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# Wreningham VC Primary School

## Friday 24/10/2025 NO 8





Here we are, already at half term! This half term has sped by and we are so pleased that our Reception and new older children have settled so well and, we hope, feel fully part of Wreningham School. As we go into the half term break

we wish everone a happy half term and for those of you travelling to visit foreign countries or family and friends in the UK we wish you safe travels and look forward to hearing all of the children's stories when we return on **Monday 3**<sup>rd</sup> **November.** 





Please don't forget we have a new menu starting on our first day back, **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – the menus have been previously emailed to everyone.



Also on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** we are supporting Anti-Bullying week and running an alternative menu (please see attached). The hot options will be

changed to "Odd Sock" pizzas options. You are still able to order jacket potatoes and the normal advertised packed lunch option for that day.



On Wednesday, the Wreningham Cross Country Team travelled to Langley school to compete with 600 other children from 26 schools in South

Norfolk in the annual School Games Events. Boys and girls from classes 3 and 4 took to the fields and woods, running until they dropped in some very competitive races. A huge congratulations to everyone who contributed their time to the whole school team, with Wreningham finishing a fantastic 10<sup>th</sup> overall. Individually, we also had some huge success with Charlie taking gold for year 3 boys and Charlotte taking silver for year 5 girls.

Everyone is now looking forward to next year's event. Find some lovely photos futher down the newsletter.





The Year 4 Green Flag team would like to remind families what we recycle here at school. There are food waste, general waste and recycling bins in each class or on the playground for the children to use during the day.

If you have any old batteries, used

pens, empty printer cartridges or old clothes at home that can be recycled, please bring them into school to place in the appropriate bins.

If anyone knows of or comes across a pen recycling scheme, please get in touch with the school office to let us know. Thank you!

Year 4 have also been busy planting in the pond area this week. Well done to everyone – the area is transforming and will be very colourful next spring. Photos on the next page.

Vaccination UK

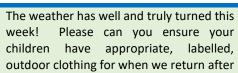
A reminder that the vaccination team will be in school on **Wednesday 5**<sup>th</sup>

November. Please ensure you complete the emailed form whether or not you consent to your child having the flu immunisation. Thank you.



If you are visiting local family over the holidays please don't forget to collect any tokens for the Schools Art Collection that they may have accumulated – we can take them at any time, there is no need to wait until December. Thank you for continuing to

collect the tokens.



half term. The children will need hats and gloves as we go into the winter so that they can enjoy outside time when the weather is dry. KS1 children also need to have a pair of wellington boots in school please. Please help us to keep your children warm and dry during the winter months.



**ABSENCE** – please ensure that you let us know **in advance** if your child is going to be absent for all or part of a day and the reason for the absence. If you need to collect

your child early from school the office needs to be informed via email or telephone <u>before the event</u>. It is not appropriate for parents to just turn up to collect a child. We have to record all absences and need to ensure all children are accounted for at all times. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

We are once again supporting the "Christmas Sugar for Shelters" appeal run by a local charity. If you are able to bring in a bag of sugar after half term please leave outside class 2. This collection will run until 11<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for any contributions.



### **Christmas School Sugar Collection**

Help our LOCAL shelters support the homeless and hungry, families in crisis and those fleeing domestic violence in East Anglia

Dear Headteacher

This year we are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of collecting sugar for the homeless, needy and vulnerable in Norfolk and Suffolk. Once again, we will be continuing this much needed support for Shelters and for families in crisis. Over recent years we have been successful with our Christmas sugar collections with more than 80 schools, collecting over 5.500 bass of sugar each year.

We appreciate how busy schools are in the weeks prior to Christmas, and therefore we aim to keep your efforts to support our Sugar Appeal to a minimum. On our website, listed below, you can find template letters to parents and posters for downloading to publicise the event. You just need to ask the children to bring in the sugar and to store it until we collect it at an agreed collection date. It couldn't be easier!

- Sugar for Shelters works together with a NORFOLK farm based Christmas food charity (BEFA) founded by Norfolk farmer Mike Buckingham in 1985, to collect sugar from schools.
- The Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA) provides the food for more than 10,000 Christmas dinners of which our sugar is an important part.
- Huge amounts of sugar are needed in Shelters and Food Kitchens in the cold days of winter and particularly over Christmas. Last year we collected nearly 6 tonnes of sugar, every bit of which was peopled.
- Sugar is a fast energy boost for the homeless.
- Sugar is an essential ingredient for hot drinks and Christmas foods e.g. puddings and cakes.
- Collecting sugar is simple, affordable and helps children focus on the Christmas spirit of giving
- If collecting sugar at Christmas doesn't work for you there are other ways you can help BEFA. Some schools choose to donate tea, coffee, biscuits or festive packaged foods. Others, usually with older students, historically collected food or money for us from events such as Harvest Festivals, Christmas Parties, Discos, or 'Non-Uniform Days'. The funds raised were used to buy special Christmas foods for the homeless and needy in local shelters.

One of our volunteers will be in contact with you in the next week to discuss if you are able to support us and, if so, how, together, we can manage your school's collection of sugar.

Should you have any queries, or would like to know more please contact us at Sugar for Shelters.

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We look forward to working together for Christmas 2025.

Helen Lamb

Coordinator, Sugar for Shelters

BEFA Registered Charity Number 1066578



#### Stars of the Week:

Class 1 Eloise/Patrick Class 2 Poppy F/Cooper H-B/Gus Class 3 Leila/Phobe R Class 4 Lucy/Imogen

Please scroll on down for some photos of this week's events, ingenious pumpkin transformations and pumpkin competition winners.



CROSS COUNTRY



















Year 4 Planting































The Winners are awarded by year group – judged impartially and without any names on display. There was a prize for a child's "own work" pumpkin and a prize for a pumpkin with obvious adult help to try to make it fair. The winners were:

Reception: Margot/Eliza E Year
Year 2: Madelyn/William F Year
Year 4: Poppy/Tallulah Year

Year 6: Lily/Joly

Year 1: Finley/Merryn Year 3: Charlie F/Theo Year 5: Charlotte/Lillia

### **Happy Half Term Everyone**

