



# Mundford Mail



The newsletter from Mundford C of E Primary Academy - Your school, your news!

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House Points			
<b>Danes</b> Points 194	<b>Romans</b> Points 228 😊	<b>Saxons</b> Points 206 😊	<b>Vikings</b> Points 199
This week's winners are the Romans			
😊 = previous win                      3 wins = non-uniform day			

Stars & Wows	
Oak	☆ Oliver 📎 Toby
Hazel	☆ Charlie D 📎 Phoebe B G
Maple	☆ Ivy-Jean 📎 Sonny
Cedar	☆ Noah 📎 Polly
Rowan	☆ Henry D 📎 Ollie
Elm	☆ Sophia 📎 Casper
Sycamore	☆ Chloe 📎 Oliver
☆ Stars celebrate values and behaviour. 📎 Wows celebrate an outstanding piece of work or learning.	

Last Week's Attendance						
Oak	Hazel	Maple	Cedar	Rowan	Elm	Sycamore
97.8%	93.8%	89.6%	93.5%	98.5%	92.9%	95.5%
Congratulations to our attendance winners ... Rowan Class						
Attendance below 95% significantly impact children's progress.						

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## Notices & Reminders

### Snacks

- We have noticed a variety of items being eaten at breaktime for snack. As part of our drive to be a healthy school we have a policy that only fruit or veg should be consumed at breaktimes. Fruit and veg options are provided daily by the school for pupils in EYFS and KS1. We are happy for you to provide a snack for your child but it should be fruit or veg and we will be reminding the children of this over next week.

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Food-Policy-1.pdf>

- **School Playground**

**Please do not park on the playground.** We have noticed recently that the playground is being used as a car-park when collecting children from after-school clubs/care. This is creating a potential hazard for both pupils and parents arriving/leaving the playground on foot.

- **Food Policy**

So that we can ensure that any child who is allergic to nuts does not come into contact with them please do not include items containing nuts in packed lunches. The Food policy can be found on the school website <http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Food-Policy-1.pdf>

- **Water Bottles**

Can we kindly request that children do not bring water bottles with loose lids and straws? These aren't suitable for the classroom, as they can easily leak or will spill if knocked over. Sports-style bottles with leakproof lids are preferred. If your child does bring in an unsuitable bottle, they may be asked to keep it outside or by the classroom sink to prevent spillages on work.

- **Before & After School Care**

Is proving to be popular, we still have spaces available, bookings can be made via parentmail.

£7 for Breakfast Club (including breakfast) 07:40-08:40

£7 for After School Half Session (including snacks) 15:20 – 16:20

£13 for After School Full Session (including snacks & light tea) 15:20 – 17:30

- We politely ask that all parents/carers keep their children with them whilst on the playground, at drop off and pick up.
- We ask that you refrain from cutting through the cricket club fence/hedge. Please stick to the pathways for your own safety and the safety of others. The cricket club kindly allow us to use their parking facility, so please be respectful.



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## Let's Celebrate

If your child has achieved something in sport outside of school, we would like to know about it! Email Miss Spearpoint on [elm@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:elm@mundford.dneat.org) with a photo and caption so we can celebrate their successes in school!



## Christmas Celebrations

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day** Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers to school please bring a donation for Save the Children. The children may wear non-uniform with suitable shoes for playing outside

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner & Parties** Children are invited to wear Christmas or party-themed clothes today. Please make sure they still have a warm coat and change of shoes for playtimes.

### Christmas Cards

From next week, children may bring Christmas cards into school. Each class will have a box within the classroom for children to send cards to their classmates. If your child wishes to send cards to children in other classes, they must make sure they have the recipient child's name and class written on the front, then these can be posted in the Christmas post box in the corridor. Cards will be given out at the end of the school day and put into children's book bags to open at home.

