



NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th September 2025

We're so grateful to the Mack family for enriching our geography curriculum by offering to share their potato harvest with the children— this will be a fantastic memorable, hands-on experience. There have been some wonderful highlights this week: Otter's Class have shone in their whole-class ukulele lessons and produced some fantastic English work, while Mrs Leveridge brought huge smiles (and lots of laughter!) by getting nearly the whole school playing parachute games at playtime this morning - a lovely moment of all ages joining in together.

ACTION WORDS



As part of Dragonflies learning synonyms for the word 'run', we tried dashing, zooming, charging, sprinting and bolting. We also tried spotting, noticing and glimpsing things in a distance. We collected a lot of great words for our writing.



Whole class music sessions with the Norfolk Library Service

One of my highlights this week was popping into Otters class to watch them learning the ukelele! They were so focused and determined to do their best – it was an absolute pleasure to see. Please feel welcome to attend their performance **on Wednesday 3rd December @ 11 – 11.30am**



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Farm Visit – An Exciting Learning Opportunity!

We are delighted to share that the children in Dragonflies and Kingfishers will be visiting the Mack family's farm in Surlingham to see the potato harvest in action.

This is a local trip, so a separate consent form is not required.

During the visit, children will have the opportunity to:

- Watch the farmers lifting potatoes from the fields into trailers.
- See how potatoes are sorted and stored back at the farmyard.
- Explore the different features of the farm and surrounding area (shop, patisserie, swimming pool, campsite, farmhouse, and the farm itself).
- Hear directly from farmer Will, who will also be coming into school on another occasion to talk more about farming and the harvest.

Why this trip is so valuable

- For KS1 (Dragonflies): It links to geography studies of our local area, land use, and human vs. physical features. Farming provides a brilliant real-life example of both.
- For KS2 (Kingfishers): It ties into our Harvest Festival service and learning about the journey "from field to fork." It also connects with our work on the school's own plot of land, kindly donated by the Mack family.

We are very grateful to the Mack family for welcoming us and giving our children such a rich, hands-on learning experience.

Attendance

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

This week attendance was: **98.8%**

Thank you for your continued support with attendance

SPORTS UPDATE

Boys Football competition

On **Thursday 16th October 2025** some boys in year 5 and 6 will be selected to attend the Boys Football competition at Framingham Earl

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).
- **Thursday 2nd October** – Dragonflies and Kingfishes trip to the Mack Farm to learn about the potato harvest (for info – this is a local area trip so no consent forms required)
- **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
- **Thursday 16th October 2025** some boys in year 5 and 6 will be selected to attend the Boys Football competition at Framingham Earl
- **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



AFTER SCHOOL

Bake Sale

3:15-4PM

MARGARET MACK ROOM
LAST FRIDAY OF EACH HALF
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SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 7.30PM

Join us for a FORMS Bingo Night at the Margaret Mack Room, School Lane. We are raising funds for Rockland St Mary Primary School!

**Drinks and snacks available from the bar
Prizes to be won!**

**TICKETS
£10pp**



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Tickets Online



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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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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
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**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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