

Our school is looking wonderfully festive! Chestnuts class arrived on Monday to a beautifully transformed, Christmassy classroom, and the School Council did a fantastic job decorating the tree — thank you to Will Mack for his generous tree donation. Hawthorn's igloo is nearly complete, with children excitedly watching it take shape; soon it will become a cosy reading nook for break and lunchtime clubs. The children have all been working super hard on their assessments, and having lots of fun at the same time.

Christmas at Surlingham



It was really lovely to arrive on Monday to a beautifully decorated Chestnuts class! The children were delighted to see their Christmassy classroom – it looks magical.

School Council decorated the Christmas tree in reception — and what a fantastic job they did! Arthur

summed it up perfectly when he said it looks “like a Christmas decoration has exploded on the tree!” We couldn't agree more — it's bright, joyful, and wonderfully Christmassy.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Will Mack, who very kindly donated the tree. His generosity has helped bring festive magic to our school.

Well done, School Council — the Christmas season has officially begun!



ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance this year is 97%.

This week our attendance was 95.3%

Year 5 had the highest attendance with 98.8%

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SCIENCE FUN

In science, Willow continued their work on forces by carrying out a fair test using parachutes. The children created three different-sized parachutes and tested how long each one took to fall. They conducted the



investigation carefully, making sure it was fair and accurately timed.



Next lesson, the children will analyse their results and use scientific thinking to explore how air resistance affects the speed at which a parachute falls. The children are developing great investigative skills — well done, everyone!

Progress on the igloo!

Check out the progress of Hawthorn's Igloo! They still need a few more milk cartons to close up the dome and potentially add on an arch door. The children have been so excited helping and have been 'Wow'd' as they suddenly saw the structure taking place. We have decided to turn it into a little reading nook and will be hosting some reading clubs at break and lunch for different year groups to come and enjoy it.



OPEN DAY

We are having another Open Morning on Monday, 8th December 09:00 to 10:30

Please share the posters and encourage anyone you know with a child starting school soon (or wanting an in-year transfer) to come and visit.



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Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

There is a Christmas jumper donation box in the reception area. Take what you need to borrow, pop in any Christmas jumpers that you wish to donate. All we ask is that any borrowed jumpers are returned before the end of term after the Christmas Jumper day on **Wednesday 17th December**. Many thanks to Mrs Hardingham for arranging this for the school.

If your child would like to have a school Christmas dinner and has not yet signed up for a school dinner on Wednesday 17th December, please add their order on **MCAS no later than Wednesday 10th December 2025**.



We're delighted to say that the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is live this school holiday.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) activity programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is in reception) in Norfolk.

The UK Government's funding for the programme has been extended for a further 3 years, after 5 initial years of their support.

Children who receive benefits-related free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't.

Active Norfolk and Norfolk activity providers have helped facilitate multiple fun activities designed for children aged 5-16 during the holidays, with free slots for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. Parents and carers can book their child's holiday activities using our activity finder:

<https://bignorfolkholidayfun.activityfinder.net/>



Diary Date (updates in red)

December

- **Monday 8th December** – School Open day 9am – 10.30am Spread the word!
- **Wednesday 3rd December** – Parent invitation to watch Hawthorn ukelele group music sessions @ 10am -10.30am
- **Week commencing 9th December** – Parent Teacher Meetings
- **11th December** – Hippodrome visit – Whole school trip
- **Friday 12th December** - Celebration Assembly for whole school Healthy Relationships Project and invited guests at 2.30 (Parents welcome to join us)
- **Saturday 13th December** – Foss Christmas Celebration 5pm-8pm Village Hall
- **Monday 15th December** – Nativity evening performance – 6.00pm Village Hall
- **Tuesday 16th December** – Nativity afternoon performance - 2.00pm Village Hall
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day.
- **Thursday 18th December** – Carol Service, 2:00–3:00pm at Surlingham Church



OPEN DAYS

Believe, Explore, Achieve



Surlingham
Primary School



- ◆ Small class sizes
- ◆ Beautiful outdoor area
- ◆ Excellent SATS results
- ◆ Exciting child-centred curriculum enriched with lots of trips
- ◆ Opportunities and adventures
- ◆ Located in the heart of the Norfolk Broads
- ◆ Full wraparound care available

Meet our wonderful staff and pupils

Monday, 8th December
09:00 to 10:30

No need to book

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

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JOIN US FOR A

FOSS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A FESTIVE EVENING FOR ALL TO ENJOY.
CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGERS PERFORMING
A SHORT ROUTE FROM THE VILLAGE HALL
FROM 6PM -7PM.

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES.

MINCE PIES, CHRISTMAS SWEET TREATS,
MULLED WINE AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE.

13th
DEC

SURLINGHAM
VILLAGE HALL
5PM - 8PM

Christmas treasure chest, bring
a £2 coin to enter to win!

CARD PAYMENTS TAKEN, CASH PREFERRED

FREE
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Norfolk
Parent Carer Service

Fortnightly on Wednesday
10.30 – 12.30

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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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Events 2025-26

September

Teddy Bears Picnic
Sunday 14th



FREE

October

Quiz and Chips
Thursday 16th 6.30pm
Surlingham Village Hall

Halloween Cafe
Friday 24th 3.15pm

November



December

Christmas Carols
Saturday 13th



January

Movie Night
Film and date - TBC



February

Jumble Sale
Saturday 21st
Surlingham Village Hall
2pm-4pm



March



April

Spring sculpture Trail
Over the 2 week Easter
break



May



June

Summer Fun Day
Saturday 6th



July



August

Fantasy Football

