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# HEMPNALL NEWSLETTER

## SUNFLOWER FEDERATION



It has been so lovely to welcome so many of our families to the school this week to watch our performances. The children were absolutely brilliant and it was with great pride that I watched so many of them - particularly the infant children - confidently stand up on the stage, under the lights and in front of a daunting audience and deliver their lines or sing their songs with such enthusiasm and confidence. A massive well done to all the children. A really big thanks to all their families who helped them prepare and get costumes ready, and especially to their teachers and school staff who have worked tirelessly to deliver a show with the children. Thanks to you all. We only have three days in school next week, our final day being Wednesday 20th December. There are still spaces, particularly for children eligible for means-tested free school meals and therefore free spaces, at our Christmas holiday club on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd December for all children but at Brooke Primary. If you would like to secure one of these spaces, and a box of Christmas food and useful bits, please book through Everymove. It helps support both schools moving forwards in being able to continue to offer these clubs in the Summer, Christmas and

Easter holidays too.

Have a great weekend,

Alex Griffiths

Executive Head

## SPORTS NEWS THIS WEEK

# 1.



This week in PE, KS1 have been continuing their focus on developing their throwing and catching skills. The children focused on improving passing techniques whilst playing modified possession games based around sports such as netball and basketball. A special mention goes to Chloe in Kestrels Class for showing brilliant passing techniques and great teamwork.

KS2 have been finishing their unit of Netball & Korfbal for this half-term. Pupils have been working hard this week to develop their knowledge and understanding of the key team tactics to score points and stop opponents from scoring. A special mention goes to Sophie in Buzzards Class for demonstrating an excellent understanding of the key rules and tactics in their games.

Happy Christmas, Mr Green

In a little school with joy and cheer,  
The infants gathered, spreading festive cheer.

A nativity tale, so bright and sweet,  
A magical moment where dreams did meet.

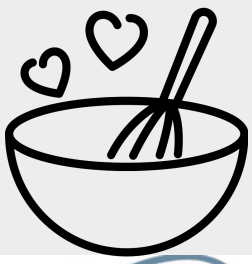
Tiny angels with halos aglow,  
Little shepherds in a row,  
A manger scene, a babe so small,  
The infants' nativity, the grandest of all.

Oh, the wonder in each child's eye,  
As they played their parts beneath the sky.  
With costumes and smiles, pure delight,  
A Christmas memory shining bright.

To the teachers, the stars behind the scenes,  
Crafting dreams with hands so keen.  
Thank you for your laughter, patience, and care,  
For making the nativity a moment so rare.

In rehearsals late and efforts true,  
You brought the magic, and laughter, too.  
Little voices singing carols so sweet,  
In the nativity tale, where love and joy meet.

So here's a thank you, big and true,  
For all the work that you all do.  
You've made this season merry and bright,  
With the infants' nativity, a sheer delight.



# 3.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Why not find your cooking apron and chef hat (if you have one or make one), get creative in the kitchen this weekend and try the following recipe. Don't forget to send the office a pictures of your creation.

### CHOCOLATE CHRISTMAS TREE

#### Ingredients

- 1 (17.5 ounce) package frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 4 tablespoons chocolate-hazelnut spread (such as Nutella), or more to taste, at room temperature
- 1 egg, lightly beaten



#### Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2.
3. Roll out one puff pastry sheet into a large rectangle on a lightly floured surface and place on the prepared baking sheet.
- 4.
5. Lightly score puff pastry into the shape of a Christmas tree (triangle) with a wide base. Spread chocolate-hazelnut spread over the triangle in a thin layer with the back of a spoon.
- 6.
7. Roll out the second sheet of puff pastry to a large rectangle and place on top of the first one. Carefully trace the shape of the chocolate-covered triangle underneath and cut out the Christmas tree shape and the trunk. Pull away excess pastry.
- 8.
9. Lightly score 2 lines down the middle of the triangle to form a tree trunk that is narrower at the top and gets wider towards the base. Using the trunk as a guide, cut branches into the sides of the triangle.
- 10.
11. Twist the branches away from you, trying to get in 2 turns on the lower branches. Continue moving up the tree, twisting away from you as you go.
- 12.
13. Cut a small star out of the excess pastry; place it on top of the tree. Brush the star and the whole tree with beaten egg.
- 14.
15. Bake in the preheated oven until puffy and golden brown, 12 to 15 minutes. Cool slightly, about 5 minutes. Slide onto a serving plate, using a piece of parchment paper if needed.

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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### UPDATED BEHAVIOUR POLICY

We have been working as a federation on developing our relationships and behaviour for learning policy alongside training for all staff using the Norfolk STEPs programme.

