

GOODERSTONE GAZETTE



WE 17TH APRIL 2026

Team News

Curie

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Einstein

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Newton

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This weeks winners are **Newton**
Three wins = non-uniform day

Class News

Owls & Goslings

This week we discovered a curious suitcase in the school labelled Owls and Goslings. We were unsure who had left it there so we investigated its contents. We thought that maybe a monster had left it there and we decided it must love sandwiches. Nursery have been learning about rhymes all week and have enjoyed the story 'Oi Frog'.

Skylarks

Our Big Writes this week were inspired by a mysterious suitcase of lost luggage – but this was no ordinary case! It was filled with fascinating space-themed items, sparking the children's imaginations as they explored the wonders of space and beyond. Tuesday's Forest School session was a real highlight of the week. The children thoroughly enjoyed spending time outdoors, exploring the natural environment and taking part in a range of hands-on activities

Kestrels

In Kestrels this week, we wrote our Big Writes based on a suitcase of lost luggage. Our luggage belonged to a time travelling Professor who had visited Victorian London, Ancient Egypt and even prehistoric times and the future! We also made our breakfast bars for Vikings and designed packaging for them. These fruity, oaty bars were carefully designed for the warrior viking with the children considering which ingredients would be helpful in times of battle. I am super proud of how kind the children have been this week. They have earned so many kindness bricks by being caring and looking after each other.

Star, Wow and Writer of the week

Owls & Goslings

Writer - Lottie, for excellent mark making.

WOW - Lincoln, for showing resilience and bravery on the trim trail.

Star -Lara, for amazing knowledge about the seasons and creating a beautiful poster.

Skylarks

Writer - Rosie, for fantastic writing full of imagination in her big write.

WOW -Elliot, for trying super hard in every lesson & producing some awesome work.

Star - Matilda, for showing great resilience and good choices within her learning and behaviour.

Kestrels

Writer: Lilia for her fantastic Big Write.

WOW: Lucas for a superb Big Write!

Star: Amelia for resilience and perseverance.

Clubs

Wednesday

Boom whacker, lunchtime

Taekwondo 3:15pm-4:15pm

Years 1 - 6, £2 per session

Thursday

Choir, lunchtime

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

Years 3 - 6

Please book via Clubs in Arbor

Diary Dates

Friday 24th April

Celebration Assembly - 9am

& Family Hubs - Parent Cafe - 9am

Sunday 26 April

Choir Singing at Apex, Bury St Edmunds

Thursday 7th May

Polling Station

Monday 11th - 15th May

SATs week - Yr6



Tesco Stronger Starts

We're excited to be part of the Tesco Stronger Starts blue token scheme! If you're shopping at Swaffham Tesco, please drop your token into our slot, from Tuesday 28th April 2026 until the end of July 2026.

Gooderstone CofE Primary Academy Nature Nook

We're raising funds to create a school pond and improve our wildlife area—helping build a fantastic outdoor learning space for our children.

Thank you for your support!



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Attendance Matters

Being in school every day really does matter. Good attendance helps children keep up with their learning, build friendships and feel part of school life.

Did you know? 80% attendance means a child misses the equivalent of around 7 weeks of school in a year. That is a lot of lost learning.

Each week we will now be sharing class attendance figures and the overall school attendance compared with the national average, so we can all work together to keep attendance high. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school every day and on time whenever possible.

Owls: 97% Great Work Owls ★★★★★

Skylarks: 95%

Kestrels: 95%

National Average: 95%

Our School: 95%

96% is above the national average, and most of the time our pupils maintain very good attendance.

Let's keep up the great work together and continue to make every day in school count.

Great work everyone.

Red Nose day



On Friday 20th March, we came together as a school community to support Red Nose Day with a non-uniform day. It was wonderful to see everyone taking part, dressed in their own clothes and showing their support for such an important cause.

Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our pupils, families, and staff, we are delighted to share that we raised an impressive **£57.30**. Every contribution, big or small, will help make a difference and support those in need.

A big thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day such a success!

Cake Friday

Cake Friday 24th April

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 next term...

12th June

26th June

10th July

Thanks so much for helping us keep cake Friday delicious!



New Menu

New Spring into Summer Menu
you may need to select Summer Term from the drop down.

