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| House Points | | | |
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| Danes Points 236 😊 | Romans Points 200 😊 | Saxons Points 181 😊😊 | Vikings Points 224 😊 |
| This week's winners are the Danes 😊 = previous win 3 wins = non-uniform day | | | |

| Stars & Wows | |
|---|---------------------|
| Oak | ☆ Jacob 📎 Oliver |
| Hazel | ☆ Mason 📎 Jaxon |
| Maple | ☆ Robin 📎 Jacob |
| Cedar | ☆ Peyton 📎 Ayda |
| Rowan | ☆ Marley 📎 Henry |
| Elm | ☆ Daisy 📎 Arthur |
| Sycamore | ☆ Sky 📎 Antoni |
| ☆ <i>Stars celebrate values and behaviour.</i> 📎 <i>Wows celebrate an outstanding piece of work or learning.</i> | |

| Please see below days for each classes P.E. etc. | |
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| Oak: | P.E. - Wednesday & Friday |
| Hazel: | P.E. - Monday & Friday |
| Maple: | P.E. - Monday Forest Schools – Thursday |
| Cedar: | Swimming - Tuesday P.E. - Thursday |
| Rowan: | Swimming - Tuesday P.E. Thursday |
| Elm: | P. E. - Tuesday & Thursday. |
| Sycamore: | P.E. - Tuesday & Thursday |



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Smashing Spelling!

This half term we have started a new way of learning spellings. We have introduced new Smashing Spelling boxes where the children practise their individual spellings by learning a clue e.g. bruise: u and i bruise. They then work in pairs to speed test each other three times. When they have learnt their spelling, the flashcard gets moved to the back of their box to be tested by the teacher after a few weeks.

We are hoping that this will improve the children's confidence with spelling more difficult words.

This method will be demonstrated over the next term within Gooderstone Gatherings and Mundford Junctions, and a video will be uploaded onto the website for you to view.

A thank you...

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Pleszko for the paper donations which he very kindly delivered to school this week.

Attitude of Gratitude

You may remember that in my letter last week I talked about the importance of having an attitude of gratitude and I shared research how fostering this positive mind-set can benefit both our mental and physical health. There are many different apps and websites available to help us learn to reframe our thinking. A really good one is <https://actionforhappiness.org/> this is a charity based website and also available is an app for phones. There is a wealth of information on the site from scientific research to calendars:

https://actionforhappiness.org/sites/default/files/calendar_download/images/Jan%20202024.jpg with daily practises to help us make the world a happier and more positive place.

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 with a photo and caption so we can celebrate their successes in school!



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Forest Schools Equipment

Mrs Cross, one of the teachers from Gooderstone is currently training to become a Level 3 Forest School Leader and is going to start delivering sessions to some of the classes here at Mundford. Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process, that offers opportunities for holistic growth. It is a long-term supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. Children are given the freedom to explore and play at their own pace and follow their own interests.

In the spirit of reduce, reuse and recycle, we are appealing to our school community for some items that would help. Please see the list below and get in touch with the office if you are able to help in any way. Some of the items needed include: ropes, tarpaulin, string or twine, tyres, planks, logs, branches, wooden cable reels, gardening gloves or metal pots, pans, spoons, buckets etc.

Would you like to come and join in with Forest Schools? We would welcome any volunteers who would like to help as the more adults we have, the greater variety of activities the children can do. Currently Forest School session are on Thursday mornings. If you are interested in volunteering (for a one-off session or regularly), please contact the school office.

Forest Schools Donation Wish List

- Ropes – to make swings, bridges, tarpaulins. This can be static or dynamic.
- Tarpaulins – the more the merrier to keep us dry both over head and under foot.
- String, twine, paracord – for tying and crafting.
- Tyres – large or small but in good condition to be used for rolling, building, climbing.
- Planks – for building, making bridges and seesaws
- Wood chippings – to make designated pathways.
- Wood Fire Logs – we hope to build up a supply for when we are lighting fires and cooking.
- Tree Branches – about adult height that can be used for den building and to designate areas that we want to preserve from trampling.
- Tree Stumps/Trunks – we have already sourced some long lengths for our fire circle but would also like some shorter ones that can be used for crafting/building/climbing.
- Wooden cable reels – ideally the large ones which can be used as a craft area or mud kitchen.
- Peelers and children’s gardening gloves – if you have any spare for whittling sticks.
- Metal pots, pans, spoons, buckets, trowels etc (not plastic please).



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Clubs

We will be offering the following after-school clubs, all clubs will commence the week beginning 8th January and forms to sign up have been sent out via MyEd.

Monday

Choir: Y2-6

Mr Brotherhood Gym & Fitness: Y3&4

Tuesday

Rising Phoenix Martial Arts, Taekwondo: Y3-6*

Wednesday

KS2 Summer Production Group: Y3-6

Thursday

Mr Brotherhood Gym & Fitness: Y5&6

**All clubs finish at 16:20 except for Taekwondo which finishes at 16:30*

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

Please find below a link to Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service January 2024 Newsletter.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/soYmw8anNG7HEw03?ref=email>

In our January Newsletter, we look at communication; we hope this will give some ideas on how we can all effectively communicate better.



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Notices & Reminders

- We have accumulated a substantial number of lost jumpers, cardigans etc., please can we remind you to name your children's clothing so that they can be returned. Whilst the weather is damp the lost property can be found just inside KS1 pupil entrance.

- **Zig Zag Yellow Lines**

Are there for the safety reasons, please do not park on them whilst dropping off and collecting children at any time of the day.

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>

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.

- 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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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.

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

Or by calling: 0333 996 8333



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.

Wednesday 17th January - Sycamore Showcase, 2:30pm- 3:00pm

Friday 26th January – Oak Class Mundford Junction 9:00 am – 10:00am

Thursday 8th February – Acorns Mundford Junction, 2:15pm – 3:15pm

Friday 9th February – Maple Mundford Junction 9am – 10am

Tuesday 13th February - Sycamore Class Mundford Junction- 2:15pm- 3:15pm

Weds 14th February – PITA Reports sent home

HALF TERM 19th February – 23rd February



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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://ww.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

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.

School Uniform

https://corporatetiger.co.uk/?product_cat=mundford

www.facebook.com/myclothingltd