



## NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th October 2025

It has been a wonderful week for curriculum enrichment here at school. Years 5 and 6 boys had a fantastic time taking part in the school sports football competition at Framingham Earl High School, showing great teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship. Children have also had the exciting opportunity to meet real scientists online, deepening their curiosity and understanding of the world around them. It has been especially heartening to see older and younger pupils working together, sharing ideas, and supporting one another — a real reminder of the strong sense of community that makes our school so special.

### Boys football

This week was the boys turn to play football at Framingham Earl for the Boys football tournament and lots of fun was had. They all showed great sportsmanship and had the right attitude, giving every match their all.



### Attendance

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

This week attendance was: **98.3** 😊



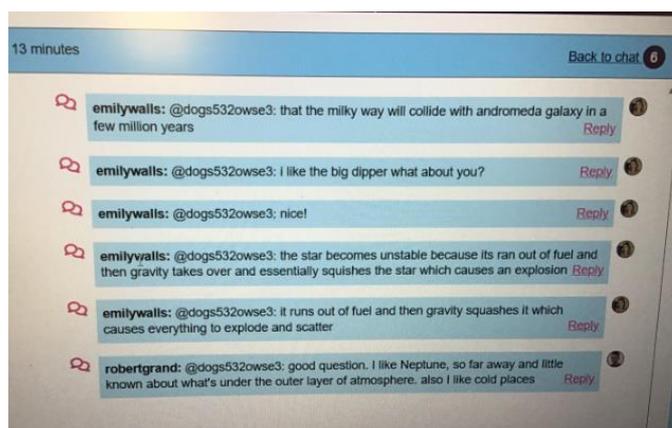
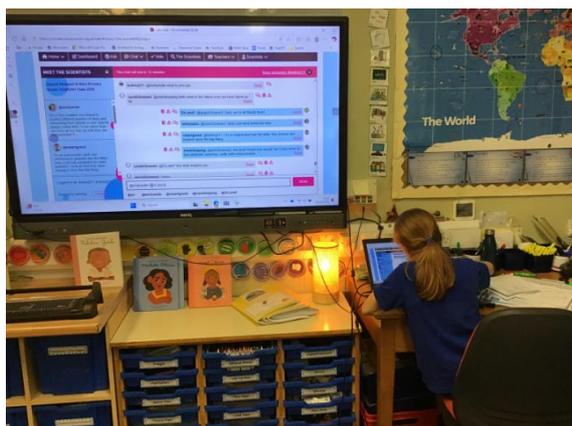
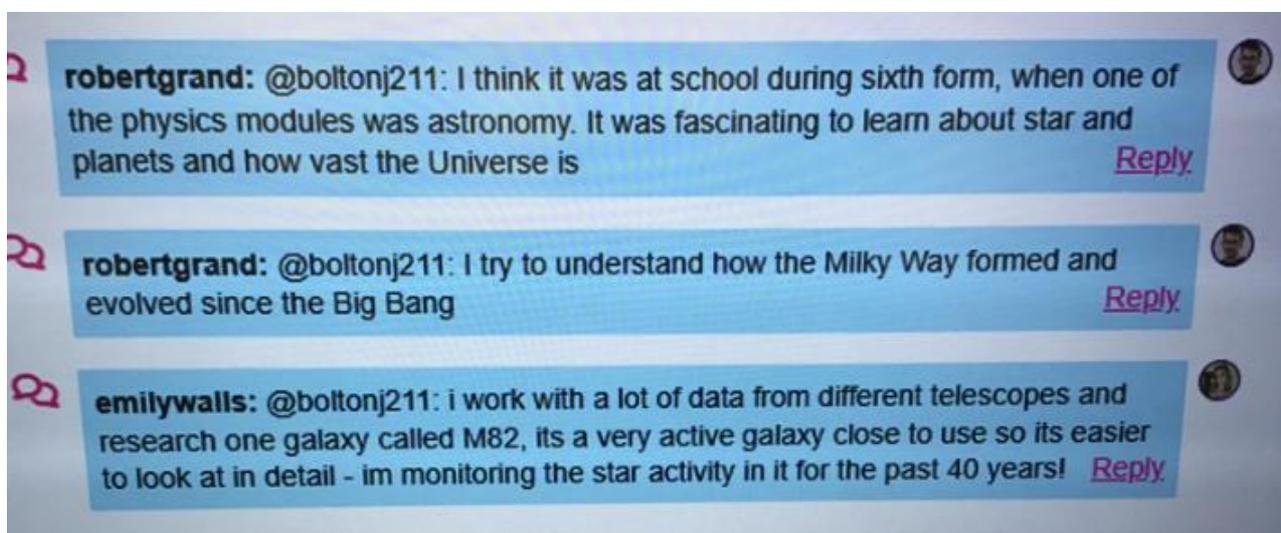
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## I'm a Scientist Get me Out of Here!

As part of our science lessons, Kingfishers joined an online chat called 'I'm a Scientist Get Me Out of Here'. The children got to talk to four scientists who work exploring space. There was a plant scientist working at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, an astronomer, a scientist studying meteorites and an astrophysics PhD student! Kingfishers asked some brilliant questions and were fascinated by the answers they received.



## Healthy relationships updates

Online Harm parent session – November 11<sup>th</sup> 2.15-3.15 at Surlingham

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Celebration Assembly for whole school and invited guests at 1pm with Year 6s leading and the Year 7 campaign group to be invited back to receive their award.

## **PARKING IN SCHOOL LANE**

We continue to have significant issues with road safety on School Lane. Please do not park in School Lane when you drop off or collect your children from school. It is causing a real danger to the children and we have received complaints from local residents, who are frustrated about cars being parked on their verge, or even blocking them in on the way to work. Can I also urge you to hold your child's hand on the road if they are not yet able to manage risk. We need to work together on this one – please can you all support each other and the school by not parking in school lane and being aware of road safety at all times.



**Aspens**



**VACANCY**

**Chef Manager  
Surlingham Primary  
NR14 7DQ**

- Monday-Friday 7:30am-2:30pm
- 35 hours per week
- £21,614.42 per annum
- Term Time Only
- A great community school environment.

Aspens Services is an established and successful school contract caterer. Providing meals to children in schools across the country. We are currently looking for a Chef Manager to join our team.

If you think this position is for you, please contact Joanne Cogger with your CV:

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# HARVEST Appeal

OCTOBER 2025

## REQUESTED DONATIONS

### Top 5 items

**Tinned vegetables**

**Tinned meat**

**Tinned fruit**

**Pasta sauce**

**Milk (UHT)**

### Also

Fruit juice

Teabags (40s)

Rice pudding

Tinned tomatoes

Penguin bars (or similar)

*We can split these up to share to multiple parcels for a treat*

*Donations can be brought to our warehouse,  
Unit 14 NR5 8BF*

*Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays 9am - 1pm  
norwich.foodbank.org.uk*

## 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

- **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 team in for years R to 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
- **Tuesday November 11th - Online Harm parent session – 2.15-3.15 at Surlingham Primary School**
- **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
- **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
- **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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**Norfolk**  
Parent Carer Service

**Coffee**

**&**

**Connect**

**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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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  
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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