

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

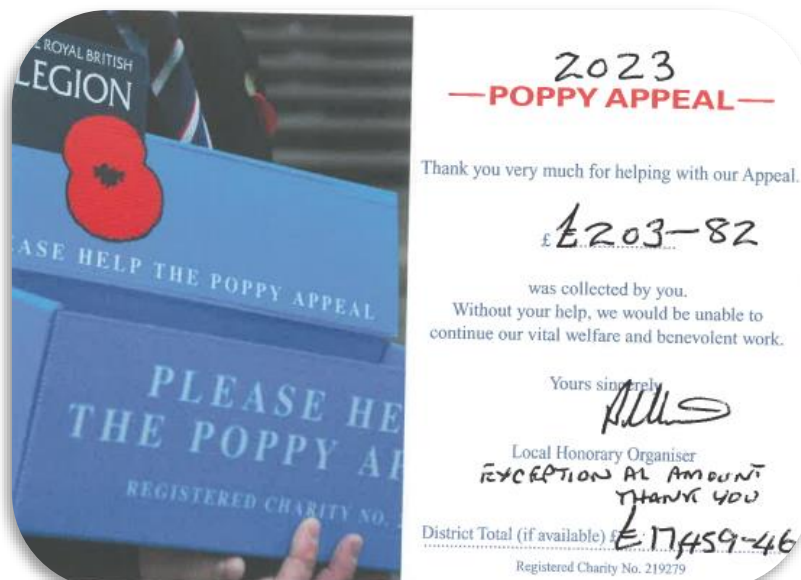
## Message from Mrs Holmes, Interim Head of School

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of our first term already this year. What an action packed term it has been! We have seen the introduction of our new CUSP curriculum which is inspirational, diverse and challenging for all. The level of challenge has really inspired both the children and adults.

In this half term, we have welcomed parents back into school for parent consultation meetings as well as the seasonal KS1 nativity and KS2 carol concert. It was lovely to see so many of you in school enjoying the hard work of all the children. Thank you to The Friends of Little Plumstead for organising the fantastic raffle prizes for these events and thank you to everyone who contributed towards these prizes by supporting our non-school uniform day at the beginning of December.

As part of our Flourishing Foundations, this week the school has been taking part in 'Good Deeds in the Community,' another fantastic opportunity for them to demonstrate our school vision, 'From a tiny seed...all things are possible.' Yesterday Year 5 decorated the church ahead of the festive season and we look forward to sharing with you, in the spring term, all the lovely things the children have been doing in the final week of term. If you want to see what an amazing job Year 5 did, don't forget that the Christingle Service will be held in Little Plumstead church at 4.30pm on Christmas Eve. Do come along!

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will see you all back in school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.



Hello, my name is Miss Lloyd and I will be the new, year 3 teacher at Little Plumstead from January. I am really excited to be working at the school and cannot wait to become part of the school community. I love reading and buy a children's book each new place that I visit. My favourite book is Paddington bear. My hobbies include swimming and tap dancing. I love languages and travelling. My degree is in French and I taught in France during my year abroad. I cannot wait to teach some French to my new class.



My name is Miss Womack. I am excited to be joining Little Plumstead in January as the Year 2 teacher. I was the Year 1 teacher at Acle Primary last year, and am excited to bring my knowledge of the CUSP curriculum and Read Write Inc to support pupils at this wonderful school. I am passionate about reading, writing and history. I aim to create a nurturing and inspiring learning environment in which all pupils flourish both academically and personally. I look forward to getting to know your school community.

## Year 6

# Thunberg Class

This term, Year 6 have been getting used to being the oldest children in school and taking on the responsibilities that come with being role models to the whole school. We elected our Head Pupils and they have been busy supporting events to welcome prospective parents into the school. In addition, we have our Pupil Parliament representatives and our house captains. Every member of the class has a role to play within school.

As part of our reading curriculum, we have read 'Rooftoppers,' inspiring and thrilling in equal measure, this is a classic adventure story about pursuing your dreams and never ignoring a possibility. The children loved this book and would highly recommend it. By Christmas, we will also have read 'Pig Heart Boy,' a powerful story about friendship, loyalty and family around the topical and controversial issue of transgenics and xenotransplantations.

In science, we have been learning about the circulatory system and to embed our learning, we have used this knowledge to write an explanation text in English. This has involved us using our science books to look back and use as a research tool to support our own learning. The commitment, ambition and resilience demonstrated throughout this term with their learning truly demonstrates that, 'From a tiny seed...all things are possible.'



Piano/Keyboard lessons will restart on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

*We are fully aware this time of year brings many unwanted illnesses and its difficult deciding whether or not you child should attend school or not. So, we hope you find the following info useful*

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/08/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



## Should I keep my child off school?



### Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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Christmas