## Christmas Dinner - Menu



Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets  
Roasties, Peas, Carrots  
Stuffing, Yorkshire Pudding  
& Gravy

Homemade Cheese & Onion slice (V)  
Roasties, Yorkshire Pudding Peas, Carrots, Stuffing & Gravy

Chocolate Christmas cupcake or  
Festive Shortbread

**Orders must be booked via the app by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**



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## Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent-teacher consultations will be between 3:30pm and 5:30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and 7<sup>th</sup> Thursday. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

**Appointment lists will be under the canopy** (near the bike shelter entrance to the Before & After School Club), for you to book a slot. If you are unable to sign up in person, then please phone the school office who can make an appointment for you. Please note, if you have to bring your children with you to the consultation, then they are expected to sit quietly while waiting. Children running around or making a lot of noise make it really difficult for parents and teachers to have conversations.



## The PANTS Rule

Every year we revisit the NSPCC PANTS rule with all the children. This is a child-friendly way of teaching them about how to keep their body safe. Over the next few weeks, each class will discuss this in an age-appropriate way. More information for parents can also be found [here](#) and in the attached booklet sent out with this week's newsletter.

## Worried about money this winter?

Find FREE help and advice from trusted local charities and organisations in our Winter 2023 Advice Hub.



[www.ncan.co.uk/hub](http://www.ncan.co.uk/hub)  
0333 996 8333  
[helpline@ncan.co.uk](mailto:helpline@ncan.co.uk)



## Cost of Living Support

Norfolk Community Advice Network has created a Winter Advice Hub, with step-by-step guides on boosting income and cutting costs, from trusted independent organisations.

Help and support can be found here:

<https://ncan.co.uk/winter-2023-advice-hub/>

Or by emailing: [helpline@ncan.co.uk](mailto:helpline@ncan.co.uk)

Or by calling: 0333 996 8333



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## Mundford Parish Council

The Parish Council is holding the 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Light Switch-On event on Mundford Village Green on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023. Stalls on the night will include, cakes, tombola, raffle and hot chocolate. Hot dogs, mulled wine and mince pies will be donated by local businesses and served at the event too. Children's names can be entered into a free draw to switch on the lights with Father Christmas. The tickets will be available from 4:45pm to 4.55pm on the night and the lights will be switched on at 5pm

## Governor Blog - John Hayden



I have lived and worked in the area for the past 30+ years, living in Mundford since 2000 with my wife Cilla and have 4 children, all of whom have been through Mundford school from 2002 to 2018.

Only Kezia lives at home still and is in 6th form – the 2 lads Ben and Tom are both in Australia and Suzie was married earlier this year to Matt and they have set up home in Bristol where he has lived for a while. We have all really enjoyed and appreciated our involvement with the school.

I work as a vet, running a branch for Vet Partners based in the centre of Mundford, but just involved with the health, welfare and production of many of the pigs that you will have noticed around East Anglia. No provision for the car of pets I'm afraid. We are Christians attending the Baptist Church at Lakenheath, but I also regularly help with the services and preaching there and other local places.

I can't remember how long ago it was but when the local vicar at the time didn't want to remain as a member of the governing body the quest went out for a new member with particular responsibility

to uphold the Christian values and ethos of the school and I felt I might be able to fulfil that role and so applied and was accepted. I am now a Trust-appointed governor. In the past I have run a series of 'Open the Book – type' assemblies but with a twist – instead of adults coming in and acting out Bible stories we did it together with the Year 6 or sometimes even younger year groups doing the acting.

I'm sorry to say this has lapsed for a while, but I'd love to get going with it again one year! Allowing the school community to explore prayer and worship, when faced with challenges that are too big for us, to take them to our heavenly Father through Jesus is very close to my heart. This has been such a help to me in my life and so I am glad to see the school gives opportunities for pupils and others to engage with God for themselves too.