SPRING INTO SUMMER MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	Beef Bolognese Pasta 1 Cheese & Onion Swirl 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Baked Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Macaroni Cheese 1,7 V Chick Pea & Spinach Biryani VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Peas & Carrots Toffee Tart 1,7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Chicken & Gravy Vegetable Sausage 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Cabbage Swede Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Korma Herby Tomato Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice Green Beans Carrots Chocolate Orange Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese & Tomato Filled Tortilla Wrap Stack 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips Peas Baked Beans Lemon Drizzle Biscuit 1,6 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK TWO	Cheesy Pasta 1,7 V Vegetable Burger in a Bun 1,5,6 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Baked Wedges, Carrots Peas Honey Cake 1 & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Beef Noodles 1 Tomato & Sweetcorn Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice Seasonal Vegetables Summer Trifle 1,7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Gammon & Gravy Meatfree Meatballs & Gravy 6 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots Cornflake Cookie 1,7,16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Chicken Fajita 1 Tomato Spaghetti 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice Tomato Salsa Green Beans Carrot & Orange Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Salmon Fish Cake 1,8 Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips Peas Baked Beans Oaty Biscuit 1,15 VG Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots VG
WEEK THREE	Mild Chilli Beef Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rice Peas & Carrots Jam Roly Poly 1,6 VG & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Sausage 1,3,6 Vegetable Sausage 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Ice Cream 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Fruit Pots VG	Roast Chicken & Gravy Samosa Puff 1 VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Fruit Jelly VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7 V Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges VG Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Rainbow Pasta 1 Sweetcorn Sultana Cake 1 VG Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 VG Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG	Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheese & Bean Parcel 1,7 V Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas Baked Beans Caramel Cookie 1,7 V Yoghurt 3,7, Fruit Pots VG

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 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

ST GEORGES DAY 2026

23RD APRIL

MENU

Toad in the Hole 1,7,9
 Vegetable Cornish Pastie 1 VG
 Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings 7,8,9

Rustic Crushed Potato
 Mushy Peas
 Carrots

Golden Syrup Sponge 1 VG and Custard 7
 Chocolate Shortbread 1 VG
 Fruit Pot 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 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten V Vegetarian VG Vegan



Parent/ Carers' Café Gooderstone Primary

**Friday 24th April
9:00am-11:00am**

Representatives from the **family hub, School and Community Team, Autism Support Team and Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH) Support Team** will be at the Celebration Assembly to share information about a wide range of activities, groups and organisations that can help you with family and parenting support .

We look forward to meeting you!



Bookable Appointments for Parents and Carers

**It's always better to get help
as early as possible**

Why not book an appointment with **Sarah**, Early Help Community Worker who will answer your questions and share information about a wide range of activities, groups and organisations that can help you with family and parenting issues.

We are offering appointments in school on
Friday 24th April

Please email the office on office@gooderstone.dneat.org to arrange an appointment.



Family Hubs

We are pleased to let you know that we will be welcoming a representative from Family Hubs into school on Friday 24th April.

They will be joining us alongside our Celebration Assembly to host a Parent Café, where you can find out more about the support available for families. This is a great opportunity to have an informal chat, ask questions, and explore local services that may be helpful for you and your family.

In addition, there will be the opportunity to book one-to-one appointments on the day with an Early Help Community Worker. These private sessions are designed to offer advice, guidance, and support around a range of family matters, including parenting, wellbeing, finances, and accessing local services. The aim is to provide help early, before concerns become bigger challenges. If you would like to book an appointment, please contact the school office as soon as possible, as spaces are limited.

You can also find more information in the attached flyer.

We encourage you to come along to the Parent Café, even if you do not wish to book an appointment, to see how Family Hubs may be able to support you.

SENDCo

If you have any concerns about your child at school. Please get in touch and have a coffee and a chat:

katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org
Katie Tinkley – SENDCo

Please take a look at the Just One Norfolk Website as it contains a wealth of information for support and advice for families and children link below:

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

Family Action Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service April 2026 Newsletter:

[Go to this Sway](#)

Family Voice latest newsletter please click [here](#)



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Heritage | Community | Preservation

Heritage Skills & Maintenance Day

**A hands-on celebration
of traditional skills,
conservation and care**

*Join us for a fascinating day exploring the skills,
stories and practical work that keep Norfolk's
historic churches standing strong.*

*Across a series of beautiful churches, experts will
be on hand with demonstrations, talks and plenty of
opportunities to have a go yourself.*

