

GOODERSTONE GAZETTE



WE 5TH DECEMBER 2025

Team News

Curie
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Einstein
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Newton
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This weeks winners are **Einstein!**
Three wins = House team non-uniform day!

Tuesday 9th December Einstein Non-Uniform Day!

Class News

Owls & Goslings

This week in Owls we have been busy investigating 4 sided shapes. We have also continued with our story Ning and the Night Spirits and are now preparing for a parade to welcome the night spirits by making banners, decorations and learning a anew song.

Kestrels

In Kestrels this week, we had our no plan day and chose Dragons! We created David Attenborough style documentaries about Dragons and then made some dragon eyes from clay. We experimented with the clay, creating textures and adding additional details by cross-hatching.

Skylarks

This week we had our No Plan Day and chose the subject of red foxes. We researched what they eat and their habitat and then listened to an audio book of Fantastic Mr. Fox. In the afternoon we looked for animal tracks and made our own fox prints in clay. In maths this week we have been learning to partition 2 digit numbers, the year ones have split them into tens and ones and the year twos have partitioned flexibly finding as many ways as they can to make the number.



Star, Wow and Writer of the week

Owls

Star – Taron, for a great attitude to learning.

Wow – Aubree, for learning all of the phonics sounds.

Writer – Alfie B, for doing lots of mark making in the environment.

Skylarks

Star – Teddy MH for making good behaviour choices this week.

Wow – Imogen for great partitioning in maths.

Writer – Matilda for creating her own fox report in her own time.

Kestrels

Star – Kieran for being incredibly kind at cross country.

Wow – George for excellent Geography work.

Writer – Lilia for excellent writing across all subjects this term.

Diary Dates

10th December

Nativity in the church – 2:30pm. and 6pm.

11th December

Christmas Dinner.

12th December

Christmas jumper day

17th December

Carol concert in the church – 9am

Christmas Disco – 3.30pm-4.30pm Nursery,

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2.

5pm-6.30pm Year 3,4, 5 & 6.

Clubs

Monday

Handbell 3:15-4:15

Wednesday

Boom whacker lunchtime

Taekwondo 3:15-4:15

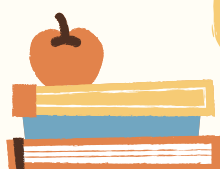
Thursday

Choir lunchtime

Mr B Gym & Fitness 3:15-4:15

**“Do to others as you would have them
do to you.”**

Luke 6:31



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Ofsted

Understanding the New Ofsted Changes

Ofsted has introduced a new way of reporting on schools. Instead of giving one overall grade like "Good" or "Outstanding," schools will now receive a "report card" that explains how they are doing in different areas – such as teaching, behaviour, inclusion and leadership. The aim is to give families clearer, more useful information about what a school does well and where it is working to improve.

If you'd like to read more about the new Ofsted framework and how the report cards work, you can find the official guidance here:

Understanding Ofsted report cards and grades
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-ofsted-report-cards-and-grades>

Leaving School Safely

At the end of the school day, please ensure that your children walk with you as you leave the school site. We have noticed a number of children running ahead of their parents and leaving through the school gates unsupervised. As the gate opens directly onto a busy road, especially at drop-off and pick-up times, this poses a significant safety risk. The last thing any of us want is for an accident to occur, so we kindly ask for your support in keeping all children safe. We will also remind the children on Monday about the importance of staying with their adult at home time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Refreshments

Friends will be selling hot and cold drinks (£1) and mince pies (50p) at the Carol service and nativities if they would like to bring some money along...

If you're available to help out at any of these events please let FOGS know.

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Friday 12th December**, we are inviting the children to wear their festive jumpers! This is an annual event organised by Save the Children. By taking part this year you can help support kids and families who are having to deal with an increasingly volatile world.

Save the Children will use the money raised on Christmas Jumper Day to help children in the UK and all around the world stay safe, healthy and learning – and change their future for good. If you would like to donate to this wonderful cause, please send your child in with £1.

If your child has any old Christmas jumpers which no longer fit but have still got some life in them, we would be really grateful to have them as donations.

Cake Friday

Last Cake Friday of the Year 12th December.

Every other Friday, one of our amazing volunteers will bake a delicious cake to be raffled off. Raffle tickets will be available for children to buy in their classrooms on Friday morning or from the school office:

20p per ticket
£1 per strip

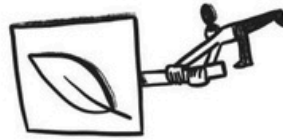
The winning ticket will be drawn during Sharing Assembly, and the lucky winner will take home a tasty treat to enjoy with their family!

Can you help?

If you'd like to volunteer by baking or donating a treat for the raffle, there's a sign-up sheet in the school office. You can also speak to Mrs Copeland or Mrs Mason for more information.

Thank you for supporting this fun (and tasty!) school tradition! 🍰🌟

December Kindness 2025



MONDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

TUESDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

WEDNESDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

THURSDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

FRIDAY

5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

SATURDAY

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

SUNDAY

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2026



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

🎄 Christmas Raffle Coming Next Week! 🎄

The Friends of Gooderstone are jingling with excitement as we get ready for our Christmas Raffle!

Raffle tickets will be making their way home in children's bags next week, so keep an eye out for some festive envelopes.

🎁 Our Sparkling List of Prizes (so far!)

A huge, Christmassy thank-you to the wonderful local businesses who have already donated prizes. Look at this fabulous festive line-up:

- 🌿 Family tickets to Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse
- 🐛 Tickets to The Bug Parc
- 👤 Thursford 2026 tickets
- 🍺 Cases of beer from Steam Shed Brewing
- 🍟 Kettle Chips selection
- 🍷 Bottle of Prosecco
- 🥕 Christmas Veg Box from Poundsworth
- 🏛 Norfolk Museums Service – 5-person museum pass
- 🍫 Chocolate Hamper

★ Can You Help? Final Prize Donations Welcome!

If any families are able to donate an additional prize—big or small—we would be incredibly grateful. Every contribution helps make our Christmas Raffle magical and raises valuable funds for our lovely school.



The Bug Parc



Gooderstone C of E Christmas School disco!



Wednesday 17th December

3:30p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Nursery, Reception,
Year 1 and 2. Parents/guardians must
attend this event with their child,

5:00p.m. – 6:30p.m. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Parents/Guardians can drop off and pick
up.

£5 a ticket for disco,
snack pack and
temporary tattoo



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NOURISH

11th
December

CHRISTMAS MENU

Roast Turkey with Festive Trimmings 1,6

Winter Vegetable Wellington 1 V

Rustic Roast Potatoes
Peas, Carrots & Brussel Sprouts

Santa's Cookie 1 VG
Iced Chocolate Sponge 1 VG

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celery/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten V Vegetarian VG Vegan