

NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th November 2025

It's been a fantastic week filled with hands-on and outdoor learning across the school. It was lovely to see Otters Class enjoying the sunshine while making dens outside in preparation for their DT work on shell structures. I had the absolute pleasure of teaching Bollywood dancing to Kingfishers Class, and Dragonflies Class have been busy tasting a variety of foods as part of their DT project. There have been so many exciting learning opportunities taking place, all beautifully linked to our creative and inspiring curriculum. We will be having a nursery open morning on Tuesday next week – please spread the word and share the posters.

Shell Structures

This half term in DT, Otters have been learning all about shell structures — hollow shapes designed to protect and shelter.

To link with our History topic on the Stone Age, the children are designing and creating their very own Stone Age dwellings.



On Thursday, they went outdoors for a hands-on experience, working in teams to build dens using sticks, string, and materials. The children experimented with different ways to join sticks (like the strong teepee shape) and thought carefully about what made their structures stable and sturdy.

We discovered what worked well — and what didn't! — so when we come to make our final Stone Age shelters, the children can use what they've learned from today's outdoor challenge to improve their designs.

It was a brilliant afternoon :)

Attendance

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

This week attendance was: **98.4%** 😊



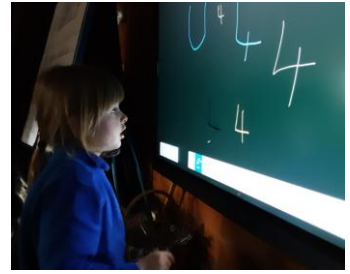
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🌟 Learning Highlight: Exploring the Interactive Whiteboard!

Today, Butterflies class had a fantastic time learning to use our brand new interactive whiteboard! They practised writing on the board and creating 2D shapes. They also discovered how to use different icons to change the colour of their writing, making their work bright and



creative.

This activity helped develop their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and ICT skills, as well as supporting their

understanding of shapes and colours.

Well done to everyone for exploring, experimenting, and having fun while learning!

We spent some thoughtful time learning about Remembrance Day this week and why it is such an important occasion. We discussed what Remembrance Day is, why people wear poppies, and how people across the country pause to remember and honour those who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces. The children also joined together in a respectful silence to remember and reflect in our weekly theme assembly.

Fruit Tasting

Dragonflies had a lovely fruit-tasting afternoon today as part of their Design and Technology project on preparing healthy snacks. The children enjoyed sampling a variety of fruits – most were delicious, though there were a few that weren't quite to everyone's taste! They learned how to safely prepare fruit and vegetables and discussed what makes a healthy snack. It was a fun, hands-on way to explore healthy eating and food preparation.



Road Safety Reminder

Please do not park at the church or in School Lane when dropping off or collecting your children. We have received several complaints from local residents, and parking on School Lane can be dangerous for our pupils, as some areas have no pavement. To help keep everyone safe, please ensure your child holds your hand if they are not yet confident walking near the road independently. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Head Lice

Please be aware that we've had a few cases of head lice reported in school. Please could we ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly and treat any cases promptly to help prevent them from spreading. Treatments and advice are available from pharmacies, or you can use a fine-toothed nit comb on wet hair. Thank you for your support.

NURSERY OPEN MORNING

Believe, Explore, Achieve



Rockland St. Mary
Primary and Nursery School



- ♦ Qualified teacher for all pupils aged 3+.
- ♦ Beautiful Early Years Setting both inside and out.
- ♦ Open 08:40 – 15:15.
- ♦ Small class sizes.
- ♦ Wonderful staff and pupils.
- ♦ Fantastic parent feedback.
- ♦ Mixed age Reception and Pre-School class enabling all children to flourish.
- ♦ Located in the heart of the Norfolk Broads.
- ♦ Opportunities and adventures.

Beautiful setting | 30 hour provision

Meet our wonderful staff and pupils

Tuesday 18th November
09:30 to 12:00

No need to book

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

ROCKLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY, SCHOOL LANE, NORWICH, NR14 7EU | 01508 538345



Dates for the Diary

Weekly

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

November

- **w/c Monday 17th November** – Road Safety Week
- **Tuesday 18th November** – Nursery open morning at Rockland St Mary Primary School (please spread the word)
- **Wednesday 19th November** - Year 3/4 basketball competition – selected children
- **Thursday 20th November** – Maths Café 8.55am in classrooms
- **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 ukulele group music session @ 11 – 11.30am
- **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



Kids Disabled children
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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

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THE BRAMROCKS PRESENTS

Absolute Panto-monium

By Jon Monie

Friday 28th November @ 7.30pm
Saturday 29th November @ 2.30pm & 7.30pm
Sunday 30th November @ 2.30pm

Adults £9 Children £6

Margaret Mack Room, School Lane,
Rockland St Mary, NR14 7EU

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bramrocks.tickets@gmail.com or
Rockland St Mary stores



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
ROCKLAND ST MARY SCHOOL
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FRAMINGHAM EARL HIGH SCHOOL
NORWICH ROAD, FRAMINGHAM EARL NR14 7QP

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER
10AM TO 4PM

COME SEE OUR

Father Christmas Grotto,
Craft Stalls, Christmas Cafe,
Cake Topper Workshop &
Raffle





**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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