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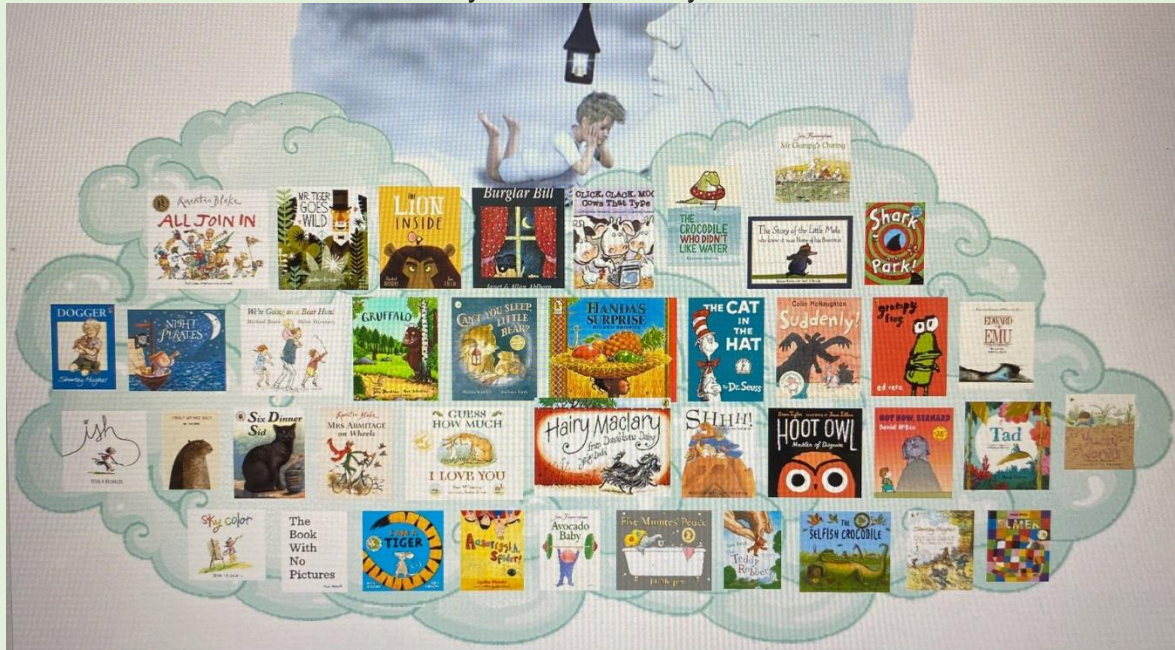




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## Oak Class need your books

Oak Class are looking to build up a set of recommended reads for their year group. Do you have any of the 40 books listed that you no longer need and would be happy to donate? Please see Mrs Keeler if you do – thank you in advance.



## Clubs

This half term we are offering the following after-school clubs.

Monday: Gym & Fitness with Mr Brotherhood KS2

Monday: Choir with Mrs Jermy and Mrs Saunders KS2

**Choir will be open for Y2 (Maple) to join after the Christmas break. If your child would like to join please complete the form which has been sent out by Myed message.**

Tuesday: Art with Miss Musgrove Years 3 & 4

Wednesday: Cookery with Miss Lindsey and Miss Brown

Thursday: Gym & Fitness with Mr Brotherhood KS2

We also run different lunchtime clubs throughout the year. At the moment we have the following lunchtime clubs: KS2 Homework Club; Cross Country for all; KS2 Football.



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## New KS2 Club – Summer Production

Starting in January, Mrs Jermy & Mrs Saunders will be holding a after school club on Wednesdays, working towards a Summer Production for KS2 of 'Pirates of the Currybean'. We are looking for actors, singers and dancers to make this fun pirate production a bit hit! If you child/children would like to join please complete the form which has been sent out by MyEd.

## SENCo Kenco



Get in touch and have coffee and a chat if you have any concerns about your child at school.

Katie Tinkley – SENDCo [katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org)

If you have any concerns or just need some advice about eating, sleeping, speech and language, mental health and child development this site has so much information to support you.

Do you need health advice for your child aged 0-19? **NHS**

**Visit:**  
[JustoneNorfolk.nhs.uk](https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk)  
Norfolk's online NHS resource for families

**Text:**  
**Parentline**  
07520 631590

**Call:**  
Just one Number  
**0300 300 0123**  
Mon - Fri: 8am - 6pm  
Sat: 9am - 1pm

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>



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## WhatsApp Concern

There has been an e-safety warning given by Norfolk Police regarding WhatsApp. Please be aware that there is a WhatsApp group called "Add Everyone you Know" which has been reported to contain indecent images.