Saturday, 18th April 2026

**10am - 2.30pm - The day finishes with tea and
activities at Great Cressingham Village Hall.**

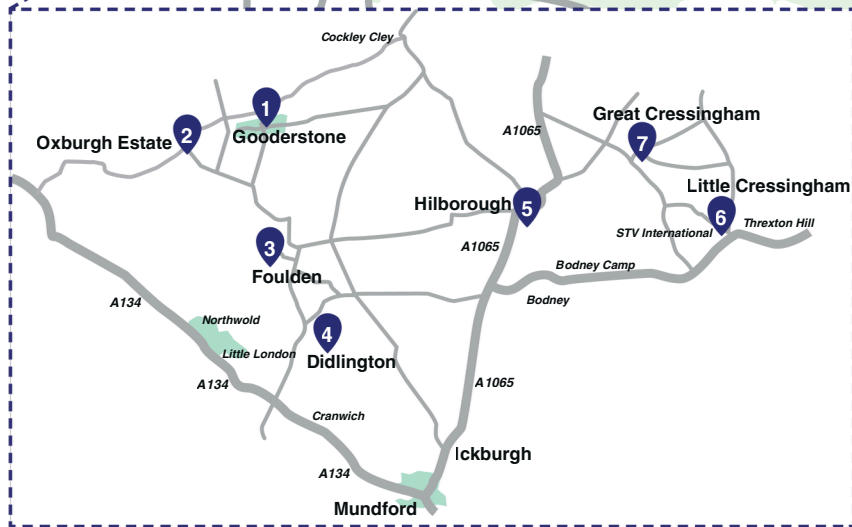
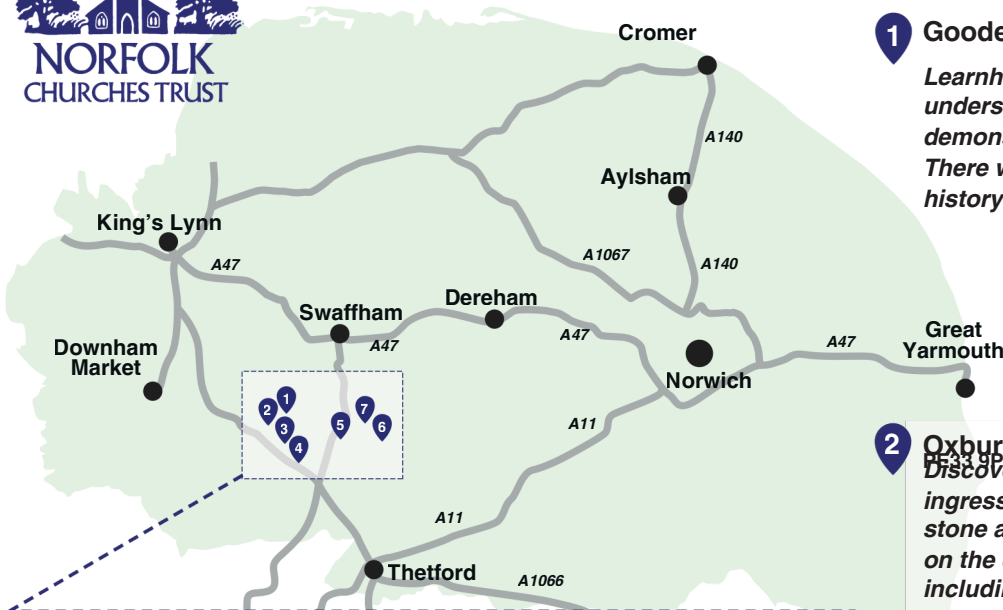
Free Event

**[www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/
heritage-skills-and-maintenance-day/](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/events/heritage-skills-and-maintenance-day/)**



Scan the QR code to find out more

Whats happening where:



1 Gooderstone – St George, PE33 9BY
 Learn how to spot and monitor cracks, understand church drainage, and enjoy demonstrations on historic lettering. There will also be engaging talks on the history of stained glass windows.

2 Oxburgh – St John the Evangelist, PE33 9PS
 Discover how churches tackle water ingress, with demonstrations of coping stone and flintwork repairs. Hear talks on the church's exceptional monuments, including advice on cleaning monuments and ledger stones – with a chance to try it yourself. Plus, talks on timber roof repairs and information about the 2026 Bike Ride and a new Classic Car event launching this year.

3 Foulden – All Saints, IP26 5AA
 Watch repairs in action on the flint churchyard wall and take part in hands-on 'have a go' workshop. Find out more about Eco Church and the Churchyard Wildlife Award, with practical tips for turning your churchyard into a thriving wildlife haven.

4 Didlington – St Michael, IP26 5AT
 Bell specialist Neil Thomas will guide you through the restoration of St Michael's 17th-century bell, recently lowered from the tower and ready for work to begin – a rare opportunity to see this process up close.

