

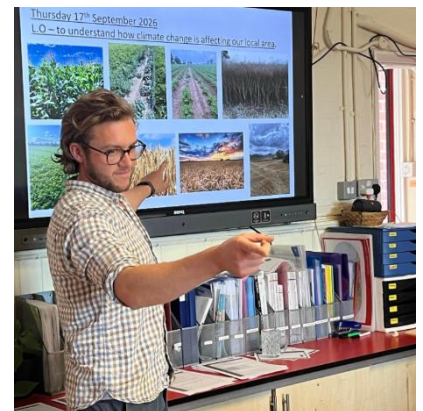
This week has been all about leadership at Surlingham. Our newly elected School Council and our Eco-Committee, selected through an application process, are already embracing their important roles with enthusiasm and commitment. These opportunities give children a genuine voice in school life and the chance to make a difference for others. We are also delighted that Roza and Sophie have volunteered to lead our Kindness Crew this year. Opportunities like these are what make Surlingham so special, empowering our children to play an active role in the leadership of their school. ☀

🦋 Learning About Climate Change 🦋

This week, we welcomed Will Mack from Yare Valley Farm to talk to the children about how climate change is affecting farming in our local area. Using examples of potatoes, maize and parsley, Will showed how differing water levels can impact crop growth and



explained some of the challenges farmers face due to changing weather patterns. The children were fascinated to learn that warmer conditions have enabled him to grow sweet potatoes for the first time this year. Thank you, Will, for such an interesting and informative visit! 🚜 🌱 🍷



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ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance this year is 97%. This week our attendance was 95.3%



🏆 School Games Gold Award 🏆

We are delighted to share that Surlingham Primary School has been awarded the School Games Gold Award. This national recognition celebrates schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to sport, physical activity and competitive opportunities for children. The award reflects the hard work of our staff and pupils in promoting an active, healthy lifestyle and ensuring that all children can take part, develop their skills and enjoy being active. Well done to everyone involved in this fantastic achievement!



🤸 Gymnastics – Counter Balances! 🤸

The children in Willow class had a fantastic gymnastics session exploring counter balances in pairs. They showed great teamwork, trust and determination as they worked together to



create and hold their balances. There were lots of proud smiles when balances were held for three seconds or more! We have also shared videos of last week's vault jumps, showcasing the excellent progress everyone is making. Well done, gymnasts!



A Reminder About Parking and Road Safety

As our school continues to grow, the roads around school can become very busy at drop-off and pick-up times. We have received a request from local residents asking families to please be mindful not to block driveways when parking.

Where possible, it may be helpful to park a little further away from the school and walk the final part of the journey. This can help reduce congestion and make the area safer for everyone.

We would also like to remind all drivers to take extra care with their speed around the school and to ensure that younger children are holding an adult's hand when crossing roads or walking through busy areas.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our children, families and neighbours safe.



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In the News!

[Ofsted inspectors praise Surlingham Primary School | Eastern Daily Press](#)

We were incredibly proud to see **Surlingham Primary School** featured in the *Eastern Daily Press* following our recent Ofsted inspection.

The article highlights the many strengths recognised by inspectors, including our caring school culture, ambitious curriculum and the positive attitudes of our pupils. We are delighted that the hard work and dedication of our staff, children, governors and wider community has been recognised in this way.

A special thank you goes to our parents and carers for their ongoing support and for the wonderfully positive comments shared during the inspection process. Their feedback played an important role in helping inspectors understand what makes Surlingham such a special place to learn and grow.

We are thrilled to celebrate this achievement together and look forward to continuing our journey of excellence as a school community. 🌞



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Teddy Bears Picnic

20th September 2026

Surlingham school field/village hall

11am - 1pm



**Come along and meet families old and new,
bring a picnic and your favorite teddy bear.
There will be tea and coffee in the village
hall**



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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

October

- **Tuesday 13 October** – Harvest Festival (pm)
- **Monday 19 October – Friday 30 October** – Half Term

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

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



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



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Autumn Term Online Workshops



Tuesday 22nd September Demand Avoidance

10.30am - 12.30pm

Sunday 4th October Eating Challenges 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday 7th October Eating Challenges 11am - 1pm

Wednesday 14th October Sleep 10.30am - 12.30pm

Sunday 25th October Demand Avoidance 2pm - 4pm

Sunday 8th November Behaviour 2pm - 4pm

Friday 20th November Behaviour 10.30am - 12.30pm

Sunday 22nd November Sleep 2pm - 4pm

Monday 23rd November Resilience 11am - 1pm

Sunday 29th November Resilience 2pm - 4pm

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Dad's Time!



**Are you a dad, stepdad,
grandad or male carer for a
young person (0-18 years)
with SEND?**

**Then this is for you!
Come and join us at Albion Games
Cafe in Norwich for a drink,
gaming and connection with
other parent carers.**



Autumn Term Dates:
Tuesday 8th September
Tuesday 13th October
Tuesday 10th November
7:30pm – 9pm

**Albion Games Cafe
21 St Benedicts Street
Norwich, NR2 4PF**

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In Person Workshops

Tuesday 3rd November

Introduction to Neurodiversity

Tuesday 17th November

Behaviour

Tuesday 24th November

Demand Avoidance (PDA)

Tuesday 1st December

Parental Resilience

10.30am - 12.30pm

Gissing Community Building

Rectory Road

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