Norfolk Police are investigating this group and have urged parents to check their children's WhatsApp, as well as checking their camera roll/images or videos sent via WhatsApp as these can be automatically saved without your child's knowledge. If any further evidence is found as a result of checking your child's devices, please contact Norfolk Police.

### The Internet Watch Foundation

The IWF contains some useful information for parents and carers, and professionals around the dangers and keeping children safe online.

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/>

## Diary Dates

*Every effort is made to stick to the planned dates, but occasionally circumstances beyond our control may affect in-school events. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any changes.*

*Thanks for your understanding.*

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Advent family service at **church**, all welcome.

### Week beg 4<sup>th</sup> December – Parent Teacher Consultation

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Rowan Mundford Junction 2:15 – 3:15 pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Elm Mundford Junction 2:15pm in the hall

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day – **please bring a donation for Save the Children**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Cedar Show Case 2:30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Sycamore Mundford Junction 10-11am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Hazel/Maple Nativity, 2pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Hazel/Maple Nativity, 10-11am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Rowan Showcase 2:15-3:00pm





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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Maple Showcase 9:00-09:30 am

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Church Service

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Acorn & Oak Carols & Crafts 2:00pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Rudolph Run *sponsored event details on page 7.*

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term

*21st December – 3rd January Christmas Holidays*

## Resources for Supporting your Child at Home

The school website and half-termly class newsletters outline what each class is currently learning, along with ideas for things you can do at home. From Year 2 upwards, homework will be shared on Google Classroom. Please ask the class teacher if you are unable to access this and would prefer paper copies.

**Bug Club** <https://www.activelearnprimaty.co.uk>

Bug Club is our online library of reading books, where you will find books assigned to your child's reading ability. It also has questions build-in to develop children's comprehension skills.

**Spelling Shed** <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Here you can play online games to practice spelling.

**Numbots** <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/35246>

**& TT Rockstars** <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth>

Practice number facts and times table in a fun game-based situation.

**Purple Mash** <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/mundford>

We use Purple Mash for teaching computing, but it also contains games sections for practising English & Maths at home.

*If your child needs their log-in details for any of the above, please contact the class teacher.*

**Letterjoin** [www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk)

Desktop Login    username: **Mund**    password: **ford**

Tablet Login    username: **Mund**    passcode: a capital 'L' shape starting at top left

This site allows children to practise their handwriting and spelling.



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## School Uniform

[https://corporatetiger.co.uk/?product\\_cat=mundford](https://corporatetiger.co.uk/?product_cat=mundford)

[www.facebook.com/myclothingltd](http://www.facebook.com/myclothingltd)



Sponsorship form - Rudolph Run.pdf

Paper copies of the sponsor forms are  
available from the school office.

THE NORFOLK HOSPICE TAPPING HOUSE

# Rudolph Run

Our Rudolph Run will be on

Tuesday 19th December

at

Mundford Primary Academy

We are raising money for The Norfolk Hospice

[norfolkhospice.org.uk/rudolph-run](http://norfolkhospice.org.uk/rudolph-run)

Registered Charity No. 1062800



## Rudolph Run 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are thrilled to announce that we have signed up to The Norfolk Hospice's Rudolph Run and your child is registered to take part.

We will be holding our Rudolph Run on Tuesday 19th December at Mundford Primary Academy.

### About the Rudolph Run

Primary schools and nurseries throughout West Norfolk will be taking part in a sponsored walk, jog or run this Christmas. Each child will receive a free pair of antlers to wear and a certificate when they take part in their Rudolph Run, delivered to the school by Rudolph himself!

Please collect sponsorship using the sponsorship form provided. There is no minimum sponsorship amount required.

By collecting sponsorship on behalf of your child, you can support The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House and help them to continue to provide end of life care in the local community.

For more information about the event, please visit [norfolkhospice.org.uk/rudolph-run](http://norfolkhospice.org.uk/rudolph-run).

Thank you for your support and happy festive fundraising!

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