BLOFIELD BULLETIN

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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Friday 12 September 2025



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW HEAD TEACHER FROM THE GOVERNORS

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Vicky Buxton, who has joined as our new Head Teacher. She brings a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and a genuine passion for education, children and families. We know she will inspire both staff and pupils alike.

Our school community is known for its welcoming spirit and supportive environment, and we are sure that many of you have already said hello whilst at the school gate but if not please join us in giving Mrs Buxton a heartfelt welcome as we begin this exciting new chapter together.

BOOK FAIR

Our book fair is taking place 16th, 17th, 20th and 21st October 2025. More information to follow in the next week.

THANK YOU

Thank you for booking your child/rens lunches promptly. This helps the kitchen to prepare the correct meals for the day and ensures your child is not disappointed with remaining meal choice at lunch times.

The Spring/Summer menu is attached to this bulletin



WELL DONE HARRY!

Well done to Harry and his Sprowston cricket team who are U9's county champions. The match came down to the final ball and they won by just 1 run!

ATTENDANCE



Well done to everyone for a fantastic start to the year.

Our whole school attendance since the start of term is 98.8%

Year 1 have the highest attendance since the start of term! Well done Year 1!





FOREST SCHOOL

We are very pleased with our new Forest School area. We have a summer house and a mud kitchen. We are creating a pond, sensory garden and a mini beast mansion.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Meet the Teacher/Year Ahead Meetings
5:00pm - 5:30pm:
Reception - Tuesday 16th September
Year 2 - Wednesday 17th September
Year 3 - Thursday 18th September
Year 6 - Monday 15th September

Individual & Sibling School Photographs - 22.09.2025
Y3 trip to Gressenhall - 20.10.2025
Y6 trip to Gressenhall - 14.11.2025

Half term Monday 27th October 2025 to 31st October 2025
Back to school Monday 3rd November 2025

How parents/carers can help their child have good attendance?

From starting at nursery, make sure your child arrives at school on time, every day. If your child must miss school it is vital that you let the school know why, preferably on the first morning of the absence. (All schools will have an attendance policy explaining how this should be done).

- Show an interest and attend parents meetings, concerts and other school events and ask about what your child is doing at school.
- Encourage your child to take part in school activities.
- Don't let your child take time off school for minor ailments - particularly those which would not stop you from going to work.
- Where possible, make appointments after school, at weekends or during school holidays. Remember, a morning appointment does not mean a whole day of absence. Bring your child back to school in the afternoon.
- Take family holidays during school holiday time only. Schools publish term time dates well in advance – use these to plan your family holiday.
- Encourage your child to tell you about any problems they may have at school. If you know or think that your child is having difficulties attending school, you should contact the school straight away.
- Find out regularly your child's attendance and absence record and check that this matches with your own records.
- Acknowledge, praise and reward good or improved attendance, even small successes.
- **90% attendance =**
  ½ day missed every week!
- **One school year at 90% attendance =**
  4 weeks of learning missed!
- **Over 5 years of school =**
  ½ school year missed!
- DFE guidance from September 2015 states all children and young people whose school attendance is 90% or below are considered to be persistent absentees.

Of pupils who miss between 10-20% school only 38% manage to achieve five or more GCSE grades A*-C, including English and Maths."

Department for Education

For further Information

For information on school-related attendance, please contact your child's school and ask to speak to the Attendance Lead.

For all other attendance enquiries please contact:

Norfolk County Council Attendance Team

01603 223681

csattendance@norfolk.gov.uk

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Improving Pupil Attendance in Norfolk:

The Role of Parents/Carers

Good attendance at school is the single most important factor in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

Good attendance means...

being in school at least 96% of the time

365 days in the calendar year

175 non-school days a year! (all this for shopping, holidays and appointments



It's your responsibility

Parents/carers have a legal duty to make sure their child receives a suitable education. Most parents/carers do this by registering their child in a school.

If a child is registered at a school, they must by law attend that school regularly and punctually. Children should only miss school if they are ill or unable to attend for some other unavoidable reason.

If a child is absent and the school either does not receive an explanation from the parent/carer, or considers the explanation unsatisfactory, it will record the child's absence as 'unauthorised', and the parent/carer could be at risk of receiving a penalty notice or being prosecuted.

Promoting positive school attendance is everyone's responsibility.

