

Friday the 27th of November 2026

E-News

Lakenham Primary School

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Assembly

This week in assembly, we explored the new John Lewis Christmas advert, which tells the story of a grandmother searching for the perfect gifts for her grandchildren. The advert highlights that the true value of a gift is not how much it costs, but the thought, care and love behind it. We discussed the question: "Does a gift need to cost money?" and shared ideas about how kindness, time, effort and homemade presents can often mean just as much, if not more, than something bought from a shop.



TTRS - England Rocks 2026

As you know, Lakenham competed in the national TTRS England Rocks competition between the 17th and 19th of November. The results are in!! **586th out of 2,336 schools in the country** and **66th out of 296 schools in the East of England!**

Top classes in our school:
1st - 4J
2nd - 4K
3rd - 6O

Top scoring students in our school:
1st - Arthur L
2nd - Mia L
3rd - Brian A

Top scoring students in each class:
Arthur, Wren, Esme, Sahana, Mia, Alex, Andre, Arlo, Dakshith, Elise, Nikolas and Araoluwa



Well done to everyone who participated and helped us achieve these fantastic results!

Can Do

A huge well done to all of our Can Do Winners from both this week and last week! We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and positive attitudes you have shown in school. Whether you have impressed your teachers with your effort in lessons, demonstrated kindness towards others, or shown determination when faced with a challenge, you have truly earned this recognition. Keep up the fantastic work and continue being excellent role models for your classmates. We love celebrating your achievements and are looking forward to seeing even more children demonstrating our Can Do attitude in the weeks ahead. Well done, everyone!





Cross Country - Success!

Lakenham Primary were heavily represented by long distance runners at Earlham Park last week for the annual Cross Country running event. The conditions were slightly damp under foot which always means a slightly slippy parkland route but that did not deter the runners. They had an overall success and a number of the children coming in the top ten finishers which is an automatic qualification to the County Finals at Wymondham! This is incredible and a hearty Well Done to the children who took park and represented their school with pride.



Non-Uniform Day 4th of December

Next Friday will be a non-uniform day. The Friends of Lakenham are kindly asking for donations of Jolly Jars for the upcoming Christmas Fair.

If you would like to take part, please fill a clean jar with small treats, sweets or festive goodies and send it into school on Friday.

Your support is greatly appreciated and helps make the Christmas Fair a fun and successful event for all our children and families.



Junior Leadership Team

Young Chefs

Our Young Chefs met this week to discuss the feedback from the questions they had asked their classes. We talked about why some children choose not to have school dinners, what they would like to see on the menu and how we can make lunchtimes even better. There was some fantastic feedback and lots of great ideas for us to take back to the kitchen!

IMPACT

We also had a very important job - taste-testing our Christmas lunch pudding! The Young Chefs had to choose between chocolate and vanilla sponge.
Can you guess which one they chose? Well, you'll just have to wait and see!

Christmas Lunch - 15th of December

Book Now!

BOOK CHRISTMAS LUNCH NOW!

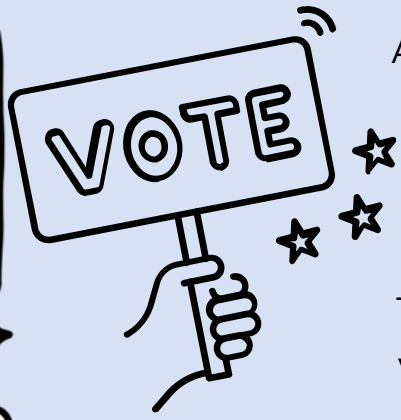
We're looking forward to our annual Christmas Lunch on 15th December! Children can enjoy either a delicious roast turkey or vegetarian roast, served with all the traditional Christmas trimmings, followed by a tasty Christmas tree cake for dessert. We can't wait to celebrate this festive occasion together!

Please remember that all Christmas lunch orders must be pre-booked in advance via Compass to ensure your child receives their chosen meal.

Junior Leadership Team

School Council - UK Parliament Week Voting!