5 Hilborough – All Saints, IP26 5BU
 See examples of emergency repairs supported by the QI Inspection Grant Scheme, Architect Ruth Blackman will explain how this new initiative is making a real difference for churches and their communities. The Norfolk Churches Trust will be offering advice on setting up a Friends Group, Coffee, Clean & Chat, and top tips for effective church cleaning.

7 Great Cressingham – St Michael, IP25 6NH
 Enjoy demonstrations of leadwork, stained glass repairs and tower repairs. Take part in hands-on textile conservation sessions, explore the Butterfly Garden of Remembrance and enjoy plenty of activities for children.

6 Little Cressingham – St Andrew, IP25 5BU
 Learn about essential maintenance of rainwater goods and explore the challenges and opportunities of caring for ruined churches, including practical tips and funding advice.

Great Cressingham Village Hall, The Information Hub

Your central stop for information on funding, faculties, and our new Heritage Skills Scholarship Scheme. Full details of all exhibitors can be found on our website. Location for afternoon tea, prize giving and a final opportunity to talk to the Craftspeople taking part in the day.

Something for everyone

At each church, a representative from The Norfolk Churches Trust will be on hand to share the history of the building and explain the Trust's work. All venues will offer children's activities, a family-friendly treasure hunt, delicious homemade refreshments and essential toilet facilities.

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What's On In April

Online Workshops

Parental Resilience

Sunday 12th April

2pm - 4pm

Behaviour that Challenges

Tuesday 14th April

10am - 12pm

Neurodivergent Teens

Sunday 19th April

2pm - 4pm

Join us online for these free
workshops

Scan here to book
our online
workshops!



NEW!

Coffee and Connect North Walsham

Friday 17th April

10:30am-12:30pm

Join us for cuppa and a warm
welcome to our North
Walsham Coffee and Connect

Family Hub and ECFS

Manor Road,

North Walsham,

NR28 9HG

Email: natalie.tagg@kids.org.uk

West and Brecklands Coffee and Connect

Wednesday 15th April

Parental Resilience Workshop

Thetford Family Hub, Kingsway, IP24

3DY

10:30am - 12:30pm

Monday 27th April

Wellbeing

St Augustine Healthy Living Centre,
Columbia Way, King's Lynn, PE30 2LB

10:30am - 12:30pm

Email: sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk

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What's On In April

Sproston Coffee and Connect

Guest Speaker from SENDIASS

Wednesday 15th April

10:30am - 12:30pm

Guest Speaker from Early Help

Wednesday 29th April

10:30am - 12:30pm

Viking Centre, Tills Road
Sproston, NR6 7QZ

Email: hayley.huckle@kids.org.uk

Great Yarmouth Drop- In with Grace

Monday 20th April

10am - 12pm

Join us for a relaxed cuppa
and chat session. Places are
limited so please
email

grace.hillard@kids.org.uk
for more info



NEW! Dad's Time!

Tuesday 21st April

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Are you a dad, stepdad, granddad or male
carer for a young person (0-18 years) with
SEND?

Then this is for you!

Come and join us at Albion Games Cafe in
Norwich for a drink, gaming and connection
with other parent carers.

Albion Games Cafe
21 St Benedicts Street
Norwich, NR2 4PF

Email: hayley.huckle@kids.org.uk

Riding The Rapids

We run this amazing course every term
in different places around Norfolk!

Do you want to know more about:

Parent wellbeing

Understanding behaviour

Sensory needs

Teamwork & communication

Positive interactions

Managing stress & crisis point

Problem solving

Email sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk
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Making Sense of **SEND**

In person free, friendly information



Thursday 21st May 2026
Dereham Memorial Hall, NR191AD
10am-12pm and 12.30pm-3pm

Are you looking for support for your child
/young person with SEND and your family?

- Listen to expert-led talks on SEND topics.
- A chance to give feedback and be heard by the EHCP team or SEND advisor. Bookable on the day.
- Speak directly with more than 20 services and get personalised, face-to-face advice all in one place.
- Children's participation activities giving children and young people the chance to share experiences.

Find out more
and book
your place:



www.norfolk.gov.uk/msos

Thorpe Woodlands Family Fun Day

£20pp

for a morning or afternoon of unlimited
activities!

please feel free to bring a picnic or there is a cafe located at Forest Holidays

- *Archery
- *Zip Wire
- *High Ropes
- *Canoe Hire
- *Rock Climbing
- *Tree Trekking
- *Caving



scan me to book!

(please select the date then click "family adventure day")



29.05.26

Thorpe Woodlands
Adventure Centre
Shadwell, Thetford
IP24 2RX

9:30am - 12:30pm

OR

1:30pm - 4:30pm