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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

What a busy start back it has been this half term! It's been great to see all of the pupils hit the ground running again with their learning. Across the Federation this half term, as part of our cycle of monitoring the whole curriculum each year, we've been reviewing the work in pupils' maths, history and geography books and it's been great to see all of the excellent learning that has been going on.

It's been brilliant to welcome Ms Frier back to work this week - I know how much she has been missed by all of the staff and pupils.

Unfortunately, Active Education have informed us that due to staffing issues, after half term they will no longer be able to run the weekly after school sports clubs. We will look at securing another provider to offer this provision, free of charge for you, as soon as possible.

And finally - thank you so much to all of you who took the time to complete the parent surveys. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and this has been very appreciated by all of the staff. Thank you for your support.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter.

Best wishes to you all,

Mr Snowdon

SCHOOL NEWS

Class 1 have a trip to Strangers' Hall, on the 27th February. Letters have been sent home. Please return your permission slip by Friday 13th February.

Please help share the link below as we are still in need of a Catering Assistant. We have been told the position can also be to pick up the meals from Holt Primary for a daily rate of £15.01.

Catering Assistant required at Kelling Primary School Kelling, Norfolk £12.21/hour, equivalent to £24,761.88 pro-rata 8.75 hours per week Monday to Friday, 11:45am-1:30pm Join the team at Norse.
https://www.careers.norsegroup.co.uk/job/catering-assistant-kelling-primary-school-5763300

We are pleased to tell you we have been adopted by The Reef for the month of February 2026. During this period the below is available;
2 weeks FREE swimming for School pupils,
2 weeks FREE Junior Gym & Swimming for pupils (Aged 11-15)
These are subject to availability on the day. Sessions must be pre-booked online. Please scan the QR code provided for more information.



Help Yourself Basket

We have started our own "Help Yourself" box with toiletries available for the children if they need them. They do not need to ask us, or let us know why, it's just if they have a need for them. Please do speak to your children about this, they can take things if they need, but also to not take things if they have them at home already. If there is something your children need, please let us know and we can see if we can stock it in the box.

If you have anything to donate to this box, we would be very grateful, and all donations would be much appreciated.



CLASS 1 NEWS – MAPLE

Hello February! Year 1 and 2 have been busy learning all about the Great Fire of London this half term. We have been studying the story "Vlad and the Great Fire of London" in lots of detail and the children have now written their own versions of the story with their own setting and characters. The role play area has been transformed in to a somewhat famous bakery… on Pudding Lane… but luckily there have been no fires in this bakery. Our maths work with addition and subtraction has been going well and we are full steam ahead into multiplication and division next.

Reception have been equally as busy and they have been learning all about London, the King, parliament, how to be fire safe and lots more! They are learning to work together as a group to complete a task and have taken on their own projects designing a Tudor house, working with the Year 1s and 2s.





CLASS 2 NEWS - WILLOW

This half term, Willow Class have been stepping back in time to explore Ancient Greece, and what an exciting journey it has been! The children have absolutely loved diving into Greek myths, with a particular focus on Theseus and the Minotaur. Through lots of imaginative drama activities, they brought the story to life, exploring characters, settings and emotions in a really engaging way. Inspired by this, the children have begun writing their own Greek myths, and we have been so impressed by their creativity, descriptive language and enthusiasm. They have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of their efforts.

In history, we have learned about Alexander the Great and his remarkable achievements, as well as discovering what daily life was like in Ancient Greek times. The children enjoyed researching the Greek Gods, creating colourful and informative double page spreads to share their knowledge. Alongside this, in maths we have been practising formal methods for multiplication and division — it has been tricky at times, but the children have shown excellent perseverance, resilience and a positive attitude to learning. In PE we have been practising football skills and also creating amazing dance routines, where the children have demonstrated excellent teamwork and creativity.

CLASS 3 NEWS - ASH

This half term has been a busy and exciting one. We have been back swimming, and it has been wonderful to see the children's confidence and enjoyment grow each week. In art, pupils designed and created beautiful clay pots inspired by our Ancient Greece topic, with some wonderful designs and results. In English, the children planned and wrote their own stories based on themes of their choice, and the outcomes have been spectacular! Alongside this, we have loved learning about what daily like was like in Ancient Greece and additionally we have been discovering the fascinating stories of the Greek gods and goddesses!

SAPLINGS

Saplings Stay and Play is continuing in the Spring Term for 2026. We are a Stay and Play group for babies and toddlers aged 0+ up to school age. Maple Class children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, help to run the Stay and Play session every Thursday at 10 – 11am. Saplings is open to all, please spread the word to any local families.

Saplings dates for Spring Term 2026:
Thursday 12th February
Thursday 26th February
Thursday 5th March
Thursday 26th March

KEY UPCOMING DATES

- Half Term 16th – 20th February
- Tempest Photography – Class Photo 5th March
- World Book Day 6th March
- Bank Holiday 4th May
- SATs week 11th – 15th May
- Bikeability Year 6 & Year 5 18th May – 21st May