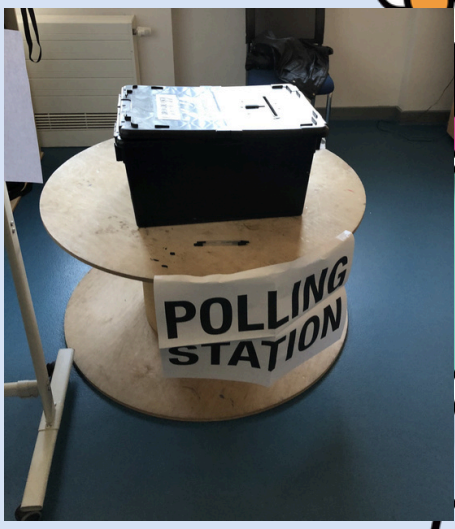
As part of parliament week the children have been learning about democracy, voting, and the important role that governors play in our school community.
We were delighted to welcome two of our school governors who came in to talk to the children about their roles and responsibilities.
The children held polling day and learnt about making choices, having their voices heard and understanding that every vote counts.
It was wonderful to see them taking their responsibilities so seriously and getting involved in the democratic process.



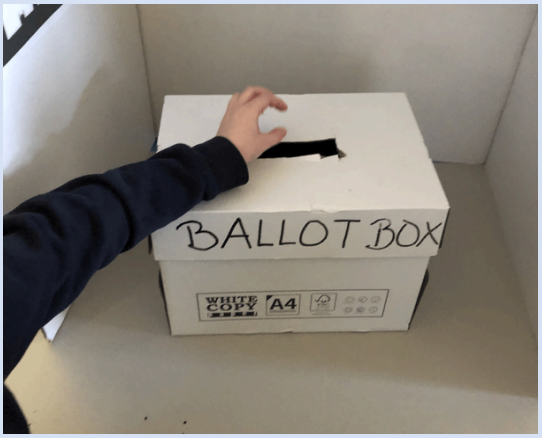
A huge THANK YOU to our governors for giving up their time to share their experiences and help bring learning to life. Who knows, we may have some future councillors, governors or even MP's among us.
The winning vote by the children was for a swing which we will now start to fundraise for with the help of the Friends of Lakenham.

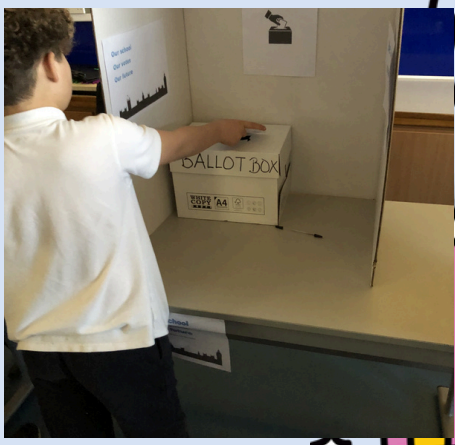












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The Canteen

WEEK 2 MENU

EVERYDAY

Your meal isserved with:

- Unlimited Trips to the Salad Bar
- Bread on request
- Fresh Fruit
- Drink: Water orMilk (on request)

MONDAY

Burrito bowls served with rice and homemade nachos
or
Tomato soup and a cheese toastie

Dessert: Smoothie

TUESDAY

Chicken or cheese and broccoli gnocchi
or
Jacket potato served with a choice of tuna, cheese or beans

Dessert: Carrot cake

WEDNESDAY

Sticky garlic and soy salmon or vegetable noodles
or
Hummus, roasted vegetable and homemade bread

Dessert: Fruit salad

THURSDAY

Tuna or tomato pasta bake
or
Egg fried rice served with stir fried vegetables

Dessert: Cookies

FRIDAY

Chicken or veggie roast dinner served with all of the trimmings

Dessert: Apple crisp with greek yoghurt



Sunflowers

The Sunflower class enjoyed another interactive week of PE this week. They developed further their climbing skills, building confidence and exploring different ways to move. We also practiced our throwing and catching skills using a yoga ball. There was a huge emphasis on their hand-eye coordination, teamwork and taking turns. Lots of energy, enthusiasm and smiles were guaranteed as we continued to learn through movement and play.

This week we made some yummy jam tarts; we all took it in turn to add the ingredients, mixing it all together to make the pastry. We then rolled it out to cut out our jam tart bases. We all then took it in turns to add the jam middle.
For our final week on our Autumn topic, we made some squirrels; we painted the squirrels first. Once they were dried we added our hand cut outs to make the squirrels tail.













Nursery

This week in nursery we have talked about different emotions and what it means to be kind. We thought about what makes us sad, angry and happy. We very much enjoyed our Christmas 'stay and play' and it was so lovely to have so many grown-ups and siblings join us so thank you all for coming! We have focussed on counting quantities to 3 and beyond and sung the rhyme 'Baa baa black sheep' as well as practising some Christmas songs and rhymes. As part of Parliament Week we were asked to vote for which type of play equipment we would like to see at school and some children delivered our votes to the ballot box upstairs! We are looking forward to hearing what the result was. Have a lovely weekend and keep warm!











At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GRAND THEFT AUTO VI

Grand Theft Auto 6 (also stylised as GTA VI) has been one of the most highly anticipated games of this generation, following GTA V, one of the best-selling video games of all time. Set in the fictional state of Leonida, including Vice City, it follows criminal partners Jason and Lucia as they become embroiled in a wider conspiracy. Although GTA VI is intended for adult audiences, its enormous popularity means that younger people may still encounter gameplay footage online or express an interest in playing it.

AGE RESTRICTION PEGI 18

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXTREMELY VIOLENT CONTENT

GTA VI is rated PEGI 18 for a reason. Players may encounter weapons like guns, knives and explosives, with violence portrayed in highly realistic ways. As in previous GTA games, players may also encounter violence involving vehicles and other characters. The game is categorically not for younger audiences, with blood, gore, and intense violence clearly identified in its official content

SENSITIVE SOCIETAL TOPICS

Like other games in the Grand Theft Auto franchise, GTA VI uses satire to explore aspects of society and contemporary culture. Its exaggerated characters and situations are fictional and may be intended to challenge or mock particular attitudes rather than endorse them. Younger viewers, however, may struggle to recognise this context and could misunderstand jokes, stereotypes, or social commentary without guidance from a trusted adult.

TALKING TO STRANGERS ONLINE

GTA Online, the multiplayer experience associated with GTA V, allows players to communicate with others online. GTA VI has been announced as a single-player experience at launch, so the same in-game chat risks should not yet be assumed. Children may still discuss the game through other online platforms potentially encountering strangers, inappropriate language and adult themes.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE

Throughout GTA VI's storyline, drugs and alcohol form part of the game's criminal world. The official content rating identifies the use of both, while Rockstar's character descriptions reference drug runners and dealers. Earlier titles also showed substance use affecting how characters see and move around the world. Younger viewers may struggle to understand these portrayals in the context of a fictional crime story, particularly without guidance from a trusted adult.

NUDITY AND SEX

Relationships and sexual themes feature in GTA VI, while previous GTA titles have allowed players to visit strip clubs and solicit sex workers. It should also be recognised that GTA VI's graphics aim to be realistic, meaning depictions of nudity and sexual content may be explicit. Official ratings confirm nudity and strong sexual content, although details of specific scenes should not be assumed from earlier games.

OPTIONAL IN-GAME PURCHASES

As with its predecessor, GTA VI includes optional in-game purchases that use real-world money. While these purchases are not necessary to play the game, the appeal of additional content may encourage some players to spend more. Younger players may not fully appreciate the cost or how quickly small payments add up.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental controls can block age-restricted games, but they won't remove GTA VI's adult themes from elsewhere online. On PS5, go to Settings > Family and Parental Controls > Family Management, select the child and choose your restrictions. On Xbox Series X|S, use Settings > Account > Family settings, or the Xbox Family Settings app, to manage age restrictions and screen time.

LIMIT ACCESS TO BANK DETAILS

Limiting access to banking details helps prevent accidental or unauthorised purchases. Avoid storing payment details on a child's account and require approval before spending. On PS5, parents and carers can set a monthly spending limit through Family Management. On Xbox Series X|S, the Ask to Buy feature can request adult approval for purchases, helping children and young people understand their real-world cost.

