Bank Holiday

13 th – 16 th May		KS2 SATS
22 nd May		Church Service (Pupils only)
27 th - 31 st May	SUMMER HALF TERM	
3 rd June		School starts
3 rd July	TBC	Sports Day
11 th July	TBC	School Discos
17 th July	9:30am	Leavers Service in Church
19 th July	TBC	Leavers Assembly