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Jan/February 2026 – Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The dates for **parents evening** have been set for Weds 25th and Thurs 26th March from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. You will receive an email from the class teachers before the event, in the first week back after the half term. If you haven't received an email at the end of the first week, please check with your class teacher.

We will be saying **good bye** to **Mrs Cave** (Teaching Assistant) at the end of the half term as she starts her well-earned retirement. We would like to thank Mrs Cave for all her hard work over the previous 20+ years and wish her all the very best in her new ventures. She will be much missed by children and staff.

3 of our Y4 children have signed up for the Race for Life Muddy kids (details below) and would like more of **Team Norton** to join them on Saturday 6th June from 10am. Having battled cancer in 2020, this charity is close to my heart and I hope many more children join in. I will be there to support them! Five of our existing staff have been diagnosed with cancer in the past, and thanks to donations enabling research, we are all still here!

Mrs Bell



Attendance:

We have noticed that our attendance rates have dropped this academic year and our attendance is below the academic year 2024 - 2025. Attendance at school is **really important** for your child to have the best start in life. It is the law that parents/carers must make sure their child of compulsory school age receives a full-time education, either by attending school or through alternative education arrangements. Parents are responsible for making sure children go on time every day. Please see the attendance advice at Sheffield City Council as you may incur a fine.

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/school-attendance-truancy>

We will be following up attendance this term – there are a number of children whose attendance is below 90% which raises concerns.

School Meals:

Our school meals are provided by Taylor Shaw and children are given a nutritional, balanced meal at lunchtimes. The catering staff at school have asked that I bring to the attention of parents the amount of waste that is currently happening across the school with some children putting bits of their food in the bin. Please can you remind your children that this is very wasteful and they will be hungry later in the day. There are staff in the hall to supervise the children, but sometimes they are throwing food away in order to get outside at breaktime.

After School Clubs:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Netball KS2 Girls	Gymnastics *Y3/4	French Club *Y3/4	Gymnastics *Y5/Y6	Kixx *Y1/Y2
Pond Club (KS2)	Y6 Boosters		Cheer Club *KS2	

Norton Free Superstars –Pretty Muddy Kids 6th June 10am

Esme, Zaeyne and Sophia (Y4) have joined the Race for Life Pretty Muddy Kids this year and said it would be great if more of the school joined in. There is 30% off until the end of January - making it £8.40 to join! 1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Every single pound you donate makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's ground breaking work. Please donate via their link and join in if you can! <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/norton-free-superstars>

Reading Volunteers:

We are looking for some reading volunteers to support reading across Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. If this is something you would be interested in doing for an hour or so each week, please contact the Y1 team. Mrs Sewell (nsewell@nortonfree.sheffield.sch.uk) or Mrs Copeman (jcopeman@nortonfree.sheffield.sch.uk)

Parking:

Please refrain from parking on the yellow lines outside school. The lines are there for a reason to keep our children and pedestrians safe, and visible to other drivers. Our school council will be monitoring parking outside the school and issuing some parking tickets to educate parents about parking on yellow lines. I have been sent photographs of cars parked on the yellow lines and a complaint has been made by a local resident. I have not done anything with this information currently. Please be mindful and don't park anyway near the yellow lines when picking up or dropping off. Thank you for your support with this.

Uniform:

Please ensure that your children are wearing the correct school uniform for school. We ask all parents who send their children to our school, to support the school uniform policy. There is information on the website about uniform in school - <https://www.nortonfree.org.uk/uniform-information/>

Dates 2026	Event
Tues 27th Jan 2026	Y4 class Assembly – Parents invited from 9am
Tues 27th Jan 2026	Netball Fixture at EIS 1pm to 3pm – Y5/Y6 Girls
Tues 3rd Feb 2026	Y3 Class assembly – Parents invited from 9am
Weds 4th Feb 2026	SEND Coffee Morning 9am – more information to follow (Mrs Wakes).
Sat 7th Feb 2026	Cross Country Race 7 – Norfolk Park.
Mon 9th – 15th Feb 2026	Children's Mental Health week – this will be covered in school
Mon 9th Feb 2026	Y3 start swimming lessons at Graves until July. Y4 swimming ends before this.
Tues 10th Feb 2026	Safer Internet Day – we will be talking about this in School.
February Half term – 16th Feb to 20th Feb 2026	
Tues 24th Feb 2026	Netball Fixture at Mylnhurst 3:15 - 4:40pm. Y5/Y6 Girls (Miss Sewell)
Weds 25th Feb 2026	Deadline for the Art Competition – Chinese New Year – Year of the Horse.
Sat 28th Feb 2026	Cross Country Championships & Presentations at Graves Park
Mon 2nd March 2026	Y2 Skipping Festival in school
Thurs 5th March 2026	World Book day – dress up as your favourite book character!
Tues 24th March 2026	Y4 to the Network Games at EIS – 12:45 – 3:15pm. The children may be slightly later returning to school depending on traffic.
Weds 25th March 2026	Parents Evening from 3:30pm to 6:30pm – you will receive an email to book an appointment, Contact the class teachers if you don't receive an email.
Thurs 26th March 2026	Parents Evening from 3:30pm to 6:30pm – you will receive an email to book an appointment, Contact the class teachers if you don't receive an email.
Thurs 26th March 2026	FS, KS1 and KS2 Easter Service at St James' Church – 9:15am
Fri 27th March 2026	Last Day of Term Easter Bonnet Parade 2:30pm – Children are asked to make an Easter Bonnet at home and we will hold a parade for parents at the end of term.
School Closed for Easter Holidays – Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April	
Please remember the price for Breakfast Club is due to increase on the 1 st April 2026 to £4.25 per session.	
Monday 13th April 2026	School re-opens for children – Monday 13th April 2026
Sat 25th April 2026	Cross Country Relays at Longley Park.

Sat 6th June 2026

Race for Life Pretty Muddy Kids obstacle course for children aged 6 - 12 at Graves Park.



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