COMMUNICATION RESTRICTIONS

On PS5 and Xbox Series X|S, parental controls can restrict voice chat, messages, friend requests, and communication with other players. Parents and carers can limit interactions to approved friends or prevent communication altogether, depending on the available settings. These restrictions are especially helpful for reducing children's exposure to strangers, inappropriate language and adult themes through console chats or other multiplayer games.

MAKE THIS A CONVERSATION

Even if a child is not playing GTA VI, they may still watch gameplay clips, livestreams or trailers shared by friends and content creators. It's important to talk openly with children about why GTA VI has an adult age rating and discuss its violence, crime, strong language, sexual themes, satirical lens, and other mature content. Ask what interests them about the game and what they already know. Talk about the difference between fictional behaviour and real-world consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 12+ years as a journalist, editor and social media expert. He's travelled the world playing video games and working with publishers and developers to fine tune their audience messaging. When he's not gaming, he can be found watching horror and sci-fi movies, TV series, listening to music or deciding which world marathon to plod around.



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Reception

Our week started off with us receiving a very exciting letter from Santa. He invited us to write a letter to him to share what we would like for Christmas, if we celebrate it. We will be posting our letters sometime next week so please look out for a dojo post/email with details.

Whilst talking about Christmas, don't forget it is our Christmas family cafe on Thursday 3rd December at 9am. We hope to see lots of you there for some festive fun.

We have been talking about our families this week and discussing how all families are different. We shared who is in our family and had a go at drawing them. We spoke about how families change over time, through new members being born and people growing up. We also discussed different homes and how some people have lived in another country too.

At Nature School we created the backgrounds for our Joseph Cornell assemblage boxes, using autumnal natural objects. In PE we took part in different races with obstacles to avoid, to explore moving in a range of ways.

Our new phonemes this week are - x y and x. Please continue to practise all of the Phase 2 sounds at home and aim to read at least 3 times a week too.

In Maths, we have been building on our understanding of the composition of numbers by exploring the composition of 3, 4 and 5, using part, part, whole.











Year One

Year 1 have had another busy week! In provision, we have been continuing to make feasts for the castle but this time children have been writing invites and menus for the feast. We have also been reviewing our knowledge of the parts of a castle by designing our own castle for us to build next week! We made sure we included all the important parts. The children have also enjoyed building lots of different castles using blocks and Lego. In the art area, we have been using our mark making skills to make flags for our castle. In English, we have continued reading George's dragon. We pretended we went to the same pet shop as George and got our own pet dragon. We have then been using the conjunction 'and' to write some super sentences about the story. In Maths, we have been looking very carefully at numbers to 5 and how we can partition these in lots of different ways. Some of us have even started using a systematic approach to make sure we find all the ways of making a number. In R.E, we continued our learning about the nativity story. We were thinking about why it was so important that Jesus was born in a stable. In DT, we have designed our very own hand puppets and we are very excited to start making these next week! Well done year 1 for a fantastic week!



