



NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th December 2025

We've had a wonderful week! It was a pleasure to see the year 4s buddy up with the children in Butterflies class on Tuesday, showing the kindness and care that is so distinctive in our school. It always makes me proud to see how beautifully the older children help and support the younger children to grow in confidence. We were also super proud of our KS2 swimmers in the Swimming Gala on Wednesday, coming 3rd in the Cluster overall. Some children in Otters lived up to their name by swimming ALL DAY. Finally, we absolutely loved our Hippodrome visit, with brilliant performances and a lot of Christmas magic. The smiles on the children's faces says it all. **Well done** and **thank you** to all the wonderful staff at Rockland for making all this happen for our children – you are AMAZING! 😊❤️



Hippodrome Fun!

Rockland had an amazing time at The Hippodrome ! There was Christmas magic in the air, as we watched lots of incredible acts and enjoyed lots of Christmas humour!



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Year 4 Buddy Time! 🌟

On Tuesday, Butterflies children were joined by the wonderful Year 4s for a special buddy session. The Year 4 children spent time reading with the Butterflies, sharing stories, asking questions, and helping to build confidence and a love

of reading. 📖💛

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed some playtime together. It was lovely to see new friendships forming, big smiles, and the older children being such caring role models. 🤝💎

A huge well done to both groups for showing kindness, teamwork, and enthusiasm. We're already looking forward to the next buddy session!



SWIMMING GALA

Well done to our swimmers! They were filled with determination in every race! Rockland came 3rd overall, which is excellent. A special mention to Freyja and Willow for winning medals.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB REQUESTS

We need some new resources in our After School Club provision – if you have any of the bits below, please let us know

- Replacement multi games table that accommodates air hockey would be enjoyed by the children
- Marble run of strong construction which takes average sized marbles.
- Hot wheels style garage ,roller coaster loop system to expand the use of the cars we have.
- Mecano style construction kit
- Stacking cups
- Dressing up clothes for role play
- Puppets
- Large building bricks (house brick size /style)
- Spot paints- bottles with sponge tops

ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance this year is 97%.
This week our attendance was 94.6%

Kingfisher class had the highest attendance with 100%.

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

- **Monday 15th December** – Day performance of the Nativity
- **Tuesday 16th December** – Evening performance of the Nativity
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- **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



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Here's what
some parents
and carers
have to say...

"It has given my child more confidence to be away from me and try new things without my supervision."

"My boy has had the best time. His days are filled with happiness and random laughter, he's getting the stimulation he needs in the holidays."

"BNHF gave my child something to do outside of home, and he learnt new skills he would otherwise not have the chance to learn, so I'm very grateful for that."

"It helps me have time to work as I'm self employed and gives my daughter new experiences,"

"BNHF enables my daughter to make new friends, be a child not a carer, and have more fun during the holiday instead of being at home."

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Norfolk
Parent Carer Service

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

Email: hayley.huckle@kids.org.uk/sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk



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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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