

# Blofield Bulletin

News & information for Parents/ Carers

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## LEEWAY CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

Leeway is an independent charity providing support to adults, young people and children who are experiencing domestic abuse in Norfolk and Suffolk. We will be collecting items for women and children in their refuges again this year. If you would like to make a donation please give it to the school office by Monday 9 December at 9.00 a.m. Leeway can only accept: selection boxes of biscuits and chocolates; arts and craft sets and sticker books; new toiletries and gift sets; brand new toys, games and board games (no toy guns or knives) for ages 0-16; food hampers. Many thanks.



## BEST BOOKS THIS MONTH

Please see following page for information regarding Best Books this month:



Bothered By Bugs - Emily Gravett



Fia and the Last Snow Deer - Eilish Fisher

Donut Touch - Seb Davey and Alex Willmore

I Definitely Don't Like Winter - Fiona Barker and Christine Pym

Fox Goes North – Jeremy Strong



## GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Please don't forget to vote in our Governor Elections. An email was sent to you on 14 November with candidate statements. Please use the link to vote (all votes are anonymous): <https://forms.office.com/e/fDBGSHyVbQ>



## RUDOLPH RUN!



As part of our commitment to being a School of Kindness, we are taking part in a fundraising event for Nelson's Journey. On Thursday 19 December, children and adults will don their antlers and take part in a Rudolph run around our school field. Further details about how you can make a donation to this important charity will be shared nearer the time.

## SCHOOL KITCHEN

Thank you for bearing with us regarding not being able to provide hot dinners at the moment. We hope to have some news regarding our school kitchen on Monday. We will keep you updated early next week.



## FAMILY HUBS CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

The Broadland Family Hub team are offering some free Christmas Craft activities in local libraries at the end of November. The details are as follows:

Thursday 28th November 11:30 – 12:30 at Brundall Library



Thursday 28th November 15:45 -16:45 at Acle Library. Please see attached poster for more information.

## LOST PROPERTY

Thank you to everyone who names their child's belongings - it does make it much easier to manage. All the un-named lost property boxes will be put in the front playground every morning next week for parents to check, after which it will be given to the PTA to put in their next second-hand uniform sale.



## DATES FOR DIARY

### Events

19.11.2024 - Flu Vaccination for all year groups

20.11.2024 - Y2 visit to Strangers Hall

02.12.2024 - Y2 Happy Smiles Dental Visitors

### Christmas

09.12.2024 - Nativity Performance (pre-school children & parents)

11.12.2024 Y3/4 Christingles & Carols, school hall, 2:30pm

11.12.2024 - Y5/6 Christmas Service Blofield Church, 5:00pm

12.12.2024 - Nativity Performances 2pm, 4pm

13.12.2024 - Nativity Performances 9:30am, 2pm



## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

The KS1 Christmas performances will be on 9, 12 and 13 December. Tickets will be available from the school office from 8.45 a.m. and 3.15 p.m. w/c 2 December 2024. Tickets are restricted to 4 tickets per family, however, we are asking that no more than 2 people come to each performances. Tickets are given out on a first come, first served basis and any spare tickets will be available from Friday 6 December 2024.



Books For Topics is a brilliant website featuring recommended children's books. Visit: [Best children's books - Curriculum Topic Booklists \(booksfortopics.com\)](https://www.booksfortopics.com) to find out more.

## Best Books This Month – November 2024



### Bothered By Bugs - Emily Gravett

This is a fabulous book. The environmental message about the role of bugs in nature's ecosystem is clear, creatively told and one that is desperately needed. By the end of the book, children will be clear of the importance of bugs in pollinating plants and allowing plants to grow and bear fruit that we can then eat and include in amazing desserts.



