

This week has been full of celebration, achievement, and a touch of sadness. On Monday afternoon, we came together in the church for our Harvest Festival, a wonderful display of creativity and community spirit. Each class contributed something special. Later in the week, our talented runners made us incredibly proud with their fantastic performances at the cross-country competition, showing determination, teamwork, and true school spirit. Finally, we said a very fond and emotional farewell to Mrs Bayliss, whose kindness and dedication have touched so many over the years — she will be greatly missed by pupils, staff, and parents alike.

Mrs Bayliss

Today we say a fond farewell to Mrs Bayliss on her final day as Executive Deputy Head Teacher. Her calm leadership, humour, and steadfast commitment have left a lasting mark on our school communities. The children, staff and families have all benefited from the hard work she has put into the school, and her influence will continue to be felt for many years to come. We wish Mrs Bayliss every happiness and success in the next chapter of her journey — she leaves with our heartfelt thanks and very best wishes.



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Dear parents and carers,

After fourteen years working across Surlingham and Rockland Primaries, it's time for me to say goodbye. As I reflect on my time here, I'm filled with both gratitude and many happy memories.

To the children I've worked with (both past and present) thank you for filling every day with laughter, curiosity, and joy. Watching you learn and discover your own strengths has been the most rewarding part of my job. You've taught me as much as I've taught you — about resilience, kindness, and the magic of seeing the world through your eyes.

To the staff teams it has been an absolute privilege to work alongside such talented, and compassionate people. Your teamwork, dedication and care make our schools very special places. I will treasure our friendships and the times we've shared.

And to the parents and families, thank you for your trust and constant support. This has been essential in helping every child thrive, and I've always appreciated the community spirit that make our schools so unique.

It's hard to leave a place that has felt like home for so long, but I do so with a full heart. Thank you for being part of my life — I will always carry a piece of Surlingham and Rockland with me wherever I go.

With love, Mrs Bayliss

Harvest Festival

On Monday afternoon, we gathered in the church for our annual Harvest Festival. Each class shared something special — Chestnuts taught us about harvests around the world, Hawthorns proudly displayed their one-point perspective paintings, and Willows gave a dramatic retelling of the Norfolk potato's journey — from potato to waffle!



Of course, no harvest celebration would be complete without our joyful songs filling the church.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the walk to the church and to all who came along to watch and support the children.



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Due to the weather we have decided to move the Eco Lunch club to after half term – please see the newsletter for updates.

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Monday November 3rd for our Inset Day. Pupils return to school on Tuesday November 4th.

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Attendance

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

Our attendance this week is **93.2%**

Healthy relationships updates

Online Harm parent session – November 11th 2.15-3.15 at Surlingham

Celebration Assembly for whole school and invited guests. An assembly will be held on December 12th at 2.30 with Year 6s leading and Year 7 campaign group to be invited back to receive award.



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Diary Dates

November

- **Monday 27th - Monday 3rd November** – Half term and INSET Day
- **Monday 4th November**– Children return to school.
- **Tuesday November 11th - Online Harm parent session – 2.15-3.15 at Surlingham Primary School**
- **Friday 15th November** – Children in Need – Non-uniform Day
- **Thursday 20th November** – Maths Café
- **Thursday 27th November** – Nursery Parent Forum, 8:50am in the Margaret Mack Hall (All parents of Nursery children welcome)
- **Thursday 27th November** – Gressenhall Victorian Trip (Willow)

December

- **On 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
- **Friday 12th December** - Celebration Assembly for whole school Healthy Relationships Project and invited guests at 2.30 (Parents welcome to join us)
- **Monday 15th December** – Nativity evening performance
- **Tuesday 16th December** – Nativity afternoon performance
- **Thursday 18th December** – Carol Service, 2:00–3:00pm at Surlingham Church





Kids Disabled children
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Norfolk
Parent Carer Service

Fortnightly on Wednesday
10.30 – 12.30

Coffee

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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