Please use the following link to access the new policy:

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f:1784981781755571284&th=18c587792815ac54&view=att&disp=inlin](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=d857e94423&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1784981781755571284&th=18c587792815ac54&view=att&disp=inlin)  
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## UP COMING EVENTS

# 5.

18/12/23 KESTREL & FALCON CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES 9.30AM

19/12/23 WHOLE SCHOOL CHURCH SERVICE 9.15- ALL WELCOME

20/12/23 CHRISTMAS LUNCH

20/12/23 LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM

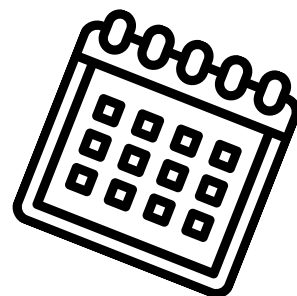
23/12/23 FOHS FESTIVE SLEIGH RIDE

04/01/24 FIRST DAY BACK- SPRING TERM 1

16/02/24 LAST DAY OF HALF TERM

W/C 19/02/24 HALF TERM

26/02/24 FIRST DAY BACK SPRING TERM 2



READ MORE AT

[www.hempnall.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.hempnall.norfolk.sch.uk)

[www.brooke.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.brooke.norfolk.sch.uk)



## JINGLE ALL THE WAY!

**Santa and his Elves will be visiting the villages of  
TOPCROFT. HEMPNALL GREEN.**

**FRITTON.MORNINGTHORPE.HEMPNALL.**

**on the 23rd December from 4pm.**

**Come out and give a wave as he goes by!**

**A sweet treat for each child, donations welcome!**

**Check our Facebook event for live location  
updates!**



**JUSTGIVING**

**SCAN ME**



# CERTIFICATE WINNERS

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## Kestrel

**Otto, Leo P & Cameron** - for outstanding writing and and concentrating really well in their independent writing

**Flori** - for working really well with others this week and helping to keep the classroom tidy

## Falcons

**George L** - for demonstrating great learning powers of being co-operative, he listens to other children and he often helps children by explaining his ideas.  
Well done George!

**Reuben** - For being hardworking and always having a go with his writing skills independently. He takes small steps to improve his work and does not compare himself to anyone else. Keep up the hard work!

## Marsh Harrier

**Carly** - For improved attitude to learning. Carly is having a go before asking for help. She is willing to answer questions in class and become more confident.

**Esmail B** - Esmail has a good attitude towards learning and is becoming more confident in answering questions. The presentation of her work has improved.

## Buzzards

**Layla** - For using new and rich vocabulary in English and working hard on her sentence structure. Lovely to hear her read out her work this week too,

**Rosie** - For being so focused and concentrated and trying really hard in Maths and English. Applying the methods that are demonstrated in Maths really diligently.

**Francesca** - for showing great creativity and imagination in Art and sharing this interest with the class.

**Whole class** "I am so proud" award for all their excellent efforts with the Christmas performance.

## Red Kites

**Elliot and Paige**- Special awards:

'Solo Star Award' For showing great confidence in the class Christmas Performance and singing their solos with musicality and conviction.



## BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK

Happy 8th birthday to Daphne  
Y3 (16th December)

Happy 7th birthday Ida Y2  
(18th December)

Happy 6th birthday to Leo E  
Yr 1 (25th December)

Happy 6th birthday to Megan  
Y1 (26th December)

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR SENCO, MISS RINGWOOD THIS WEEK.....

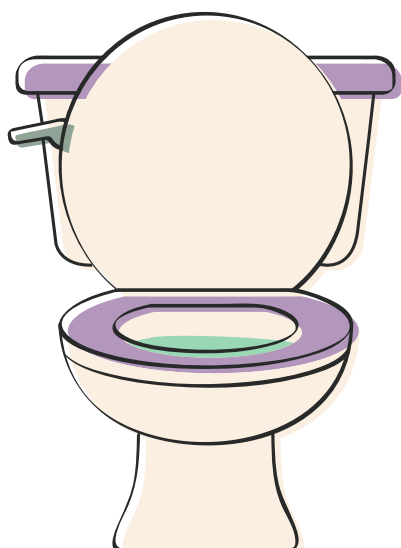
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This week's SEN focus is around toileting for Children with additional needs. The Just One Norfolk resource has advice around readiness, common difficulties, fear and sensory issues, toilet challenges and practical support.

More information available through:

Toileting

[www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk)



# Toileting

# A guide to the festive season

for parents and carers of children with autism



Please click on the link for more information:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y0qyldkdegD1aXWrEpk8q8MjK0fqMivp/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y0qyldkdegD1aXWrEpk8q8MjK0fqMivp/view?usp=drive_link)



Accept difference. Not indifference.



## Christmas Presents

It is almost Christmas, and I will be giving and getting presents.  
I remember that it is important to wait to open my presents.  
My parents will tell me when it is okay to open a present. I may have to take turns opening presents.

I check the label or card to see who the present is from.  
It is good to say "thank you" to the person who gave me the present.  
If I already have the present or do not like the present, I do not say anything. I smile and say "thank you."  
Saying that I do not like a present may hurt the person who gave me the present.

I ask my mom and dad if I can play with or use my new present. I may need to wait until later, or I may be able to play with my new present right away.  
It is fun to get and give presents.  
Other people feel happy when they get presents too.

