

DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



**Confident and Healthy Individuals
Successful Learners
Responsible Citizens**

Foodbank Contact

If any of our families need food, support you are more than welcome to contact them directly and they will arrange for food vouchers to be issued. They can be reached on 07826 376343 or alternatively they can be contacted via email at info@northnorfolk.foodbank.org.uk

Nativity Performance

Hedgehog & Fox class put on an amazing performance last week for their Nativity of 'Christmas with the Aliens'. Thank you to all the parents, carers, grandparents and cousins that attending to watch and show and well done to all the children for their hard work. More photos will be uploaded to our website soon.

Our Vision



Message from Mrs Board

What a busy December we have had! From fabulous singing and acting for our plays and carol service, to visitors visiting to talk about their jobs and lots of amazing clubs coming to an end.

After 13 years of teaching, we also say goodbye to Mr Gibbons at the end of this term. I would like to thank him for his continued support for the school and know that you will all join me in wishing him well in his future work.

Over the Christmas period and into the first couple of days next term, the last of our lath and plaster will be fixed, meaning that we will be back to normal in all capacities. Staff are having further InSET training on safeguarding at the beginning of term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on the 7th January. Have a wonderful Christmas, put down the screens and devices, play board games and spend precious family time together over the holiday.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Mrs Board



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone for your amazing support for Christmas Jumper Day, we raised £64.00 for Save the Children.



Save the Children

School Dinners

Please remember to order your child's dinner every day. As of January, if you have not ordered your child a lunch there **won't** be one ordered and the office will call you to bring one to school. If you need any help with Parent Pay, please contact the office and they will go through it with you. Please note school dinners will increase to **£2.63** when we return next year.

TACT

Please find below the TACT family's newsletter this is also displayed in our TACT noticeboard by the main front door.

WHAT IS TACT (FAMILIES)?

The Aylsham Community Trust (Families) are an Aylsham based charity whose vision is to develop a community where schools, families and partners work together to provide opportunities and support which allows young people and their families to reach their full potential.

TACT (Families) supports children and their families in a number of ways including family learning sessions, running lifelong learning courses, workshops for adults and providing a social, emotional and mental health service to TACT (Families) schools. We have worked with schools to help families meet new school uniform costs, and have also supported with providing warm winter coats.

We are a registered charity and are a member of the Sir Norman Lamb Coalition for Young People.

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Young People
2023/24

FAMILY LEARNING

Family learning days are offered every term at each of our TACT (Families) schools. These informal sessions give parents/carers the opportunity to take part in learning alongside their children. Our friendly family learning team create a relaxed environment for learning activities which can include arts and crafts, cooking, outdoor learning or can have a reading or maths theme.

During the summer term, we hold an annual Saturday Family Learning Day hosted by Aylsham High School. This event, which has previously been generously sponsored by The Rotary Club of Aylsham, Slow Food Aylsham and Ovamill, brings together our schools and a number of local organisations to provide a FREE, fun and engaging day for families.

SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL & MENTAL HEALTH

Our highly qualified and experienced SEMH team provide each school with a service based on the needs of their pupils.

TACT (Families) promotes early SEMH help and prevention to support children and their families. This support is not generally available in schools, so it is fantastic to have this available through TACT (Families) at a time when waiting lists for external services are so long.

We have received really great feedback from families who have seen the positive impact of the care and assistance their children have received from our team.

Referrals to our SEMH team are made through our schools.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Our programme includes a wide range of affordable evening courses and workshops for adults. Recently we have offered candle making, learning a new language, flower arranging, DIY skills and needlecraft.

Our courses can support you to learn new skills to help develop your career or in your return to work, such as first aid at work, food safety, or improving your English, maths or ICT skills.

We also offer courses to help you to support your child, for example, dealing with exam stress, dyslexia awareness, and supporting maths difficulties workshops.

Please scan the QR code to find out more about our courses and workshops.

