Surlingham Primary School

Newsletter 16.10.26

We absolutely loved our Harvest Festival this week. The children were delightful and presented their work beautifully, while their singing was fantastic. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did, and it was lovely to see so many families there. Traditions like our Harvest Festival are such an important part of life in a small village school, helping our children develop a strong sense of belonging to both our school family and the wider community. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped us walk to and from the church. It takes a great deal of organisation, and we are incredibly grateful for your support in making this special tradition possible.

Harvest Festival Celebration



We enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Festival celebration at Surlingham Church this week. A huge thank you to Reverend Nick for helping to make the occasion so special.

The children delighted us with their singing and proudly shared their learning. Chestnuts showcased their colourful Arcimboldo-inspired artwork, Hawthorn performed creative autumn acrostic poems with great confidence, and Willows entertained us with their informative and humorous presentation about the journey from 'Food to Fork'.

Thank you to everyone who attended, supported our walk to the church and contributed to the celebration. We are also very grateful for the generous food donations received to support members of our local community.

Well done to all our children for their hard work, creativity and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of them all!





Willow Class



Willow Class have ended their gymnastics unit in style! Working in groups, the children created and performed their own routines, bringing together the skills they have developed this half term, including balances, jumps, turns and transitions. They showed excellent teamwork, creativity and resilience, even adapting brilliantly when the music changed unexpectedly during one performance! We are so proud of the confidence, determination and enthusiasm they have shown throughout the unit. 🌟🤸👏





SENCO Update

Mrs Burford will be leaving as SENCO after half term. We would like to thank her for everything she has done for our children and families. She is an extremely knowledgeable SENCO, and the support she has provided has made a significant difference to many of our children with SEND. Mrs Burford will continue to work across both schools for a short period after half term, with her final working day being 12th November. She remains in the Trust and has offered to remain in close contact.

We are delighted that Mrs Bolton will be taking on the SENCO role alongside her position as Deputy Headteacher at Rockland.

We understand how important continuity and strong relationships are for our children with SEND and their families. Please be reassured that there will be a thorough handover between Mrs Burford and Mrs Bolton, ensuring that every child's needs, provision and next steps are discussed in detail. We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible, with no disruption to the support our children receive.

Mrs Bolton is an experienced and highly skilled teacher who is passionate about inclusion and is fully committed to ensuring that every child receives the support they need to thrive.

We are very excited about this next chapter and are confident that our SEND provision will continue to go from strength to strength under Mrs Bolton's leadership.

ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance this year is 97%. This week our attendance was 95.6%

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Dates for the Diary

We have identified events in **GREEN** that parents/carers are invited to.
Events in **RED** have been recently added.

Autumn Term 2026

November

- **Monday 2 November –** Children return to school

December

- **w/c 7 December –** Parents' Evenings
- **Thursday 10 December –** Maths Café
- **Friday 11 December –** Hippodrome Trip
- **Monday 14 December –** Evening Nativity
- **Tuesday 15 December –** Christmas Craft Morning
- **Tuesday 15 December –** Nativity (pm)
- **Wednesday 16 December –** Christmas Jumper Day
- **Wednesday 16 December –** Santa Dash
- **Wednesday 16 December –** Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 17 December –** Carol Service (pm)
- **Friday 18 December –** End of Autumn Term / Children finish for Christmas

Spring Term 2027

January

- **Tuesday 5 January –** Children return to school
- **w/c 18 January –** SEN Parent Meetings
- **Monday 18 January –** Crucial Crew Trip (Year 6)

February

- **Week commencing 1 February –** Children's Mental Health Week
- **Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February –** Half Term
- **Monday 22 February –** Children return to school after half term

March

- **Thursday 4 March –** Reading Café for World Book Day
- **Thursday 4 March –** Twilight Meeting
- **w/c 15 March –** Parents' Evenings
- **Thursday 18 March –** Parent Forum
- **Monday 22 – Wednesday 24 March –** Residential
- **Friday 26 March –** End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2027

April

- **Monday 12 April –** Children return to school
- **w/c 26 April –** SEN Parent Meetings

