Great Massingham CE Primary School
Living, Learning & Flourishing

WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our families. I hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed some sunshine. The children have had a tremendous return to school this week. This is a very busy term so please do keep your eye on dates for the diary.

We welcome Miss Makins, our new assistant headteacher and cover teacher, to our federation. She brings a wealth of experience and skills to our team and I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her to our federation family.

Finally, we would like to say a big 'Well Done' to Mia E and Theo C for their fantastic achievements in their respective swimming clubs. What superstars!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 27th April – Year 6 Crucial Crew visit.
Thursday 7th May – Infant Federated trip to Wells next Sea.
Monday 11th May – KS2 SATs week
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half Term
Monday 1st June – Back to School
Tuesday 30th June – Sports Day

REGULAR DATES

Mondays: Guitar lessons with Toby Rideout. To sign up please contact Toby via email toby@rideoutmusic.co.uk
Tuesdays: PE with Active Education – **All children to come to school in PE Kit.**
Afterschool Football Club, run by Active Education. https://activeeducation.info/
Wednesdays: *Year 3 & 4 Children to come to school in PE Kit.*
Thursdays: *Infant children to come into school in PE Kit,*
Fridays: *Year 5 & 6 children to come into school in PE Kit.*

Interested in becoming a childminder?
Norfolk County Council, Early Years Learning and Childcare, is encouraging local residents to consider becoming a childminder and supporting children and families in our community.
If you are thinking about registering with Ofsted as a childminder in Norfolk, there are two types of registration to choose from:
Childminder
A childminder is someone who is paid to care for at least one child for more than two hours per day. Childminders usually work from their own home but may also work some of the time from approved non-domestic premises.
Childminder Without Domestic Premises (CWDP)

A CWDP is paid to care for at least one child for more than two hours per day but cannot work from their home at any time. Care takes place in approved non-domestic settings such as church halls or community centres.
Becoming a childminder is a rewarding career, but there are several things to consider and steps to take before and during the registration process. To support you, Norfolk County Council offers a free, comprehensive pre-registration support package, which includes:
Access to a 40-minute pre-recorded video "Thinking of Becoming a Childminder?", covering:
Ofsted registers
Adult-to-child ratios
Training requirements
DBS and other checks
Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements
And much more
A step-by-step guide to registration, including supporting documents and helpful links
A phone call or online meeting with an Advisor, where you can ask questions (please note you must watch the video and review the supporting information before this meeting)
If you would like to request access to the recording, the guide, and book your follow-up call, please email: earlyyearschildcare@norfolk.gov.uk

All absences must be reported to the school office, for each day of absence.

ATENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is 97%.			
Attendance	INFANTS	JUNIORS	OVERALL
March	**97%**	**90%**	**93.5%**

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Collective worship this half term is focused on the theme of hope. The great Massingham value leaders have also cleaned the church at St Mary's this week. Well done to all of them for their community contribution. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

Our School Vision is: " I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you" (Psalm 32:8).

Our 5 Core Values:



Kind regards and have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Myhill and the Great Massingham team

News from Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

It has been so lovely to welcome everyone back into the infants this week and to see how keen and eager everybody was to see each other again and catch up on their news. We are all quite excited about our new theme **'Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside'** and even more so about our up and coming federation trip to Wells beach which will enhance our learning of this theme and importantly, support our understanding through experiencing a seaside. We have spent time re-establishing routines this week and have continued our learning through play. This has been perfect for our maths focus on money and values of number. Reception have embedded their understanding of part and whole using 1p coins and Year 1 and 2 have been busy calculating and comparing values. We have also shared our new class book this week - **'Ocean Meets Sky'** and everyone has really enjoyed looking closely at the beautiful illustrations and discussing how the drawings support the plot.
In PE, the children enjoyed being out on the field, learning how to underarm and overarm throw with accuracy, in preparation for building up to playing a game of rounders.
Children enjoyed using laptops to access a word document, using the keyboard to type and write about themselves.
In Life Skills, the children learnt about the importance of good sleep and creating healthy routines to enable the best sleep possible, they came up with lots of great ideas. Hopefully they can put these into practice to enhance their sleep this weekend after a busy and tiring first week back!









