



NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th December 2025

It has been a wonderful start to the Christmas season at Rockland St Mary Primary School. The buzz and sparkle of the festivities have filled the school, and despite all the excitement, the children have approached their assessments with great focus — we are incredibly proud of them. I also had the pleasure of visiting Kingfishers' talent display this week, and what an impressive group of young people they are! Otters class showcased even more talent with their fantastic ukulele performance for parents — thank you to everyone who came along to support them. Finally, a huge thank you to Homestead Nurseries for generously donating our beautiful Christmas tree for the Early Years area.

Talent contest

Kingfishers held a fantastic Talent Showcase this week, and I had the pleasure of popping in to see the children performing. It was wonderful to witness the wide range of talents they were excited to share. We enjoyed singing, dancing, storytelling, impressive artwork, creative models, and



even some well-earned medals proudly presented. The enthusiasm and confidence shown by the children made the event truly special. Well done to everyone who took part!



ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance this year is 97%.

This week our attendance was 94.7% and Year 1 had the highest attendance with 100%.



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St Mary Primary
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Christmas in the Early Years

We have officially begun our Christmas learning! A huge thank you to Homestead Nurseries for kindly donating our beautiful real tree, which now stands proudly in our outdoor area. The children have thoroughly enjoyed decorating it with festive cheer, showing fantastic teamwork and problem-solving skills — they even used crates to



carefully reach the highest branches!



As part of their learning, Butterflies class have also been making paper chains of 10 to support counting skills, and threading stars to strengthen fine-motor control, an important foundation for early writing. It has been wonderful to see the children's excitement, creativity, and growing confidence as we begin this magical season together.

Ukelele performance

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us on Wednesday to watch the children's ukulele performance — it was certainly a tight squeeze! The children have worked incredibly hard, which was clear from their wonderfully focused and determined faces. They should be very proud of themselves!



We are having another Open Morning on Monday, 8th December 10.30 – 12pm. Please share the posters and encourage anyone you know with a child starting school soon (or wanting an in year transfer) to come and visit.



We're delighted to say that the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is live this school holiday.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF)

activity programme provides holiday

activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is in reception) in Norfolk.

The UK Government's funding for the programme has been extended for a further 3 years, after 5 initial years of their support.

Children who receive benefits-related free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't.

Active Norfolk and Norfolk activity providers have helped facilitate multiple fun activities designed for children aged 5-16 during the holidays, with free slots for children who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Parents and carers can book their child's holiday activities using our activity finder: <https://bignorfolkholidayfun.activityfinder.net/>

Dates for the Diary

Weekly

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

December

- **Week commencing 8th December** – Parent Teacher Meetings
- **Thursday 11th December** – Hippodrome trip
- **Friday 12th December** - Celebration Assembly for whole school Healthy Relationships Project and invited guests at 1pm (Parents welcome to join us)
- **Monday 15th December** – Day performance of the Nativity
- **Tuesday 16th December** – Evening performance of the Nativity
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Christmas Lunch
- **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

OPEN DAYS

Believe, Explore, Achieve



Rockland St. Mary
Primary and Nursery School



- ◆ Small class sizes
- ◆ Beautiful outdoor area
- ◆ Excellent SATS results
- ◆ Exciting child-centred curriculum enriched with lots of trips
- ◆ Opportunities and adventures
- ◆ Located in the heart of the Norfolk Broads
- ◆ Full wraparound care available



Visit our Nursery...

Beautiful setting | 30 hour provision

Meet our wonderful staff and pupils

Monday, 8th December
10:30 to 12:00

No need to book

Enjoy refreshments with other parents | Stay and play in our lovely early years area



Kids Disabled children
say we can

Norfolk
Parent Carer Service

Coffee

&

Connect

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

SCAN ME



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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