## RAFFLE - WINNERS

REBECCA DURRANT PHOTOGRAPHY - SHERRY SAUNDERS  
TESCO - PETER FEAVEARYEAR  
THETFORD FOREST - CARL BOARDMAN  
ORCHARD TOYS - PETER FEAVEARYEAR  
FAIRHAVEN WATER GARDEN - RACHEL HOUSEAGO  
JOHN LEWIS - ELIZABETH P  
GREATER ANGLIA - LOUISE BUNN  
DOTTY POTTERY - HEATHER BAXTER  
MIDDLETONS SHG - CHANTELE BRADSHAW  
WHIZZ POP BANG MAGAZINE - AURORA THAKKAR  
BANHAM ZOO/AFRICA ALIVE - HAYLEY WRIGHT  
NAMCO - KARI WARD  
CINEMA CITY - ALISON MILLS  
BOYS OF WROXHAM - SUE WARD  
WATERSIDE CAFE - BEX BARBER  
HIPPODROME GT YARMOUTH - ANN DIX  
WROXHAM MINIATURE WORLDS - BECKY MCKAY  
KETTLE FOODS - JEAN SHAMP  
CLUBBERCISE WITH ANNA - TESS SCOTT  
I LOVE BOWS - SHERREY SAUNDERS  
ELLAS KITCHEN - THERESA CATCHPOLE  
THURSFORD - GILL HOWARD  
NORTH NORFOLK RAILWAY - JENNIFER MARTIN  
PLEASURE BEACH - S EVANS  
BRITISH SUGAR - EMMA DODMAN  
CAFE 502 - KEVIN COOK  
HAZELS BUTCHERS - HANNAH UNDERHILL  
THE NEST - ELLIE CUSHION  
MIDGARD BARBERS - BEN DAVEY  
MADE BY ME JEWELLERY - DAWN FEAVEARYEAR  
BROADS TOURS - N HUGHES  
SWEETS - REECE  
BEAUTY HAMPER - CLAIRE BOYER  
CHOC/FOOD HAMPER - ASHLEY WARD

## Christmas at St David's, Thorpe End

You are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate Christmas together in Thorpe End



All friends and families are warmly invited to our festive Messy Christmas special!

Saturday 16th December 2 - 4 pm

Contact Nicky for more details (07766 747514)

**Carol Service: 6 pm Sunday 17th December** Join us in church to sing your favourite Christmas carols and listen to the choir, poems and readings for the festive season. Afterwards please join us for a mince pie!

### Christmas Eve Services

**Morning Service** at 11 am

**(Not Quite at) Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Eve** at 8 pm



### Winter 2023 Advice Hub

As costs and prices go up, more and more of us are struggling with money.

You may be able to get help to boost your income or cut your costs, but it can be hard to know where to start.

At NCAN, we have created this hub of free help and support:

[Cost of Living advice from Citizens Advice](#)

[Cost of Living support from Norfolk County Council](#)

[Support if money is affecting your mental health](#)

### Get in touch

Whether it's a feeling of isolation, advice on housing, benefits, disability rights, debt and money, legal help, homelessness or domestic abuse, the charities which make up the Norfolk Community Advice Network can help you.

You can contact any of the [network charities](#) directly, or call the Your Norfolk Advice Network for help. A specially recruited team of staff will answer your calls and emails. The helpline number is 0333 996 8333 and the email is [helpline@ncan.co.uk](mailto:helpline@ncan.co.uk). Our opening hours are 10am – 4pm Mon – Fri.

If nobody is available to answer your call, or you phone outside these hours, you can leave a voicemail and someone will get back to you.



Visit: [www.nidasnorfolk.co.uk](http://www.nidasnorfolk.co.uk)  
Call: 0300 561 0555  
Out of hours: 0808 2000 247

## Christmas Opening Hours

### December 2023

Sunday 24th (Christmas Eve): 9am - 3pm  
Monday 25th (Christmas Day): 9am - 3pm  
Tuesday 26th (Boxing Day): 9am - 3pm  
Wednesday 27th - Sunday 31st: Normal core opening hours

### January 2024

Monday 1st (New Years Day): 9am - 3pm  
Tuesday 2nd: 9am - 6:30pm  
Wednesday 3rd: 9am - 6:30pm

### Core opening hours

**Weekdays: 9am – 6:30pm**  
**Weekends: 9am – 3pm**

**If you're in immediate danger, always call 999.**



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to take part



[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



Help at Hand is a service for children and young people in care, leaving care, living away from home or working with children's services. If you are a young person and would like any help or assistance, you can call 0800 528 0731 or email [help.team@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk](mailto:help.team@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES		
DATE	TIME (where applicable)	EVENT/ACTIVITY
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup> January		School starts
9 <sup>th</sup> January		Piano/Keyboard lessons begin
11 <sup>th</sup> January		YR National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
29 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	SEN Coffee and Cake
w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> February		Children's Mental Health Week (details tbc)
14 <sup>th</sup> February		Church Service - Ash Wednesday, Lent begins (Pupils only)
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>SPRING HALF TERM</b>	
26 <sup>th</sup> February		School starts
27 <sup>th</sup> February	TBC	Parent Consultations
28 <sup>th</sup> February	TBC	Parent Consultations
4 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 – 4:30pm – 5:30pm KS2 5:45pm – 7:00pm	School Discos
6 <sup>th</sup> March	TBC	Mother's Day Assembly KS1
7 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	TBC	Mother's Day Assembly KS2
14 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Y5 Science bus from Thorpe St Andrew High School
26 <sup>th</sup> March		Easter Church Service (Pupils only)
28 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> April		School starts
18 <sup>th</sup> April		YR&Y1 Sports Hall Multi-Skills
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		Y4 Residential
6 <sup>th</sup> May		Bank Holiday (School Closed)
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May		KS2 SATS
20 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	Class Photographs
22 <sup>nd</sup> May		Church Service (Pupils only)
27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>SUMMER HALF TERM</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		School starts
1 <sup>st</sup> July	KS1 4:30pm – 5:30pm KS2 5:45pm – 7:00pm	School Discos
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	TBC	Sports Day
11 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	School Discos
17 <sup>th</sup> July	9:30am	Leavers Service in Church
19 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Leavers Assembly