# News Sheet

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Horning Hedgehogs

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**Inspiring Creative Learners**

## Stay and play continues!

Sessions in preschool have now started and are running on a weekly basis! - Friday Mornings 9AM-11AM with the next **Friday 20thth January.** The stay and play sessions are open to babies, toddlers and young children aged 2-4 years old including those who don't currently attend the setting. The first session is free, with further sessions costing £2.50.

A chance for parents and carers to meet new families in a caring and supportive environment.



Come and join us for some family fun and learning. Please book in advance via school 01692 630470 or hedgehogs@coastaltogether.co.uk

**Hedgehogs Preschool**

Our first full week back and it certainly has been jam-packed! In Hedgehogs we continuously promote mark-making wherever we can and this week has been no different. Paint, pen, pencils and chalk have all been explored during different circumstances, the children used these different tools and incorporated them into other types of play. For instance, we had menu's being written up in our role-play and measurements being made during construction! What a great way to enhance our learning Hedgehogs!

We have spent the week reminding ourselves of the Monster Phonic characters, their names and what they all look like. A preschool favourite seems to be Angry Red A, we've had all the children storming around with cross faces and folded arms chanting "A, A, A, A." What an easy way to remember the sound!

In Maths, Hedgehogs have been mastering their sorting expertise. We began as a group, recapping on our current skills, with the adults directing the children on their task. The children listened very carefully to their instructions and off they went, seeking out the appropriate objects in order to place them in the correct groups! They all worked independently but would come together when somebody got a little bit stuck, this was lovely to see! In the end, we ended up with 4 perfectly placed coloured groups; red, green, purple and orange. It was great to see the children engage in similar activities during their independent time as well, fantastic work everyone!



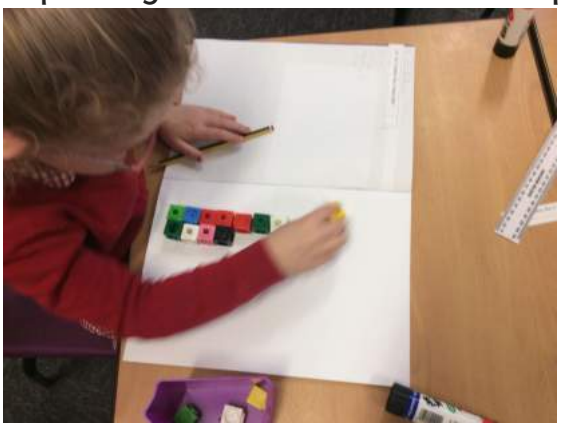



## Otter Class

The children have settled straight back into school and are thoroughly enjoying our new topic London Calling! In English we are looking at the Michael Bond story of Paddington. While considering what Paddintgon may have in his suitcase we played our own memory game "In my suitcase I packed…" We had a banana, shampoo, a unicorn, some Playmobil, a lorry, a car, pictures of my nan, a PS5, an alien, the sun, a phone, a panda and a book! Here is Nathan showing us what his alien in the bag looked like!!



In maths we have continued exploring the 2, 5 and 10 times table in KS1 while Reception children have been exploring the number 5 and the pairs that make five.





## Fox Class-Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Foxes hit a new height with their learning this week as we headed for our first Highball climbing experience. There was great excitement as they geared up with shoes and harnesses. We practised our techniques on the training wall before heading to the real challenge of the day. With a few instructions and time to gain confidence with heights we discovered we have some budding climbers. Many managed to climb to the top of the wall and glide down on the safety ropes. Unfortunately for us the time whizzed by but we are already looking forward to next week!

Back in the classroom, we have begun researching for our non-chronological report. Foxes have discussed the parts of a report so they are confident of its features. Our grammar focused on hyphens and dashes so we have been constantly trying to include these in our writing. A great title was brainstormed for our report - The Anglo-Saxon story Re-told - just showing how we can take our learning and use it in every aspect of our writing.

