

GOODERSTONE GAZETTE



WE 24TH APRIL 2026

Team News

Curie

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

Class News

Owls & Goslings

This week we have enjoyed reading more of our story 'My Shadow is Pink'. The children created a shadow shop and have loved dressing up. The reception children have written lovely notes of advice to the character in the story to help him when he starts school. On Wednesday we celebrated Earth day and thought about ways we could look after our planet. Friday we enjoyed a fantastic French day, the children learnt 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' in French. They also created wonderful Eiffel towers and were treated to some French food at the Kestrels french Cafe.

Skylarks

This week in Skylarks class, we have been enjoying reading our new book, Yeti and the Bird, and thinking carefully about what it means to be a good friend. The children shared some fantastic advice to help Yeti learn how to be kind, caring, and supportive to others. We have also begun exploring the seasons, focusing on the signs of spring. During our spring scavenger hunt, the children loved spotting nests high in the treetops, buzzing bees and butterflies, and the beautiful buds and blossom beginning to appear. On Wednesday, we celebrated Earth Day by creating some wonderful Earth-inspired artwork and discussing ways that we can help protect our planet. The children came up with some thoughtful ideas and showed great enthusiasm for caring for the world around them.

Kestrels

In Kestrels this week we have been writing the ending to Riddle of the Runes. We also looked at climates in Geography and then created posters about all of the interesting facts we found out. On Friday we taught the other classes some French and then opened a French cafe. We served crepes, croissants, french bread and brie. We also played petanque in the sunshine and learnt a French song about the months of the year.

Star, Wow and Writer of the week

Owls & Goslings

Writer - Olivia, for lots of lovely mark making.
WOW - Esmae, for a fantastic performance in collective worship.
Star - Ralph, for showing kindness to the younger members of the class.

Skylarks

Writer - Alana, for excellent resilience in cursive writing.
WOW - Eva, for great effort in maths.
Star - Imogen W, for always sharing school values.

Kestrels

Writer - George for excellent effort with his writing.
WOW - Flo for her wonderful and imaginative writing.
Star - Ben for being really kind.

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

Sunday 26 April

Choir Singing at Apex, Bury St Edmunds

Tuesday 5th May

Skylarks Gathering - 2.30pm

Thursday 7th May

Polling Station

Friday 8th May

Celebration Assembly - 9am

Monday 11th - 15th May

SATs week - Yr6

Friday 20th May

Owls & Goslings Gathering - 9.30am

Kestrels Gathering - 2.30pm

Thursday 21st May

Skylarks - Showcase - 2:45pm

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!

Contact Information

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<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/gooderstone/>



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% Good Work Owls ★★★★★

Skylarks: 92%

Kestrels: 92%

National Average: 95%

Our School: 93%

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.

Cake Friday

Cake Friday winner is Heidi!

A big thank you to Mrs Marjeram for donating the yummy Thorntons Triple Layer Chocolate Cake!

Next Cake Friday is 8th May!

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!



School Council Fundraiser



PENNY WARS

The School Council will be running a fun competition over the Summer term called Penny Wars, and we would love your support.

Children are invited to bring in coins over the remainder of this half term and the next to add to their class jars – or, if they're feeling mischievous, to sabotage other classes! The rules of the game are outlined below.

*Class jars will be available from **Wednesday morning**, located at the front of the school by the office.*

Thank you in advance for your support, and may the odds be ever in your favour!

The Aim

The goal is simple: be the class with the highest number of points by the end of Penny Wars!

How to Score Points (Be Kind to Your Own Jar!)

Add pennies to your own class jar.

1p coins = +1 point

2p coins = +2 points

Every penny helps your class climb the leaderboard!

How to Lose Points (Friendly Sabotage!)

You can lower other classes' scores by adding silver or gold coins to their jars:

5p, 10p, 20p, 50p

£1 and £2

These coins count as negative points for that class.

The Winner

The class with the highest total score at the end of the competition wins:

A Film Afternoon

Plus a Snack!

Remember

Pennies help your class

Silver & gold sabotage other classes

Play fair, have fun, and get involved!



Let the Penny Wars begin!



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](#)

[Family Hub - Parent Cafe](#)

It was great to welcome members of the Family Hub team on Friday morning, and it was lovely to see so many parents able to attend.

Sessions like these can be incredibly helpful in supporting parents and families, and we look forward to holding more in the future. These opportunities are most successful with the support and involvement of parents and carers, and we really value your engagement.

We were pleased to be joined by representatives from:

- The School and Community Team – supporting improved outcomes for children with SEND and ensuring early support is in place
- The Autism Support Team – offering a range of services for autistic children and those with social communication differences
- The Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Support Team – providing support for children and young people whose emotional wellbeing impacts their ability to engage with learning



Register for your free pack

witherslackgroup.co.uk/early-years-sen-support-pack

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

THE FRIENDS OF GOODERSTONE PRIMARY
PRESENTS

SUMMER FETE FAMILY FUN DAY

FREE
ENTRY

- >BALLOON TWISTING
- >FACE PAINTING
- >INFLATABLES
- >FOOD VENDORS
- >SWEET TREATS
- >CRAFT STALLS,
CARNIVAL GAMES AND
MORE!

SATURDAY
JUNE 27

@10AM TO 4PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, ALL WELCOME!

COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN
WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR OUR
SCHOOL.

CHARITY NO: 1045069



The Friends of Gooderstone Primary

NON UNIFORM DAY

Friday 8th May 2026

Please wear non uniform
for a donation to our Raffle
Prize Hampers for our
upcoming Summer Fete

Each class has a colour theme for their
hamper raffle prizes:

Kestrels - Red/Pink

Skylarks - Yellow/Orange

Owls&Goslings - Blue/Green

Items could include, toiletries, food items
with long dates, summer theme items etc

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT