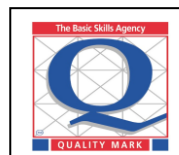


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November 2025 – Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to half term 2 and the run up to Christmas! It is very busy in school and about to get busier as there are a lot of things happening over the coming weeks. We said good bye to Mrs Lawton at the end of the last half term and we are in the process of recruiting a new Higher Level Teaching Assistant. As soon as we have appointed, we will let you know. We have some additional news to share with you about staffing and this is outlined below. As always, if you have any questions about anything, my door is always open. I may not be able to respond straight away, but will deal with any queries, questions or problems as soon as I can. Please get in touch if you need to, or speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the SLT (Mr Holland, Mrs Sewell and Mr Neilson).

Mrs Bell

Mrs Tomlinson

Sadly, we have another retirement on the cards and, at the end of the Christmas term, Mrs Tomlinson (Y5 teacher) will be retiring. I have already written to the parents of the children in Y5 - Mrs Tomlinson has decided that the time is right for her to retire and will sadly be leaving us at the end of the Autumn Term. Her last day at school will be on Friday the 19th December. Mrs Tomlinson has agonised over this decision and has not taken this lightly. She has been with us in school since 2006 and in that time has taught in Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. We will be very sorry to see her go but understand her reasons and the wish to spend time with her family.

Mrs Tomlinson has given so much to Norton Free over the years and she will be much missed by staff, children and parents. On behalf of all the staff at Norton Free, I would like to thank Mrs Tomlinson for her dedication and commitment and we all wish her the best in her retirement. A rest well-earned! We are in the process of recruiting a replacement for Mrs Tomlinson and as soon as we have done this, I will be back in touch with parents.

Dates 2025	Event
Mon 10 th Nov	Tempest School Photographs – individuals and siblings. Pre-school children may have their photos taken with children from 830am.
Mon 10 th Nov	'Skipathon week' starts in school, starting with Y3 attending the Skipping Festival at the Canon Medical Arena. These children won the festival when they were in Y2!
Tues 11 th Nov	School Nurse in school to undertake weighing/measuring of FS and Y6 children. Themed lunch from Taylor Shaw
Weds 12 th Nov	Y5/6 Girls City Finals Football at Graves. 2pm – 5pm
Thurs 13 th Nov	Y5/6 Girls Primary Stars Cup at Westfield – letter to follow. 9am – 3pm
Sat 15 th Nov	Race 3 Cross Country – letter to follow.
Mon 17 th and Tues 18 th Nov	Mrs Copeman will be teaching in Y1 instead of Mrs Sewell
Tues 18 th Nov	Y6 Class assembly – parents welcome to watch at 9am.
Mon 24 th Nov	Flu vaccinations in school
Weds 26 th Nov	Rock Steady Assembly at 10:30am
Fri 28 th Nov	Y5 Victorian Workshop
Sat 29 th Nov	Race 4 Cross Country – letter to follow.
Tues 2 nd Dec	Y5 Class assembly – parents welcome to watch at 9am.

Tues 2nd Dec	Y3/4 One Voice Performance at the Victoria Hall – letter to follow.
Thurs 4th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 5th Dec	Save the Albatross Day! – more information to follow from Mr French.
Tues 9th Dec	FS and KS1 Nativity performance – parents welcome. 2:30pm start. More details/tickets will be available nearer the time.
Weds 10th Dec	Fs and KS1 Nativity performance – parents welcome. 9:30 am start. More details/tickets will be available nearer the time.
Thurs 11th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day – wear a Christmas Jumper. FS and KS1 Nativity performance – parents welcome. 2:30pm start. More details/tickets will be available nearer the time.
Sat 13th Dec	Race 5 Cross Country – letter to follow.
Mon 15th Dec	PANTOMIME for the whole school.
Thurs 18th Dec	KS2 Christmas Service at St James' church – 9:15am start.
Fri 19th Dec	Last day of term, School closes for Christmas Holidays.
Christmas Holidays from Saturday 20th December – Monday 5th January.	
Dates 2026	Event
Mon 5th Jan 2026	Training Day (3) for staff – school closed to children.
Tues 6th Jan	School re-opens for children – Half term 3.
Tues 27th Jan	Y4 class Assembly
Tues 3rd Feb	Y3 Class assembly
February Half term – 16th Feb to 20th Feb 2026	