CONTACT US

For further information about TACT (Families), please contact:
Monica Harding, TACT (Families) Development Officer and Family Learning Co-ordinator
on 07780 887 348

THE AYLSHAM COMMUNITY TRUST (FAMILIES)
CHURCH SQUARE
12 0 5 7 7

Aldbrough Primary School

Aylsham High School

Bure Valley School

Buxton Primary School

Eringham VC CoE Primary School

Hevingham Primary School

John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School

St Michael's CoE VA Primary & Nursery School

Aylsham Sports Hub

Please see posters below for some fun activities happening over the Christmas holidays at Aylsham Sports Hub.

ALL STARS WINTER ACTIVITY SESSIONS AT AYLSHAM SPORTS HUB

SWIMMING | NEW YEAR'S PARTY | SPORTS

In partnership with
Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

30 DECEMBER ALL STARS
31 DECEMBER ALL STARS
NEW YEAR'S EVE THEMED

2 JANUARY ALL STARS & SWIMMING
3 JANUARY ALL STARS & SWIMMING

All Stars is back for the winter holidays with the usual fun mixture of sports based activity sessions which may include dodgeball, football, swimming, and parachute games as well as arts & crafts.

For children aged 4-11 9am to 1pm

Only £22 per child per session, including a healthy lunch
FREE places for eligible children, see website for details

active norfolk For more information please visit: aylshamhigh.com/aylshamsportshub

Norfolk County Council



SWIMMING LESSONS

- Fun lessons with qualified, skilled teachers
- Warm pool at 29-30 degrees
- Small class sizes
- After school and at weekends
- At Aylsham Sports Hub

We are now taking bookings for lessons starting in January



Please contact us for to book or for more details:

01263 738966
swimschool@aylshamsportshub.co.uk

Karate Taster Session

The children had lots of fun at the karate taster session the other week and we have had a few sign up to join the club starting in January. If you would like more information please do not hesitate in contacting the office.



Presentation of Learning

Thank you for all your support for our Presentation of Learning's, it was amazing seeing so many family members come to see the hard work the children have been learning in class. The children love sharing with their parents what they have achieved over the term.





Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas dinner day was a success and all the children really enjoyed the lunchtime dinner and singing along to the Christmas songs playing!



Message from Norfolk Foodbank

Following on from our Harvest Festival and all your kind donations we have received a message for you all to read. Please see below.

Thank you for your donation!

As a small charity we rely on food and financial donations to operate and help those across North Norfolk who are facing hardship.

Your donation of 77.3 kg will really make a difference to those who need it most.

Kind regards
North Norfolk Foodbank

School Attendance

Our school target is **96%**, Mrs Bloomfield is our attendance officer and will be in contact if there are specific concerns about your child's attendance. You will have your child's individual herringbones sent home today as well.

If you have any L marks on your child's attendance, you need to ensure that next term you are on time please. It is incredibly disruptive for your child and the others in class that are already learning if you arrive late.

| Month | Attendance % |
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| September | 95.5% |
| October | 95.6% |
| November | 94.3% |
| December | 93.9% |

Key Dates

JANUARY 2025

Tues 7th - School re-opens

Fri 10th – Hilltop meeting with YR 5/6 parents

Thurs 16th – Coffee, Cookies & Counting for all Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 parents and carers to attend.

Headteacher Award



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| Lola P | Great motivation all week |
| Freya O | Great motivation always |
| Hannah-Lily | Excellent motivation to try hard in maths with enthusiasm |
| Casey | Motivation to demonstrate karate skills to his class |
| Freya O | Being motivated all the time |
| Leo | Showing wonderful motivation & perseverance in the school nativity |
| Lilah | Superb performance in all her assessments |
| Amee S | Great motivation in all areas |
| Cleo | Fantastic motivation in carol singing |
| Penelope | Great perseverance to all of her learning |
| Mrs Crisp | Resilience, tolerance & patience |
| Amelia O | For her performance as Sindy-Lou in the Carol Service |
| Eda | Showing wonderful motivation in our school nativity |
| Evie G | Super kindness for helping friends when they are finding something difficult |
| Harry R | Amazing honesty & maturity when helping to solve a problem |
| Elliott D | Great perseverance and performance in his presentation of learning |

Mrs Lydia Board – Headteacher