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HOS News

Dear Families,
I hope you've had a wonderful Christmas break, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year. I am delighted that we have had such a fabulous first week back to school. It was great to see so many smiling faces on Tuesday, and the ease with which the children have settled back into school has been fantastic. Thank you for all the positive comments about our last week before the break. The performances, including the Sing-a-long, were well attended and well received, and it was so encouraging to receive some positive emails about them. It is so lovely to get these messages—they have such an impact on the well-being of the staff, including my own—so thank you for taking the time to send these messages.
As we begin 2025 and a new term, we have got plenty of exciting plans in store:

- Upcoming Events: Parent's evening, open classrooms, and workshops are all part of our plans for this term. Year 3/4 will be showcasing their history learning at the end of the Spring term in a short performance. In our weekly newsletter, we have a "What's On" section, and all dates are on our website as well.
- New Learning Opportunities: Every child will bring home a topic overview for this term today. We hope that you find this useful, and any feedback would be gratefully received.
- Getting Involved: Our wonderful parent association FOBS is always looking for new volunteers and supporters. Last half term, they paid for music equipment and a dance workshop for every child. This term, they have agreed to fund a storyteller for our storytelling week who will come and work with every child. Without the support and funding from FOBS, these experiences couldn't go ahead.

Supporting Children to Build Resilience
This term, we are focusing on helping children develop resilience—an important life skill that allows them to adapt to challenges and bounce back stronger.
Here's how we can work together to support their growth:

- Encourage Problem-Solving: Give children the chance to think through challenges and find solutions, rather than stepping in immediately.
- Celebrate Effort, Not Just Success: Praise the effort they put into tasks, even if the outcome isn't perfect, to build confidence and persistence.
- Model Resilience: Share examples of how you've overcome difficulties, showing them that challenges are a normal part of life.
- Promote a Growth Mindset: Remind children that mistakes are opportunities to learn and grow.

We'll be incorporating these ideas into our daily activities, and we encourage you to try them at home, too. Together, we can help children develop the confidence and tools they need to thrive.

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Reading Fluency: Building Strong Readers at Home

Reading fluency is a key part of children's education—it helps them read smoothly, understand what they read, and enjoy books more confidently. Sharing books and reading regularly at home will make a big difference to their skills and love for learning.

Here are some enjoyable ways to support reading at home:

- Read Together: Share a story by reading a book aloud to your child or taking turns reading pages together. This helps build their confidence and shows that reading is a fun, shared experience.
- Encourage Familiar Books: Let your child choose books they already know and enjoy. Familiar texts can improve fluency and comprehension as they read with ease.
- Get Creative: Suggest they read to a pet, a teddy, or even their favorite toy. This can make reading feel like play and reduce any pressure they may feel.
- Set a Routine: Try to set aside 10–15 minutes daily for reading—it could be at bedtime, after school, or whenever works best for your family.

We'll continue supporting reading fluency in school, but ensuring that your child reads regularly at home and has the opportunity to talk about their reading will support your child to grow as a reader and develop a love for reading. Please check out our website as Mrs. York-Smith has created a short clip about reading at home.

https://www.brundallprimary.com/our-curriculum/english/

We are so grateful for the continued support of our families—it's your enthusiasm and involvement that help make Brundall Primary such a vibrant place to be. I love being part of the Brundall community and am very proud to be the Head of School. Make sure to stay updated by checking our website, Facebook, and Instagram pages for all the latest information.
Best wishes,
Miss Cornish
Head of School

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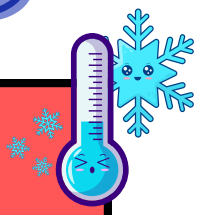

Uniform

It's that time of year where the weather can change really quickly. Please make sure your child is coming into school each day with a suitable coat for rainy and cold weather. We try to keep playtime outdoors as much as possible.

Also, please remember to label all uniform items with your child's name. This will help us quickly return any lost items to their rightful owner

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After-School Clubs and Music Lessons

If you applied for your child to attend an afterschool club, you should have received an email confirming their allocated club. Please remember to pay the club fee through ParentPay to secure their place.
Also, if your child is taking music lessons, please ensure that payment is also made via ParentPay.

Horstead residential Parents Meeting

We would like to let you know that there will be a meeting for all parents of children attending the Horstead Residential Trip on Monday, 13th January 2025, straight after school in Rosen Classroom.
If you are unable to attend, please don't worry, as Mrs. York-Smith will send out the information by email as well.

Open Classroom's

SAID CLASS 21.01.25

COELHO CLASS 23.01.25

ROSEN CLASS 24.01.25

VERE CLASS 03.02.25

MURPHY CLASS 04.02.25

BRIGHT CLASS 05.02.25

HALLS CLASS 06.02.25

JACKSON CLASS 07.02.25

ALMOND CLASS 11.02.25

BOYCE CLASS 13.02.25

The open classrooms will take place straight after morning drop-off in the school hall, except for Bright Class, which will be held in their own classroom. These sessions will last for approximately 40 minutes..

Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
27.1.25 - 31.1.25	STORYTELLING WEEK
7.2.25	NSPCC NUMBER DAY (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)
10.2.25	HORSTEAD RESIDENTIAL Y4
17.2.25	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
6.3.25	WORLD BOOK DAY
1.4.25 2.4.25	PARENTS EVENING
4.3.25	YEAR 3/4 PRODUCTION TO PARENTS
4.4.25	END OF TERM
23.4.25	SUMMER TERM BEGINS
5.5.25	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
12.5.25	KEY STAGE 2 SATS
21.5.25	RECEPTION SPORTS DAY (AM) YEAR5/6 SPORTS DAY (PM)
22.5.25	YEAR 1/2 SPORTS DAY (AM) YEAR 3/4 SPORTS DAY (PM)
26.5.25	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
19.6.25 -20.6.25	Y6 CAMPING TRIP