Christmas



open



thank you



wait



play





YOU SAID.....WE DID

10.

Our family view forum last week informed us that the school website didn't deliver as required for our school community. We have changed and updated the website significantly this week, and would really value your views on this - please send any feedback to the school office.

We were also asked to add our school newsletter each week to the newsletter page on the school website. We have amended how this works, so that by clicking on the latest newsletter date link, it will take you straight to the newsletter.



Thanks for this feedback, and your continued support!

Mr Griffiths



NEW WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE- Please take a look. <https://www.hempnall.norfolk.sch.uk/>

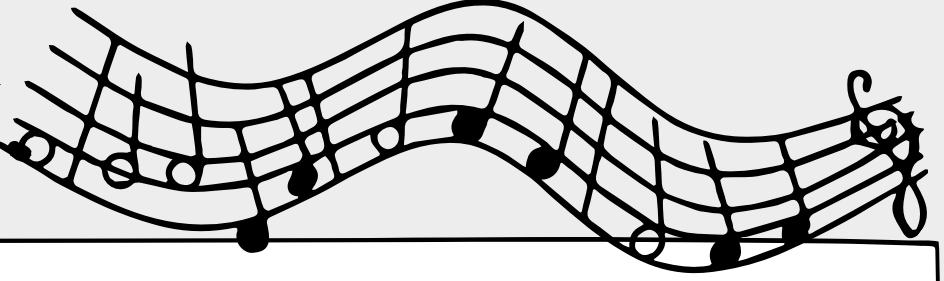
## FIRST TRIP TO TILIA MARKET GARDEN

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Four of our children had the chance to visit Tilia Market Garden this week, they came home with some wonderful seasonal produce.

We look forward to continuing our visits in the New Year!





To kick off the New Year off in the RAD-est way possible, we're offering all new students 10% off their entire first block, with the code 'RADMAS10'.

RAD believe that whatever the skill level or budget, all children deserve access to exceptional music tuition.

Our highly skilled network of professional musicians provide next-level tuition for the next generation of talent, no matter the location, budget or capability.

Provided on-site, within school hours and at a highly-competitive rate; with RAD, students can experience expert music tuition that helps them sharpen skills, express creativity, and dream BIG, with no disruption or stress - all from the very best in the business.

For more information, and to sign-up your child to RAD lessons, just use the following link; we'll do the rest.

[SIGN ME UP](#)

Hi this is Holly and Evie. This week we had Marsh Harrier, Red Kite and Buzzard class Christmas performances. Marsh Harrier were singing Christmas songs. Red kites did a performance of the story of Christmas and Buzzards did a performance of the 12 days of Christmas. All the plays were enjoyable and the parents liked them, people were laughing and clapping.



# MEET THE TEAM

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**Mrs White**

What is your role in the Sunflower Federation?

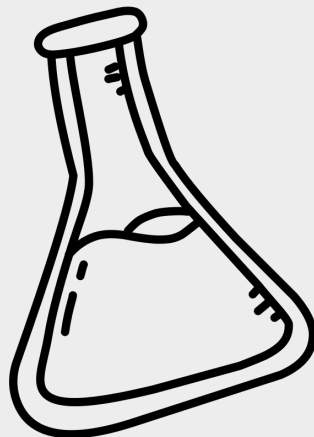
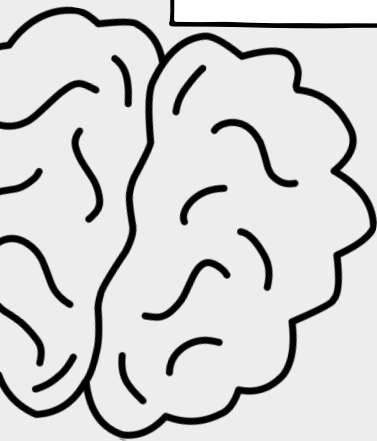
Senior Teacher at Hempnall. Year 5/6 Teacher at Hempnall. Maths Lead across the Federation. Careers and Aspirations Lead across the Federation

How long have you worked in one of our schools?

This is my 7th year. I began based at Shelton in September 2017 - this role was over the previous Federation and it permanently moved to Hempnall in September 2019 following the closure of Shelton.



Mrs White



What is the thing you most enjoy about your job?

Working with the children.

What do you enjoy doing when not at work?

Playing in music groups and bands

What is your favourite flower?

I don't have a favourite, I like all flowers



CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAY CLUB

14.

# CHRISTMAS CHILDCARE CLUB

THURSDAY 21ST & FRIDAY 22ND  
DECEMBER

9.00AM-3.00PM

BROOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

£25.00 PER SESSION - £15.00 PER SIBLING CAN BE BOOKED ON SCHOOL  
MONEY

IF YOUR CHILD IS ENTITLED TO FSM (NOT UNIVERSAL) PLEASE BOOK VIA  
[WWW.EVERYMOVE.UK](http://WWW.EVERYMOVE.UK)