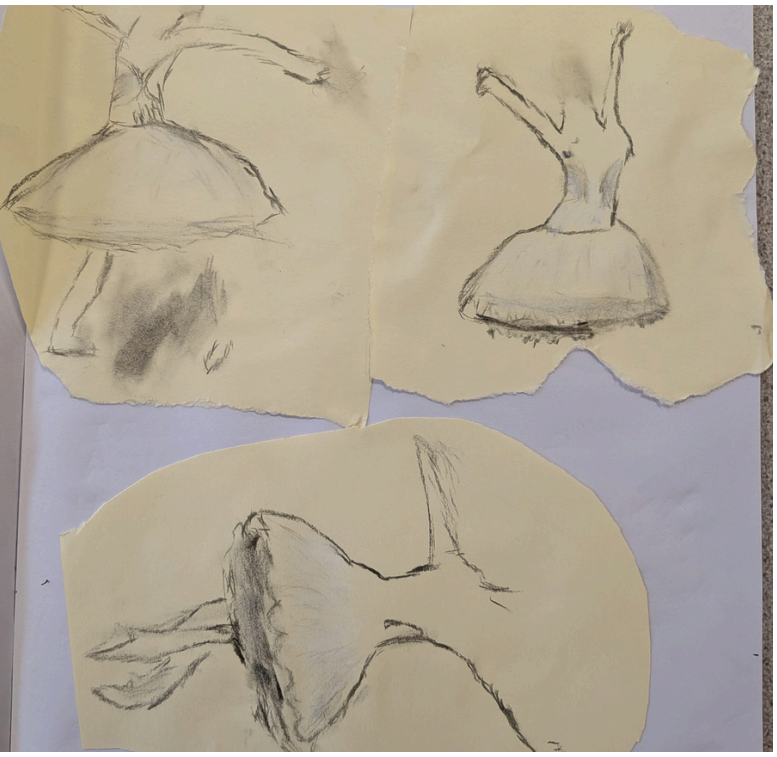


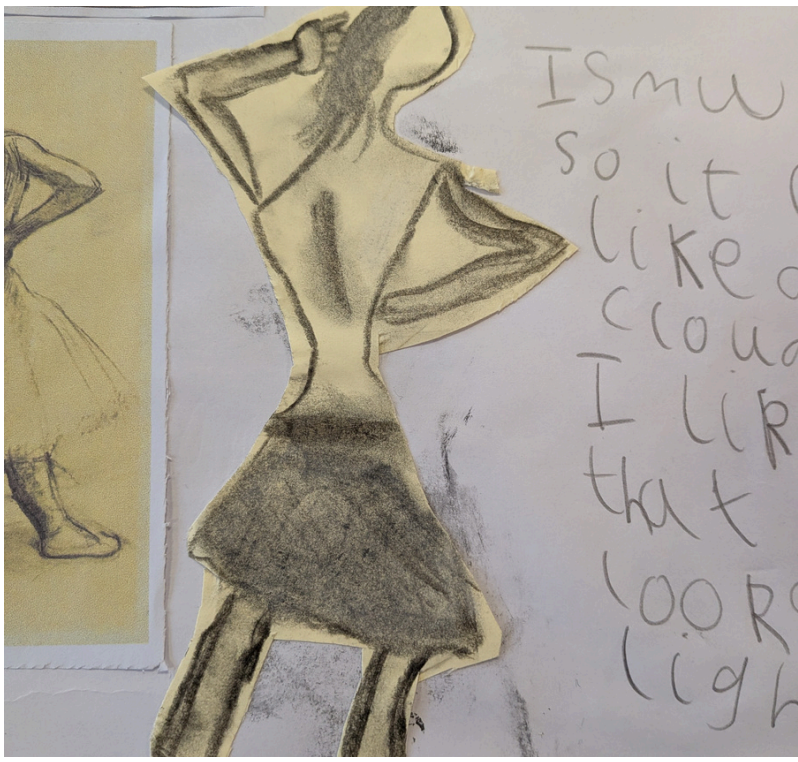




Year Two

This week year 2 have explored India through group reading and English. In reading they have read non-fiction text to retrieve information such as the weather, animals that live there and the clothing people wear. In English they enjoyed a cultural story called Pattan's Pumpkin about the floods in the valley. After looking closely at the main character, they wrote their own character descriptions and developed their own character which will be used in their own stories. In art, they have studied the movement of ballet dancers sketched by Degas and created their own sketches based on this. What talented artists we have in year 2!







Year Three

This week we have started to write a biography of Howard Carter. He is the man to find the last tomb in the valley of the kings. Alongside this we have continued learning about Ancient Egypt in History and animals including humans in Science. We also had a brilliant Thursday afternoon exploring the patterns of Gustav Klimt through the medium of clay. We carved it, printed into it and coiled it to make it relief. These will eventually turn into tiles which will allow a visually impaired audience experience his work.









The Friends of Lakenham

AUTUMN TERM Events

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER



SPONSORED WALK
at Whitlingham Country Park

COMPLETED!

RAISED £1283

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER



QUIZ NIGHT
in the school hall
6:30pm



COMPLETED!

RAISED £275

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER



NON-UNIFORM DAY
We kindly ask for raffle prize donations for the Christmas Fair.



FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER



NON-UNIFORM DAY
We kindly ask for Jolly Jar donations for the Christmas Fair.



FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER



WREATH MAKING
with Mrs Williams



THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER



CHRISTMAS FAIR



Please save the dates!

MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW

Year Four

What a wonderful week of learning and creativity!

This week, we have been busy exploring, creating and discovering! We edited our setting descriptions, and they turned out to be wonderfully imaginative and full of fun ideas. In Maths, we explored what squared numbers are using counters and arrays to help us understand this concept. We also became historians, investigating the similarities and differences between tribes and towns.

We also showed incredible generosity when it came to donating raffle prizes. Thank you for your kindness and support!

Well done, everyone, for another fantastic week of learning!

Year Five

Year 5 have enjoyed a busy and varied week of learning! In maths, we have been exploring factors square numbers and cube numbers, developing our understanding of multiplication and the relationships between numbers.

In English, we have continued writing our setting descriptions inspired by Clockwork. We have focused on bringing the warm, welcoming tavern to life through carefully chosen vocabulary and sensory details. The glowing stove, steaming food and busy room provide a striking contrast to the cold, icy streets outside.

In science, we have been researching the different planets in our solar system, gathering information about their features and exploring what makes each one distinctive.

A highlight of our week was our visit to St Mark's Church. This gave us the opportunity to connect our recent learning about Christianity with the features of a church. We explored how Christians celebrate and worship God, considering how religious imagery helps them express their beliefs and provides a focus for worship and reflection.



Christmas Church Extravaganza

This year, we are excited to be holding our Christmas Church Extravaganza on Friday 18th December.

Following feedback from parents last year about the number of events taking place during the final week of term, we have streamlined our Christmas celebrations. As a result, we will not be holding a traditional Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance this year. Instead, our talented Musical Theatre Club members will take on the acting roles, showcasing their skills, while children across the school will join in with a range of festive songs and performances.

Performance Times

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Performance

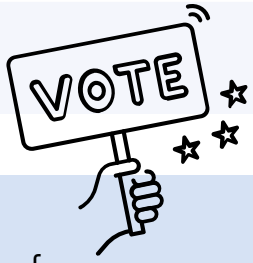
- Starts: 10:00am
- Doors open: 9:00am
- Refreshments will be available to purchase before the performance.

Years 3 to 6 Performance

- Starts: 2:00pm
- Doors open: 1:00pm
- Refreshments will be available to purchase before the performance.

We are looking forward to celebrating the festive season together and sharing the children's wonderful performances with you.

Parent Governor Vacancy



Could you make a difference to our school?