In maths we have been looking at fractions. Some of us have been dividing and multiplying these by whole numbers while others have been investigating what a fraction is. The all important key similarity being that we have been drawing our fractions to help with our understanding or we have been using manipulatives to show the fraction. Foxes started by thinking about a whole and part of a whole. 'If Horning Primary is the whole, then Foxes are part of the whole.' What a busy part they have been this week?

















# Meet Our School Councillors

Over the last week voting has been cast to nominate our school council members and they are getting ready for their first meeting this term. They have lots of ideas of their own but they are the spokespersons for their classes meaning you all have a voice. If you have any points you would like to raise or ideas to improve your time at Horning make sure you tell your councillor. Watch this space for news!











**Horning Current - Handwriting**

We will be starting our first 'Horning Current' rapid improvement initiative on Tuesday 17th January @9:05 with our parent/carer launch event. We will be focusing on improving handwriting both in school and launching weekly handwriting homework. If you are unable to join us for the launch event please keep an eye open for further updates.

Launch Event
Tuesday 17th January



**Winter PE Kit**

The days are getting colder but if it is dry we always use our outside space for PE. Therefore, it is advisable that your child/ren wears suitable clothing for the colder days. For example; a long sleeved polo shirt or similar, a fleece jumper, shorts with track/fleece bottoms, suitable footwear and socks. Layers are great because they can always be removed.

If children have long hair this must be tied back and any earrings removed for safety.

Let us hope the weather is kind to us over the winter period. Thank you for your kind support.

# Attendance/Safeguarding

**Attendance target set by the government = 96.5%**

**Current updated Horning Primary School attendance this year to date 93.68%**

**The class with the highest attendance this week was Otters achieving 97.50%**

## Amazing - Well Done Otters!

## News and Reminders

PE Days

On the day your child has PE please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit. If they are taking part in sports club and it is not their PE day they should come to school in their uniform and bring kit to change into.

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| **Otter Class - Years R, 1 and 2** | **Friday** |
| **Fox Class - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** | **Friday** |

# Dates for the Diary

| Date | Time | Event |
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| **17/02/2023** | **9:00-9:45** | Otter and Fox class Horning Current Handwriting Launch event - Parents welcome |
| **18/01/2023** | **12:30-3:15** | Fox Class climbing sessions at Highball in Norwich - session 2 |
| **20/01/2023** | **3:15-4:15** | After School Sports Club - Fencing |
| **24/01/2023** | **8:45-3:30** | Fox Class Visit to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Suffolk |
| **25/01/2023** | **All Day** | Otter Class Cathedral and Elm Hill visit |
| **25/01/2023** | **12:30-3:15** | Fox Class climbing sessions at Highball in Norwich - session 3 Final Session |
| **27/01/2023** | **3:15-4:15** | After School Sports Club - Fencing |
| **28/01/2023** | **10.30-2.00** | Horning Village Hall Community Hub Cafe - School has a stall |
| **01/02/2023** | **10:30** | Year 4 depart for Hilltop Residential - Time to be confirmed |

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| **02/02/2023** | **All Day** | Year 4 Hilltop Residential Visit |
| **03/02/2023** | **2:45** | Year 4 Return from Hilltop residential - Time to be confirmed |
| **03/02/2023** | **3:15-4:15** | After School Sports Club - Fencing |
| **10/02/2023** | **3:15** | Break up for February half term holidays |
| **10/02/2023** | **3:15-4:15** | After School Sports Club - Fencing |
| **20/02/2023** | **8:50** | Return to school from February Half Term Holidays |
| **10/03/2022** | **All Day** | MUFTI Day - Chocolate donations requested (These will be used for the Easter Prize draw at the end of Spring term |
| **08/05/2023** | **All Day** | School Closed - Bank Holiday to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III |

## See below for term dates:

## Term Dates







**All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.**

**In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240**

**The link below has more information about fixed penalty notices.**
**Fixed Penalty Notices**



# What's on in Horning Village Hall

