

We've had such a fantastic week! The whole school loved the trip to the Hippodrome on Thursday, and we're incredibly grateful to FOSS for making it possible and purchasing the tickets for all the children. A huge well done to our KS2 swimmers who took part in Wednesday's Swimming Gala — we're delighted to have brought home three 1st place medals! Congratulations to Elliot, Sophie and Arthur for their brilliant achievements. Hawthorn Class have also completed their amazing milk-bottle igloo — it looks fantastic! A big **thank you** to all the wonderful staff at Surlingham for making these experiences happen for our children — you are a fantastic bunch! 😊

Hippodrome Visit



What an incredible day we had at the Hippodrome Circus Christmas Spectacular! The whole school enjoyed performances filled with laughter, amazement and festive excitement. The children were absolutely captivated — and we're proud to say they behaved impeccably throughout the entire trip.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to FOSS, for generously funding this

visit. Your support made it possible for every child to experience such a memorable Christmas treat.

A truly spectacular day to start the festive season!



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Swimming Gala Success!

What an incredible day we had at the swimming gala! The children were absolutely amazing from start to finish. The competition was incredibly tough, with so many talented swimmers taking part, yet our team showed outstanding resilience, compassion, and sportsmanship throughout. We couldn't be more proud of them!



We are thrilled to share that we brought home three 1st place medals — a huge congratulations to Elliot, Sophie, and Arthur for their fantastic achievements! 🏆 🏆 🏆



A big well done as well to all of our 2nd place winners and every child who took part. Your effort, determination, and team spirit shone through all day. ☀️

We have a finished Igloo!

Thank you to everyone who recycled your milk cartons. we no longer need any more. The children have worked as a team, shown resilience and pure pride in our final product. They found out first-hand how important a completed shell structure is for strength when we had a slight collapse before finishing the top section, but we powered through and now we have a very cosy igloo. I will keep you updated as lights are added, and the children begin to enjoy using it as a reading nook.



On top of this the children completed their own small-scale versions of igloos using paper straws. The children can't wait to add some playmobile figures next week as they evaluate all their fantastic work.

Well done Hawthorns!



ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance this year is 97%.

This week our attendance was 96.9%

Year 1 had the highest attendance with 100%.

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 and Christmas Dinner day on **Wednesday 17th December**. Many thanks to Mrs Hardingham for arranging this for the school.

Diary Dates

December 2025

- **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

January 2026

Monday 5th January – INSET DAY – No students in school

Tuesday 6th January – Students return to school





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some parents
and carers
have to say...

"It has given my child more confidence to be away from me and try new things without my supervision."

"My boy has had the best time. His days are filled with happiness and random laughter, he's getting the stimulation he needs in the holidays."

"BNHF gave my child something to do outside of home, and he learnt new skills he would otherwise not have the chance to learn, so I'm very grateful for that,"

"It helps me have time to work as I'm self employed and gives my daughter new experiences,"

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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
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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