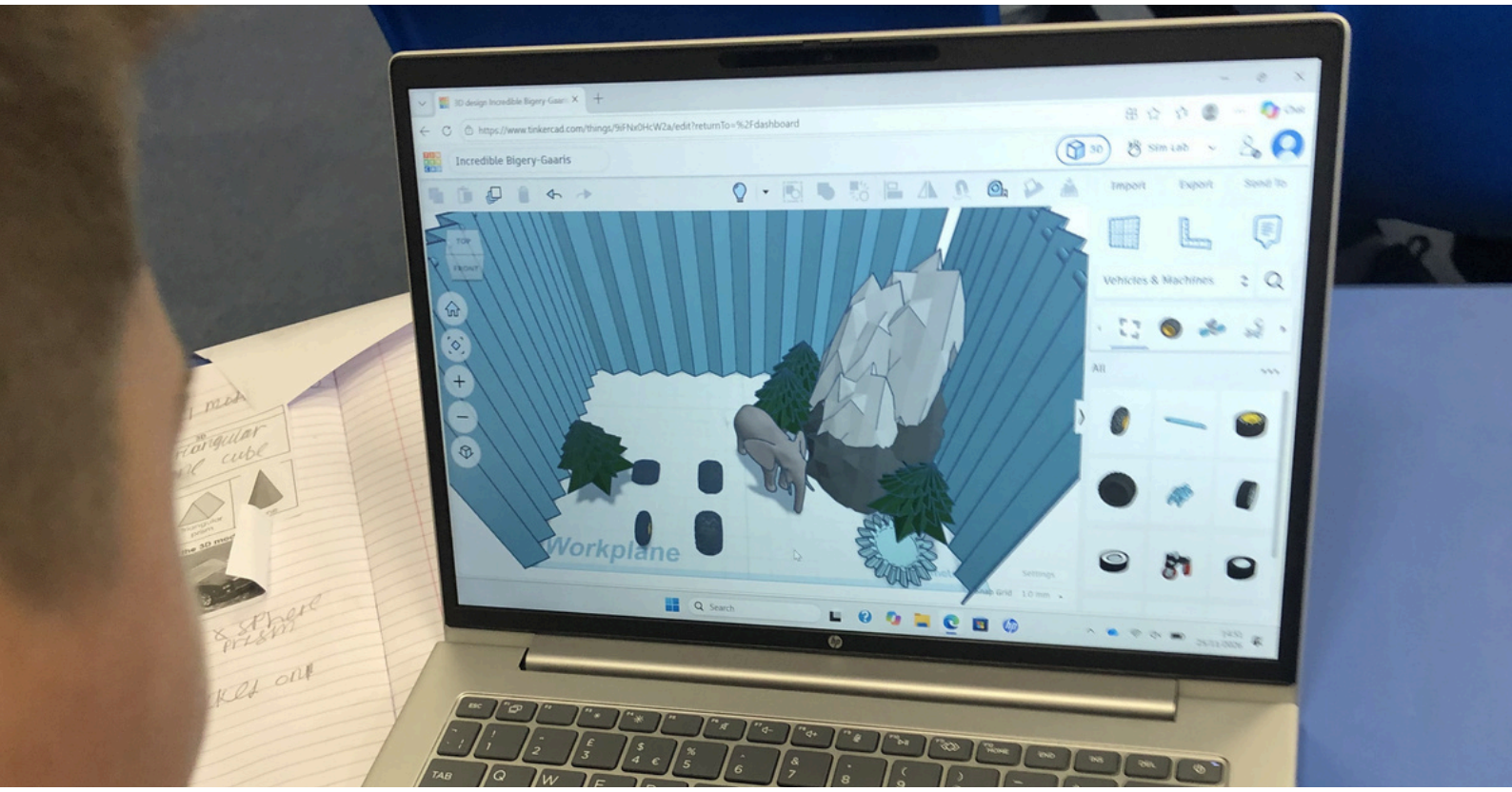
We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and are inviting nominations from parents and carers who would like to help shape the future of Lakenham Primary School & Nursery.

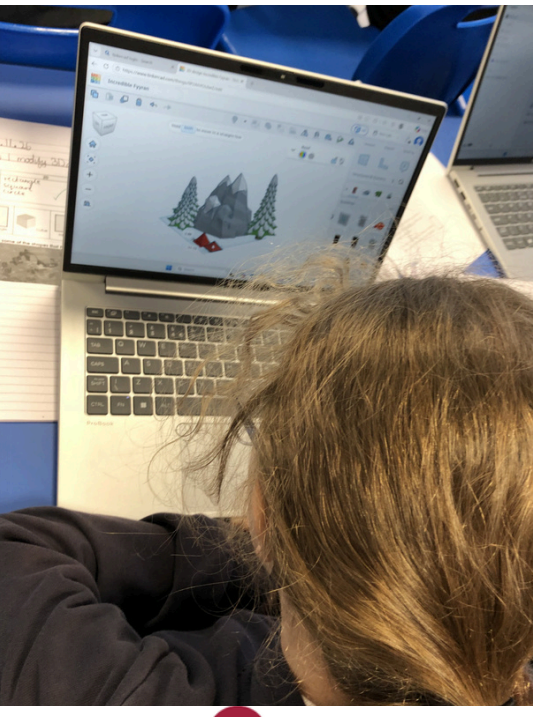
Governors play an important role in supporting and challenging school leaders, helping to ensure that all children receive the best possible education. No specific qualifications are needed, just a commitment to the school and a willingness to contribute your skills and experience.

Voting information has been sent in an email from Mrs Williams on Wednesday 25th of November, 2026 via Compass. This explains how parents and carers can take part in the election process. We encourage everyone to take part and have their voice heard.