Most absences for acceptable reasons will be authorised by the school:

- Illness.
- Unavoidable medical or dental appointments (if possible, these should be arranged for after school or during school holidays).
- Day of religious observance.
- Exceptional family circumstances, such as bereavement.
- An interview with a prospective employer or college.

Some of the following examples are reasons why a school may NOT authorise absence:

- Shopping during school hours.
- Day trips.
- Birthdays.
- Looking after brothers or sisters or ill relatives.
- Term-time holiday.
- Caring for a disabled parent.

Failure to ensure a child's regular attendance at school is a criminal offence.

If, with support from the school's attendance officer and/or the Local Authority, the child's attendance fails to improve, the school and/or Local Authority will consider any of these courses of action:

- Issuing a penalty notice (fine).
- Prosecution in the Magistrates' Court.
- Application for an Education Supervision Order in the Family Proceedings Court.

"Young children don't play truant from school, they are off because their parents allow it."

Charlie Taylor
Government's expert advisor on attendance and behaviour

Research has shown that there is a strong link between levels of attendance at school and levels of achievement. Students with high levels of attendance tend to gain better results in tests and examinations than students with lower attendance levels.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta (v)	Sweet and Sour Chicken with Noodles	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Lentil Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Plant Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Garden Vegetable Goujons with Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans
Served with	Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Vanilla Cupcake	Beetroot Brownie	Flapjack with Orange Wedges	Fruit Jelly	Shortbread Biscuit
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Vanilla Cupcake	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Salad Sticks, Beetroot Brownie	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Flapjack	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Fruit Bread, Salad Sticks, Fruit Jelly	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Shortbread Biscuit

Week One: 21 Apr | 12 May | 9 Jun | 30 Jun | 21 Jul | 15 Sept | 6 Oct — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheesy Pasta (v)	BBQ Chicken with Steamed Rice	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Mashed Potato and Gravy	Pork and Carrot Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Potato Wedges	Chicken Fillet Bites and Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet and Sour Plant Balls with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Vegemince Cottage Pie (v)	Plant Sausages in Tomato Sauce with Potato Wedges (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans
Served with	Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Peas and Carrots	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Orange Cupcake	Oaty Cookie	Toffee Cream Shortcake	Summer Berry and Apple Slice	Cocoa Shortbread with a Melon Wedge
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Orange Cupcake	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Sultanas, Salad Sticks, Oaty Cookie	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Toffee Cream Shortcake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Fruit Bread, Fruit Portion, Summer Berry and Apple Slice	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Melon Wedge, Cocoa Shortbread

Week Two: 28 Apr | 19 May | 16 Jun | 7 Jul | 1 Sept | 22 Sept | 13 Oct — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Swirl with Potato Wedges (v)	Lasagne (Pork and Lentil) with Garlic Bread	Chipolata Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy	Breaded Chicken, Lettuce and Mayo in a Wrap with Steamed Rice	Fish Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegemince Bolognese with Pasta (v)	Loaded Bean Bake with Garlic Bread (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	Tomato and Courgette Frittata with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheese and Potato Pastry Pinwheel and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans
Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad	Cabbage and Carrots	Crunchy Salad Sticks	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Blueberry Cupcake	Vanilla Ice Cream	Carrot Cake	Cocoa Oatcake with Orange Wedges	Vanilla Crunch Bar with Apple Wedges
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Blueberry Cupcake	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Salad Sticks, Vanilla Ice Cream	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Carrot Cake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Fruit Bread, Orange Wedges, Cocoa Oatcake	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Apple Wedges, Vanilla Crunch Bar

Week Three: 5 May | 2 Jun | 23 Jun | 14 Jul | 8 Sept | 29 Sept | 20 Oct — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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FunTime Vacancies

We have limited spaces,

Please contact Karen on

office@funtime-club.co.uk

07787402187 or call in anytime to FunTime club after 3.30pm for further information and have a look round

All staff are DBS checked and hold a paediatric First aid certificate

Flexible booking

£20 annual registration per family

£12.50 per session, sibling discount if attend same session

Arts& crafts, construction, role play, outside play socialising even homework.

If you complete registration FunTime club can be used in emergencies or for last minute if space available

Gives you more flexibility to have some me time

We accept most childcare vouchers and the government tax free childcare scheme, Bacs transfer

Children can attend other school activities then can come to FunTime club after