

GOODERSTONE GAZETTE



WE 16TH JANUARY 2026

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!

Class News

Owls & Goslings

This week in Owls and Goslings we have had a week learning all about birds. The children have looked at information books and explored the names of common birds. They have made models of owls using clay and hung homemade bird feeders in our garden in preparation for the Big Bird watch.

Skylarks

This week in Skylarks we have enjoyed No Paper Week and finding creative ways to do our learning! We have made 2D shapes from play doh and 3D shapes from clay and straws. We have spent a lot of time practicing sewing in anticipation of creating bear puppets in DT this half term and have become a lot more confident with this skill. We learnt the running stitch and over-stitch and used these skills to sew some 2D shapes. In English we have enjoyed drama with our new writing roots book, The Bear and The Piano. We chose a side - whether the bear should leave the forest to perform in the city or not, and gave him some advice. We also considered whether animals should perform in shows in our philosophy for children session.

Kestrels

In Kestrels this week, we have loved No Paper Week! The children loved writing answers to Big Questions on tables, making 2D and 3D shapes out of spaghetti and marshmallows and testing soil samples. It was really interesting to hear the children's responses to the Philosophy questions about ethics. We think good people are kind, honest and respectful even when other people aren't choosing to be like this. We also think a robot isn't the same robot if every part is changed over time.



Star, Wow and Writer of the week

Owls

Star – Aubree-Meadow for using her phonics when labelling a bird.

Wow – Esmæe for super listening and settling in so well.

Writer – Aoibhin

Skylarks

Star – Mila, for fantastic knowledge of 3D shapes.

Wow – Eva, for amazing sewing skills.

Writer – Rosie W.A for a great factual style in her Big Write Newspaper report.

Kestrels

Star – Flo for being incredibly helpful.

Wow – Ellie for consistently excellent English work.

Writer – Lilia for an incredibly engaging start to her big write.

Diary Dates

22nd January 9am

Kestrels Gathering

30th January 9am

Celebration Assembly

6th February

Numbers Day

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

Half Term

24th February

Class Photographs

Thursday 26th February

Chinese New Year Lunch Menu

Monday 23rd March

Norfolk Cricket – PE kit please

Clubs

Wednesday

Boom whacker lunchtime

Taekwondo 3:15-4:15

Years 1 – 6

£2 per session

Thursday

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

Years 3 – 6

Please book via Clubs in Arbor

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"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning"

Lamentations 3:22-23



Friends Of Gooderstone

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Friends of the School Christmas fundraisers. Thanks to your generosity at the disco, raffle, Christmas card sales and by buying refreshments at events, we raised an amazing £575!

Our next Friends meeting will be held online on Wednesday 21st January at 8.30pm, and everyone is very welcome to join us. We'll be sharing ideas and planning fundraising and community events for the spring and summer – we'd love to see some new faces!

School Council

Dress up Day

Dear parents and carers,

Our school council has decided on a 'dress up as your future job' day. It will be on **Friday 30th January**.

People can dress up as a vet or a doctor or anything they want to be in the future. All students will need to bring a £1 to enter.

We have got other fundraisers coming up in the forthcoming months. All parents will be notified for future events.

Yours sincerely
Gooderstone C of E Academy's School Council



Cake Friday

This week's winner Livvy & Hallie!

If you enjoy baking (or buying!) cakes, slices, cupcakes or any other sweet treats, please consider signing up for a week that suits you. Your donation will be raffled, 20p per ticket, with all proceeds towards the school.

Please pop us a message or come in and see us if you'd be willing to volunteer for any of the following dates this half term...

Friday 30th January - Friday 13th February

Thanks so much for helping us keep cake Friday delicious!



Action for Happiness

Happier January 2026

MONDAY



5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today

TUESDAY



6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

13 Take a different route today and see what you notice

20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

WEDNESDAY



7 Learn something new and share it with others

14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

THURSDAY

1 Find three things to look forward to this year

8 Say positive things to the people you meet today

15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

FRIDAY

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)

16 Contribute positively to your local community

23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

30 See how many people you can smile at today

SATURDAY

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day

10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

24 Take a small step towards an important goal

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future

SUNDAY

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why

11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime

18 Get back in contact with an old friend

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



Number Day 2026

We will be celebrating Number Day across school on **Friday 6th February**, as children take part in fun mathematical activities.

Dress up as Digits

As part of the day, children can wear an item of clothing with a number on it. It could be a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie. You could get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice!

We look forward to seeing what you choose.



Number
Day 2026

SPECIAL OFFER FROM MYCLOTHING

Save 10% on School Uniform

Just use code MYCQ110 at checkout to enjoy 10% off your next order*.



*This offer excludes bundles, events hoodies and clearance items. Valid until 31.03.2026
www.myclothing.com



School Uniform

Parents can enjoy 10% off school uniform orders at MyClothing by entering the code below at checkout.

Code: MYCQ110

Expires: 31/03/2026

Link: myclothing.com/discount/MYCQ110

Details of the school uniform can be found on our website:

www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/gooderstone/our-school/school-uniform/

Family Hub Drop In



Date	Time	Venue
06 January	09:00 - 11:00	Swan Parents' Group
13 January	15:00- 16:30	Downham Market library
20 January	15:00 - 16:30	Downham Market library
03 February	09:00 - 11:00	Swan Parents' Group
17 February	15:00 - 16:30	Downham Market library




Family Hub Drop In

Advice and support for parents and carers of children and young people from conception to 19 (25 for young adults with SEND).

Your local family hubs team are ready to help, and this month your Community Worker, Sarah will be at the following venues ready to listen and support you to find the right help.

Family hubs can help with advice and support with:

- health and wellbeing
- mental health
- parenting
- relationships
- finding activities and groups
- infant feeding
- money and work
- housing
- SEND
- support for dads
- substance misuse
- transition to adulthood

and so much more...



GROW WITH US
NOURISH

**Sweet and Sour Chicken
or
Sweet and Sour Vegetables VG**

**Lo Mein Noodles 1,3,16
Rice
Oriental Stir Fried Vegetables**

**Melo MeloJelly vg
Butter Biscuit vg
Fruit Pots VE**

26th FEBRUARY