



NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd October 2025

We have had lots of exciting learning opportunities linked to our curriculum this week. Kingfishers and Dragonflies had a brilliant trip to Yare Valley Farm, digging up potatoes and learning how they are prepared for Birds Eye (with much excitement about potato waffles!). Huge thanks to farmers Will and Simon for such a memorable experience.

We were also incredibly proud of all our children at the Cross Country tournament – they ran with determination and enthusiasm, showing wonderful team spirit throughout.

CROSS COUNTRY

The children were incredible at the Cross Country tournament this week!! They were all absolutely amazing - running with determination and enthusiasm. We were incredibly proud of them all.



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Attendance

Our school target for attendance this year is **97%**.

This week attendance was:
98.9%

Thank you for your continued support with attendance

Farm Visit

Kingfishers and Dragonflies had an amazing time at Yare Valley Farm, watching farmers Will and Simon harvest the potatoes. The children got involved in digging up some of the potatoes themselves. The children then went to the farmyard to see how they sorted them and prepared them for Birds Eye. The children were very excited to know they get turned into potato waffles. Huge thanks to the farmers who have helped to create such an exciting learning opportunity for our children. I have never seen children so excited about potatoes! Massive thanks to Mrs Spurgeon and Mrs Fenning for organising this incredible trip.



LIZ PINCHON VISIT

Huge thanks to Emily for getting two of our Tom Gates copies signed by the incredible author Liz Pinchon. Max and Jacob attended an event at Waterstones, what an incredible experience!



Uniform update

Please be aware that we specify black shoes as part of our school uniform. A thick soled black trainer or school shoes are great.

Healthy Snacks

We have recently reviewed our snack time policy to encourage healthy eating habits for all children. Please remember that crisps, sweets, chocolate, and sweet popcorn should not be sent in for snack time. Instead, we encourage nutritious options such as fruit, vegetables, boiled eggs, crackers, or other healthy choices. Thank you for helping us promote a **positive approach to healthy eating.**

Dates for the Diary

Weekly

- **Every Tuesday (ongoing)** – *Snug as a Bug* at the Margaret Mack Hall (morning sessions – **all welcome** to pop in!)

October

- **Wednesday 8th October** – Science trip (Y5 and 6)
- **Thursday 9th October** – Parent Forum RSM, 8:50am @ Margaret Mack Hall
- **Thursday 9th October** Some girls will be taking part in the Girls' Football Tournament at Goals (KS2)
- **WC 13th October** – SEND parents evenings
- Saturday 18th October: BINGO night 7.30pm
- FORMS AGM: Saturday 18th October 6pm
- **Thursday 16th October 2025** some boys in year 5 and 6 will be selected to attend the Boys Football competition at Framingham Earl
- **Monday 20th October** – Harvest Festival, 11:00am–12:00pm at the church
- **Tuesday 21st October** – 12 to 13:00 – Eco lunchtime help
- **Tuesday 21st October** – flu vaccination for years Reception to year 6
- **Wednesday 22nd October** – a group of selected children from years 3-6 will be representing our school at the cross-country qualifying event at Langley
- **Friday 24th October** – FORMS Bake Sale after school in the Margaret Mack Hall

November

- **Monday 27th October to Monday 3rd November** – Half term and INSET Day
- **Tuesday 4th November**– Children return to school
- **Wednesday 5th November** – Otters Swimming afternoons – these continue for the rest of the half term on Wednesdays. Please ensure they have their kit
- **Thursday 6th November** – RSM School Photos
- **Friday 14th November** – Children in Need – Non-uniform Day
- **Thursday 20th November** – Maths Café
- **Thursday 27th November** – Nursery Parent Forum, 8:50am @ Margaret Mack Hall
- **Thursday 27th November** – Gressenhall Victorian Trip (Willows & Kingfishers)

December

- **Wednesday 3rd December** – Parent invitation to watch Otters ukelele group music session @ 11 – 11.30am
- **Week commencing 8th December** – Parent Teacher Meetings
- **Thursday 11th December** – Hippodrome trip
- **Monday 15th December** – Day performance of the Nativity
- **Tuesday 16th December** – Evening performance of the Nativity
- **Thursday 18th December** – Carol Service, 11:00am–12:00pm at the Church – all welcome
- **Friday 19th December** – FORMS Bake Sale after school in the Margaret Mack Hall



AFTER SCHOOL

Bake Sale

3:15-4PM

MARGARET MACK ROOM
LAST FRIDAY OF EACH HALF
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SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 7.30PM

Join us for a FORMS Bingo Night at the Margaret Mack Room, School Lane. We are raising funds for Rockland St Mary Primary School!

**Drinks and snacks available from the bar
Prizes to be won!**

**TICKETS
£10pp**



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Tickets Online



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Fortnightly on Wednesday

10.30 – 12.30

Autum Term 2025

10th Sept – Guest Speaker (Stacey, Anglian Water)

24th Sept – Lego Workshop

8th October – Guest Speaker (Alice MacDonald MP)

22nd October – Wellbeing

5th November – Guest Speaker (Young Carers Matter)

19th November – Workshop (tbc)

3rd December – Guest Speaker (Family Action)

17th December – Wellbeing

The Viking Centre, Tills Road, Norwich, NR6 7QZ

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MARGARET
MACK ROOM
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER
10AM - 1PM

CHRISTMAS WREATH

WORKSHOP
£20PP
INC ALL SUPPLIES,
TEA AND CAKE

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AFTERNOON SESSION 10AM - 1PM
SCAN FOR ONLINE BOOKING FORM
LIMITED PLACES
RUN BY THE FRIENDS OF
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**SNUG AS BUG
NURTURING
FAMILIES
STAY & PLAY
CAFE**



**Now at our new home
Margaret Mack
School Lane
Rockland St Mary**

Restarts 2nd September 2025

- Book themed weekly sessions
- Activity areas linked early learning goals
- Messy & sensory play
- Toast Time & chat at kitchen table
- Baby area
- Story and Singing sessions

**TUESDAY
MORNINGS**

9AM - 11AM

**£3 for 1st child:
£1.50 additional child
includes refreshments**

**£1 coffee for parents /carers wanting a
coffee and chat**

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