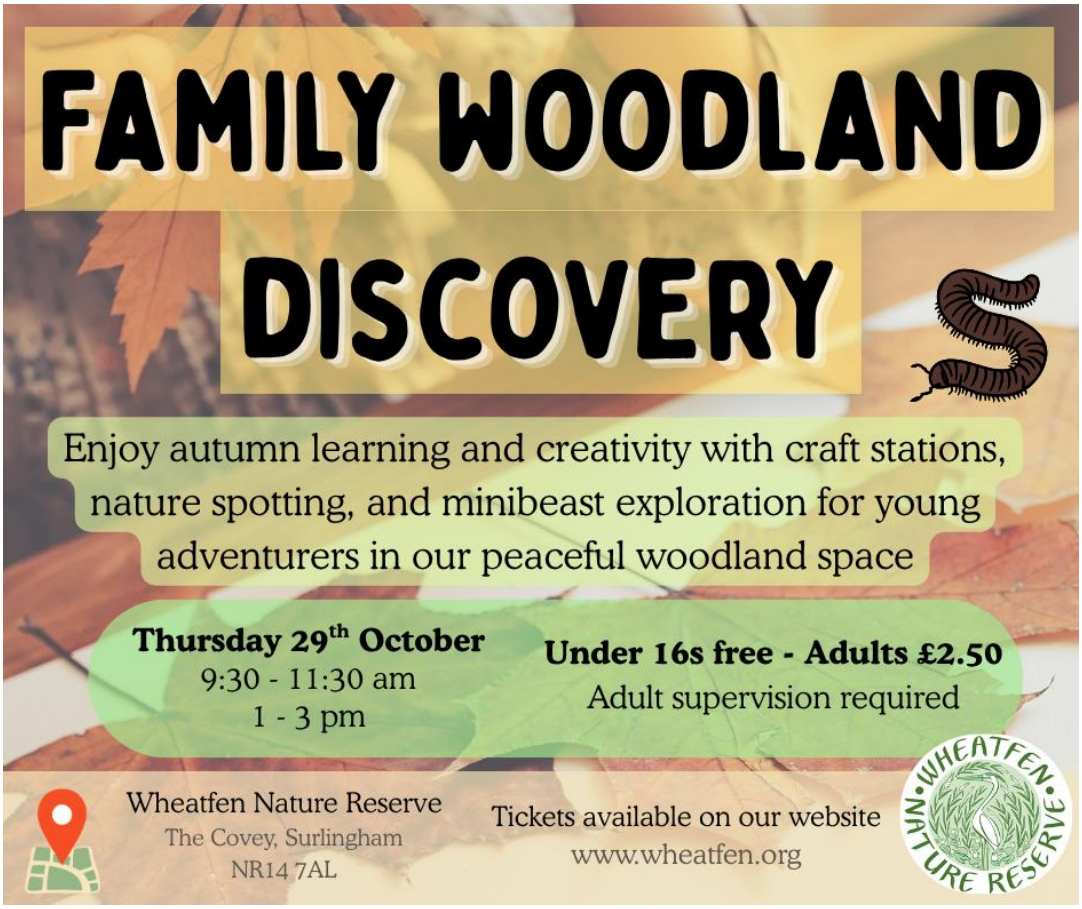
June

Monday 28th June – Sports Day

July

- **Thursday 1 July –** Parent Forum
- **Week commencing 12 July –** Reports sent home
- **Monday 19 July –** Year 6 Pleasurewood Hills Trip
- **Wednesday 21 July –** Leaving Service
- **Thursday 22 July –** Parent Forum
- **Friday 23 July –** End of Summer Term


OCTOBER HALF TERM WOODLAND DISCOVERY SESSIONS
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
9:30 - 11:30 AM & 1 - 3 PM
Explore a self-led walk with a leaf hunt and wildlife list to spot
Become a woodland detective by learning what trees are around you
Make your own bug house to take home
Get stuck in finding minibeasts
Enjoy autumn crafts with leaf printing & wax rubbings in the woodland
CRAYONS
Wheatfen Nature Reserve
The Covey, Surlingham
NR14 7AL
Tickets available on our website
Children free - Adults £2.50
Adult supervision required
WHEATFEN NATURE RESERVE


FAMILY WOODLAND DISCOVERY
Enjoy autumn learning and creativity with craft stations, nature spotting, and minibeast exploration for young adventurers in our peaceful woodland space
Thursday 29th October
9:30 - 11:30 am
1 - 3 pm
Under 16s free - Adults £2.50
Adult supervision required
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Friends of Surlingham School

Events Calendar 2026-27

September

Teddy Bears Picnic

Sunday 20th

FREE



October

Quiz and Chips

Saturday 17th 6.30pm

Surlingham Village Hall



November

Movie Night

Saturday 28th

Surlingham Village Hall



December

Christmas Carols

Saturday 12th



January



February

Jumble Sale

Saturday 20th

Surlingham Village Hall

2pm-4pm



March

Easter cafe

Thursday 25th

Surlingham Village Hall

3.15pm-4.15pm



April

Spring sculpture Trail

Over the 2 week Easter break



May

Colour run sponsorship forms being sent out



June

Summer fete

Saturday 5th



July



August

Fantasy Football



CRUSADERS RUGBY CLUB

LITTLE MELTON RD, NORWICH NR9 3NP

CALLING ALL GIRLS IN YEAR 6 AND YEAR 7



New and Experienced players welcome

Build confidence and be part of a growing team

Learn new skills

Make new friends





Training: Wednesdays 6.30pm

Sundays: Training and Matches

For more information contact our team manager

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