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September 2026 - Newsletter

Welcome back!

Welcome back to all our children and families as we begin the new school year! The children have come back to school very positively and it has been lovely to welcome them back into school. We welcomed our very youngest children in Foundation Stage this week and they have been getting to know their way around the school - they have been delightful!

We are in the process of upgrading our **school website** and this should be launched very soon. The web address will remain the same and we hope you find it more manageable and easier to use. Keep an eye out for the new website and this will have information uploaded as soon as we can.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year! Our Calendar looks a bit sparse at the moment but as soon as things are booked in, we will add these to the website calendar.

Further staff changes.

Sadly, Mr Beeley has also made the decision to retire and he will be leaving us at the end of the October half term. Mr Beeley has been at Norton Free for over 20 years and has done an outstanding job keeping the school open, clean and tidy. He has been out in all weathers and kept the paths clear during inclement weather - we would like to thank him for his hard work and dedication and he will be hugely missed! We will be looking to appoint a new buildings supervisor over this half term and if we can find someone to fill Mr Beeley's big boots, we will let you know! On behalf of all the staff, children and governors, we want to say **THANK YOU** to Mr Beeley and we wish him well in his retirement.

Miss Perez Smith has also made the decision to step down from her teaching role and pursue other interests. She will be leaving us at the end of this half term and we all wish her well in her new endeavours.

We welcome Mr Winters (Y2 class teacher), Mrs Felui (Y3 TA), Mrs Astorga (Y3 support), Ms Mockor (additional support in FS) to our Team. As soon as we have appointed the Teaching Assistant for Y1, we will let you know.

Reminder about Training Days and Term Dates for 2026 - 2027

Training Day (2) - Monday 2nd November 2026 Training Day (3) - Monday 4th January 2027
Training Day (4) - Friday 28th May 2027 Training Day (5) - Wednesday 21st July 2027

<u>Dates 2026</u>	<u>Events</u>
Monday 7th September	Y3 starts swimming lessons at Graves. They will be swimming every Monday afternoon until February 2027. When the Y3 block ends, Y4 will begin.
Wednesday 9th September	After school, the French club for KS2 starts. (with Mme Cachou in the Y4 classroom). From 3:20pm

Saturday 19th September	Cross Country starts - invites to Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. If you are new to Cross Country, come along and have a go! More details will follow. 9:30am
Saturday 3rd October	Cross country Race 2 - Bolehills (S10) 9:30am
Thursday 8th October	Potential date for the Harvest Service (tbc) 9:15am
Saturday 10th October	Cross Country Race 3 at Parkwood Springs. 9:30am
Tuesday 20th October	Parents Evening from 3:30 - 6:30 Appointments can be made nearer the time.
Wednesday 21st October	Parents Evening from 3:30 - 6:30 Appointments can be made nearer the time. (French club will be in the Library on this date).
Friday 23rd October	Last day of term Autumn 1 - Dress Down Day.
Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October Half Term Week	
Half Term 2	
Friday 6th November	FONF Cake Sale
Tuesday 8th Dec	FS and KS1 Nativity 9:30 start. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.
Wednesday 2nd Dec	FS and KS1 Nativity 2pm start. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.
Thursday 10th Dec	FS and KS1 Nativity 9:30 start. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.
Thursday 17th Dec	KS2 Christmas Service at St James' 9:15 start.
Friday 18th Dec 2026	Last day of term and Dress Down Day.
Christmas Break - Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2027	
Monday 4th Jan 2027	Training Day - School closed to children.
Future Events	2027
Wednesday 26th May to Thursday 27th May 2027	Y6 Residential to Pine Lake. Further details to follow.
Friday 25th June	FS&KS1/KS2 Sports days with Family picnic in between.