Year Six

This week, the children have completed their PATs (Pratice SATs) incredibly well. It has been great to see how much progress the children have made already. Well done, Year 6! As well as this, the children have learned about the Windrush and created their own books about it. We also learned about Hinduism and what it means to be a good Hindu. In Computing, we began learning how to use TinkerCad to create 3D models on the computer. The children did a great job at creating different models from cars, to buildings and nature scenes. Just a reminder: we have our Art Cafe on Wednesday 9th December at 2:30pm! It would be great to see you.







Attendance









Whole School Attendance: 93.8%

Important Information

Please check the timetable below for your child's PE days and ensure they come to school in the correct kit, dressed appropriately for the weather. Please note that children may occasionally take part in additional PE or physical activities outside their usual PE day.

Click here for the school Facebook | Click here for the online calendar

PE Timetable

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	**PE** **LOTC**				
Year One		**PE**		**PE**	**LOTC**
Year Two	**PE (2F)**	**PE (2G)**	**LOTC** **Gymnastics**		
Year Three		**PE (3I)**			**PE (3I)** **Swimming (3H)**
Year Four		**PE** **LOTC**	**PE**		
Year Five			**LOTC** **Gymnastics**		
Year Six				**PE**	**PE**

Upcoming events

Date	Event	Year Group
2nd of December	Parent Cafe @ 2.30pm	Year 3
3rd of December	Parent Cafe – Reading @ 9am	Reception
4th of December	Non-Uniform Day – Jolly Jars	All
9h of December	Parent Cafe – Art @ 2.30pm	Year 6
11th of December	FOL Wreath Making	Parents
17th of December	Christmas Fair	All
18th of December	Christmas Extravaganza at St Marks @ Doors at 9am, Performance begins 10am	Reception – Year 2
18th of December	Christmas Extravaganza at St Marks @ Doors at 1pm, Performance begins 2pm	Years 3 – 6

Upcoming trips

Date	Event	Year Group
4th of December	Castle Trip	Year 1

Friends of Lakenham

HELP NEEDED!

Can you help at our Christmas Fair?

If you're able to help, please email

✉ FOL@lakenhamprimary.org.uk

or give your name to the school office.

Thank you!

TOMBOLA PRIZES NEEDED



Please take donations for tombola prizes to the school office anytime between now and the Christmas Fair.

HAMPER DONATIONS

Non School Uniform Day
Friday 27th November



In exchange for a non-school uniform day on Friday 27th November, we ask families to donate items for Christmas Hampers. The hampers will be available to win by raffle at the Christmas Fair.

JOLLY JARS

Non-School Uniform Day
Friday 4th December



Start saving your jam jars now! Fill them up with pre-wrapped sweets and decorate them how you wish. We can't wait to see them all in exchange for a non-school uniform day on Friday 4th December.

Don't forget to visit the Jolly Jar stall at the Christmas Fair to win a jar to take back home!

Thank you for your support

ART 4 YOUTH

Norwich art School

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS



Quality Art Education for ages 7 to 16

Art4Youth Norwich, is a not-for-profit community art school inspiring young creatives through expert art tuition.

We offer a range of art classes, from en plein air sketching to manga illustration and fine art painting.

WEEKLY SET COURSES

Whether your child is just starting out or already a keen creative, we provide a safe and nurturing space for them to develop their skills.



Friday Night Sketching Club

Visit our website or follow us on Instagram and FaceBook for updates on our 2027 programme.

SCAN ME

Carrow House
301 Kings Street
Norwich NR1 2TN

www.art4youth.org.uk



Free places available

2027 Exhibition
The Forum, Norwich
27-29 June

Supported by Norwich Freemen's Charity

NATIONAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS TENNIS CAMP



Action packed Christmas camp with themed challenges, skills, games & fun.

All equipment provided, no experience necessary.

SCAN TO BOOK

21 – 22 DEC

9:00 – 11:30am

£16 per day · £27 both days

5 – 10 YEAR OLDS

CITY OF NORWICH SCHOOL (INDOOR SPORTS HALL)

nationaltennis.org.uk/play/holiday-camps

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