### Fia and the Last Snow Deer - Eilish Fisher

Fia lives in what feels like permanent winter. Her people haven't seen or felt the warmth and light of the sun for several years, since the snow deer left. Fia and her snow deer Solas have always had a powerful and unbreakable connection. But as Fia's village face a seemingly eternal winter, they turn their sights to Solas. Refusing to allow the worst to happen, Fia and her cousin Mish run from the village with Solas, seeking out the Deer Mother. A powerful and beautiful tale set in snowy pre-historic Ireland, about hope, kindness and the power of friendship.



### Donut Touch - Seb Davey and Alex Willmore

Mikey the Dinosaur absolutely does not want to share his donuts, but they keep going missing and he cannot work out where they're disappearing to. Poor old Mikey goes through all the emotions until he finally figures out all his friends have been sneaking the donuts! Donut Touch is a really delightful read-aloud suitable for EYFS and KS1 classes, and would be brilliant shared between parent and child. Lots to giggle at with the opportunity to make silly faces and voices; but with a nice message about not jumping to conclusions and how nice it is to share.



### I Definitely Don't Like Winter - Fiona Barker and Christine Pym

Two best friends, Hank and Hoog, are facing a funny dilemma as winter approaches. When a single crisp leaf flutters to the ground, Hank is hit with a wave of dread—winter is coming, and he can't stand it! Meanwhile, Hoog is jumping for joy, thrilled about snowy fun and warm cuddles. Their different feelings lead to a series of hilarious moments, with each character discovering how to see things from the other's perspective. As Hank learns to appreciate the beauty of winter through Hoog's eyes, Hoog starts to understand Hank's worries, and in the end, they discover that what really matters is their bond, even if they don't see eye to eye on the winter months.



### Fox Goes North – Jeremy Strong

a charming fable that combines the warmth of Winnie-the-Pooh with the heartfelt storytelling of Charlotte's Web. Towed along a forest track by the melancholic Moose, an extraordinary house on wheels carries a delightful cast of characters: philosophical Fox, distinguished Bear, theatrical Toucan, argumentative Little Owl and loving Young Llama. With her little blue suitcase, Fox sets out on an adventure to find the Northern Lights, testing their courage and deepening their friendships along the way. Featuring stunning black and blue illustrations, this touching tale explores themes of life and loss with gentle humour, making it a perfect winter's read.

## Christmas Boxes

From  
Blofield  
Hemblington  
Churches



Dear Friends

It's that time of year again. We are now starting our annual project of collecting **Christmas boxes** which will go to the distribution centre in Great Yarmouth. The boxes can be left in Blofield and Hemblington Churches.

Please wrap the two parts of the box but you don't need to wrap the gifts inside. Please put a post it note on the top to say who the box might go to. For example, Adult female, teenager, child (with age range)

What to put in?

Adults: Toiletries, other hygiene items, gloves, scarves, treats And whatever else you can think of. No alcohol or tobacco please.

Children: gloves, scarves, treats, small toys, school items and whatever else you can think of.

Many thanks if you can help those with so little this Christmas time.

**The cut-off date is Friday 13 December.**

***Compassion and love through giving***

*Thank you.  
Rev'd. Sue*



## Broadland Family Hub Christmas Craft activities

The Broadland Family Hub Community Workers are offering families some fun Christmas craft activities, a cuppa and a chat!

These are **Free** to attend – no need to book!

### Dates, times and venues

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 11:30 – 12:30 at Brundall Library**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 15:45 -16:45 at Acle Library**

- **Make a Paper Plate Snowman  
'countdown to Christmas'**
- **Make a Paper Plate Angel**
- **Have fun with playdough**
- **Christmas themed colouring activities**
  - **And much more**





## CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN 2024

This year, we are looking for brand new and unwrapped donations for the women and children in our refuge services to give as Christmas gifts!

### WE'RE ACCEPTING:

- Selection boxes of biscuits & chocolates
- Food hampers
- Toys, games and board games
- Toiletries and gift sets
- Arts and craft sets and sticker books

### CLOSING DATE: 16TH DEC

Please contact our Donations team [donations@leewaynwa.org.uk](mailto:donations@leewaynwa.org.uk) to arrange a drop-off time slot!

