

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

This week has been a brilliant start to the new term, with the whole school quickly settling back into routines. The children have already shown great enthusiasm and focus in their learning, and it's been wonderful to see the new classes feeling so settled so early on. A heartfelt thank you goes to our fantastic staff team who are so committed to the school and the children and have worked incredibly hard to get everything ready for our new school year.

### Others explore contact force!

To begin the children's forces and magnets topic in Science, Others thought about objects we can push or pull. They discovered that lots of objects we can do both. One of those being, \*drum roll\* Playdoh!

The children had questions on the board to aid their thinking as they explored with pressures of pulling and pushing the dough. The children thoughts about different contact forces they use every day - like zipping up a coat! (which we realised was a pulling force).



### Getting ready for our Cross-Country event

We have a Cross Country event coming up in October. Today, the children were lucky to have some specialist coaching in preparation for the event. Miss Hazell was super impressed with their skill, perseverance and encouragement for others. There will be another 'training' session next Tuesday.



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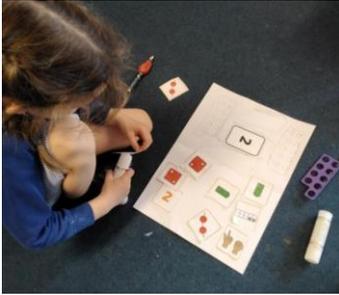


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## Dragonflies Maths

Dragonflies have been really enjoying their maths this week – they have been exploring numbers in lots of different and creative ways. They have been really enjoying talking about their learning and getting

excited about numbers.



### New photos for our website

We are delighted to be welcoming a professional photographer in school on Tuesday to update our school website pictures. We will apply our normal photo permissions – if you would like your child to be included and they do not currently have permission for the website, please let us know and we will update them.

You might want to ensure they look super smart on Tuesday.

### OPEN MORNING

We are having an open morning on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September. You can help by spreading the word, sharing the poster, sharing our social media posts or sticking up a poster for us (they are in the office).

There will be plenty more open days coming up over the year – or please encourage anyone with little ones to give us a call – we can organise a tour any time.

Thank you for supporting us 😊

### MCAS SET UP

If you haven't already done so, please set up your MCAS application on your mobile device. MCAS will be launched for Autumn Term 2. Please email [office@rsm.set.education](mailto:office@rsm.set.education) if you need a new link or to reset your password.

### Attendance

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

This week attendance was: **98.2%**

Thank you for your continued support with attendance

## Dates for the Diary

### Weekly

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

### September

- **Thursday 18th September** – Open Morning: **All welcome** – please spread the word!
- **Monday 22nd September** – Tender Reset Parent Workshop, 2:45pm at Surlingham Primary School. Parents from both Rockland and Surlingham Primary Schools are warmly invited to explore and learn about healthy relationships with the amazing Suzi Loads. **All welcome.**
- **Friday 26th September** – Mobile Library at RSM – all children

### October

- **Wednesday 1st October** – Cross Country Trip, 9:45–12:00 (Years 3–6).
- **Thursday 9th October** – Parent Forum RSM, 8:50am @ Margaret Mack Hall
- **Friday 17th October** – FORMS Bake Sale after school in the Margaret Mack Hall
- **Monday 20th October** – Harvest Festival, 11:00am–12:00pm at the church

### November

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

### December

- **Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Parent Teacher Meetings
- **Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity (dates TBC)
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Carol Service, 11:00am–12:00pm at the Church – all welcome
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – FORMS Bake Sale after school in the Margaret Mack Hall

# OPEN DAYS

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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



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Beautiful setting | 30 hour provision

## Meet our wonderful staff and pupils

Thursday, 18th September  
09:00 to 10:30

**No need to book**

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

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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  
ROCKLAND ST MARY SCHOOL  
REG CHARITY 1109683



**SNUG AS BUG  
NURTURING  
FAMILIES  
STAY & PLAY  
CAFE**



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

**Restarts 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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**Kids**

Disabled children  
say we can

**Norfolk**

**Parent Carer Service**

**Fortnightly on Wednesday**

**10.30 – 12.30**

**Autum Term 2025**

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

24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Lego Workshop

8<sup>th</sup> October – Guest Speaker (Alice MacDonald MP)

22<sup>nd</sup> October – Wellbeing

5<sup>th</sup> November – Guest Speaker (Young Carers Matter)

19<sup>th</sup> November – Workshop (tbc)

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Guest Speaker (Family Action)

17<sup>th</sup> December – Wellbeing

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

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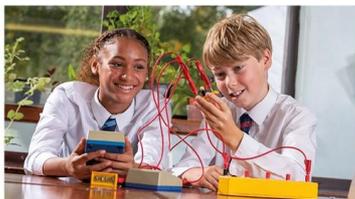
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**Explore. Discover. Belong - see for yourself**



**Join us for our autumn open events**  
**Senior School Boarder Taster Evening**  
**Friday, 19 September - 17:45 to 20:30**



**Senior School Open Morning**  
**Saturday, 20 September - 09:00 to 11:00**

Register to book your place:  
[https://www.wymondhamcollege.org/  
home/admissions/open-events-and-tours](https://www.wymondhamcollege.org/home/admissions/open-events-and-tours)

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