News from Years 3 & 4

The children in the year 3 and 4 class have returned from the Easter break with a positive spring in their step . They have shown enthusiasm, focus and confidence in all their learning and have clearly demonstrated our school values of showing care and kindness towards one another, this has been so wonderful to see.

The class enjoyed getting embarking on our new class reading text 'Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure.' They started by making predictions on the book, based only on the front cover (no title) and came up with their own title ideas based on the knowledge they had acquired.

They read the first chapter and have written a descriptive paragraph summarising Mr Penguin and his plans for the future.

In maths, we have started to look at telling the time, reading minutes past and to the hour, we keep practicing telling the time as often as we can to consolidate this learning as.

With Active Education, the children have started to focus on athletics and in class they have started to hone in on their over arm and underarm throwing skills, ready to soon learn how to play rounders, it's been so lovely for PE to take place on the field, long may this continue.

Finally, in music the children were exposed to listening to some well known opera including Mozart's 'Queen of the Night.'

We've had a gloriously, calm, keen and productive first week back and we can't wait for next week.











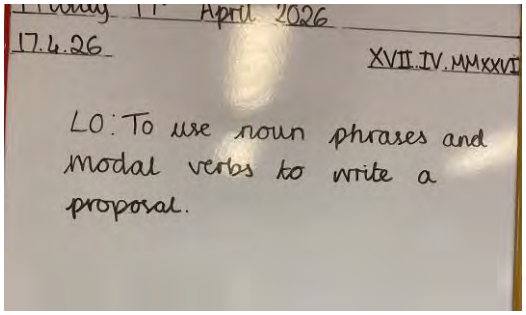


News from Years 5 & 6

We have had a great first week back, sharing what we have done over the holidays and starting lots of new topics.
In writing we have started looking at a new book- 'Curiosity: The story of a Mars rover'. The class have really enjoyed making predictions about what will happen and have begun to think about what qualities a robot going to Mars might need. We will be designing our own Mars rover before we start the story of Curiosity so we can compare what ideas we came up with to the actual thing!
Next week we will be starting our new science topic about Earth and space to investigate further what life might look like on other planets.
In maths we have been looking at ratio and proportion. We have been thinking about when we might see ratios in real life, such as cooking and working out distances. We have done some investigations into the ratio of fruit salad and packets of sweets, looking at the relationship between different colours.











Infants: Arthur for fantastic focus and engagement with your independent learning.

Years 3 & 4: Layton for showing great focus and producing high quality work during independent writing sessions.

Years 5 & 6: Harvey for a brilliant first week of learning.

PE Stars of the Week: Cienna, Maggie & Eliza.

GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL WHATS ON

Build Your Own Burger Saturdays 4.00-9.00pm. **Norfolk Pie Hole** First Wednesday of each month 7-9.30pm

Bar open:
Wednesday – Friday 7.00 – 11.00pm
Saturday 4.00 – 11.00pm
Sunday 12 Noon – 6.00pm

Membership is now due - £15 for the year and many of the events are then free.

Thursday 30th April - Mind Body and Soul pamper night 6.00pm. Free entry.
Friday 1st May - Bingo doors open 7.00pm
Sunday 10th May - Auction
Wednesday 13th May - Creative Arts 1.00pm
Friday 15th May - Football Club Bingo doors open 7.00pm
Tuesday 19th May - Lunch Bunch, arrive at 12.30 to eat at 1.00pm £9.00
Friday 22nd May - History Society
Saturday 23rd May - Abba Music night 8.00pm
Thursday 28th May - Yoga classes 11.00am.



SEND SPOTLIGHT:
Please click the link to read the March 2026 edition of the SENDIASS newsletter: https://www.norfolksendiass.org.uk/news/newsletters/sendiass-spotlight-mar26