



## NEWSLETTER

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Our recent Open Morning was a great success, and it was wonderful to welcome so many visitors into school. Thank you to all the parents who continue to share such kind words about our school and came to help on the day—hearing that new families have joined us because of your recommendations means so much. We're also adding some exciting new dates to the calendar, including music performances, an Eco event, and sporting opportunities. To make things easier, all new events are shown in **red** on the dates list.

### Butterflies update

Butterflies had such a wonderful, wild and wet Wednesday. They used powder paint and rain to practice writing patterns on the wall and the ground. They had so much fun mixing the primary colours to create the secondary colours like green and orange. The mud kitchen became a massive muddy puddle where we practised taking turns to jump in.



### ECO FLAG

Our Eco Flag is now proudly displayed on our gate – we are so happy to have achieved this accreditation – a huge testament to the hard

work and commitment of our brilliant Eco-Committee

### Attendance

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

This week attendance was: **98.3%**

Thank you for your continued support with attendance



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### **GIRLS FOOTBALL**

On **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October** we will be taking part in the Girls' Football Tournament at Goals. We will enter one team from Years 3/4 and one team from Years 5/6. Up to 16 girls from our school may have the opportunity to take part.

### **CROSS COUNTRY EVENT**

On **Wednesday 22nd October 2025**, a group of selected children from Years 3–6 will be representing our school at the Cross Country Qualifying Event in Langley. These children will be chosen based on their strong performances in our school cross country event earlier in October

### **ECO COMMITTEE**

The children are applying this week to be part of our new Eco-Committee. They need to apply in writing (or other medium) to be part of the club.

Our caretaker, Steve Gildersleeve will be working with the new committee on

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 12 – 13:00**

Parents, grandparents, carers and friends are welcome to come along at lunchtime if you are free and would like to help – there will be some digging, pruning and so on.

### **MUSIC LESSONS**

We are excited to provide a range of musical experiences for our children, enriching our music curriculum and encouraging a love of music from a young age.

Some children are learning either guitar or keyboard in small group tuition with Mr Mothers. These lessons take place on Mondays

We will also be doing some whole class tuition in the ukulele in years 3 and 4 with Mrs Banham on Wednesdays.

**RSM – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Parent invitation to watch Otters ukelele group music session @ 11 – 11.30am**

### **SCIENCE TRIP**

Year 5s and 6s will be visiting the Science Amusement Lab on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** to enrich their science curriculum

### **SEND PARENTS EVENING**

**WC 13<sup>th</sup> October** – We will be holding parents' evenings for our SEND children – your child's teacher will arrange a convenient time for you to attend.

Mobile library service is temporarily unavailable – they hope to get this back up and running next year

**Monday 22nd September** – Tender Reset Parent Workshop has been **CANCELLED** – new date to be announced soon

## 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.



**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)
- 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](mailto:hayley.huckle@kids.org.uk)/[sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk](mailto:sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk)



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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>



Ofsted 'outstanding' for boarding and education  
No VAT on boarding fees

## 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

- **Wednesday 1st October** – Cross Country Trip, 9:45–12:00 (Years 3–6).
- **Wednesday 8th October** – Science trip (Y5 and 6)
- **Thursday 9th October** – Parent Forum RSM, 8:50am @ Margaret Mack Hall
- **Thursday 9th October** Some girls will be taking part in the Girls' Football Tournament at Goals (KS2)
- **WC 13th October** – SEND parents evenings
- Saturday 18th October: BINGO night 7.30pm
- FORMS AGM: Saturday 18th October 6pm
- **Monday 20th October** – Harvest Festival, 11:00am–12:00pm at the church
- **Tuesday 21st October** – 12 to 13:00 – Eco lunchtime help
- **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
- **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
- **Week commencing 15th December** – Nativity (dates TBC)
- **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



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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