

NEWSLETTER

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Every Day Counts



This year we will continue to celebrate 100% attendance at the end of each term and children can earn a bronze certificate at the end of term 1, silver at the end of term 2 and gold award and 100% badges and certificates at the end of the school year. Children who earn the gold badge will automatically join Miss Ellington 100% attendance team. Every week we celebrate the class with the best attendance in Key Stage 1 (including Reception) and Key Stage 2. The winner each week gets a certificate, awarded in assembly, which can be proudly displayed in their classroom. A huge congratulations to our children that were presented with their badges this week!

In line with Government guidelines, we have an attendance initiative called Every Day Counts, in order to heighten awareness of the importance of attending school each day and to improve school attendance in all of our schools. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Start building this habit in Reception so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important.

Research has shown that there is a strong link between levels of attendance at school and levels of achievement. Students with high levels of attendance tend to gain better results in tests and examinations than students with lower attendance levels. Children with good attendance are more than twice as likely to pass their English and Maths GCSEs compared to those who are persistently absent. If your child is healthy, they should be in school.

Please see the DfE guidance for parents:

- [Is my child too ill for school?](#)
- [everything you need to know about school attendance](#)
- [school attendance and absence](#)



Every Day Counts ✓

Supporting Good School Attendance

Guidance for Parents / Carers
Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

Did you know? **90% Attendance**
for one year = 4 weeks of learning missed, this is called persistent absence.

justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

Norfolk County Council

Key Dates for your diary	Please start bringing non-perishable items in for Harvest 23.9.24	Reading at Upwell Parents Meeting 25.9.24 3:30pm	Harvest Festival Methodist church 27.9.24 1:30pm	Methodist Church Family Garden party 2pm-5pm
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Year 5 Lunchtime Buddies

At the start of the Year, our Year 5 pupils can put themselves forward for the role of Lunchtime Buddy. Miss Stacey leads the team who are timetabled to support in the dining hall and outside at various times in the week. They are an integral part of school-life and play an active role in supporting our younger pupils and being great role models. Well done Year 5!



Later in the year, we will be introducing a new initiative for **Sports Leaders** in Upper Key stage 2. West Norfolk Sports Partnership and Miss Payne will train the pupils for the role. More information coming soon.



Junior Duke Award

Today Mr Harper launched the Junior Duke Award scheme for Year 5. It is a fantastic opportunity for children to undertake a wide range of activities that will help them to develop independence and resilience. All children in Year 5 are able to take part in the challenge, and those that complete it will be awarded a badge and certificate to celebrate their effort. As part of the launch assembly, two members of Year 6 described their experience of taking part in the challenge and explained why they enjoyed it so much. Find out more on the [Junior Duke website](#).



Can we ask that our Year 6 children return their logbooks please and Mr Harper will sign off your completed tasks. We will present the certificates and badges for any children that have completed 7 out of 10 tasks.

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HARVEST festival SERVICE

27 SEP
COME JOIN US
UPWELL METHODIST CHURCH
FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER
At 1:30PM

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Year 4 Junior Librarian

Do you want a very important role at school?

Are you organised and helpful?

Do you love books?

Apply Now!

Skills Boosters

explicitly linked to our Curriculum

Upwell Academy

Start on Wednesday 18th September

- 1 Mathematics
- 2 Reading
- 3 Writing
- 4 Grammar Skills

3:15-4pm
Pupils invited to attend.
Biscuit & drink provided!

Speak to your child's class teacher for more information.

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**Harvest Service at Upwell Methodist Church
on Friday 27th September at 1.30pm.**

**If you can donate non-perishable food items these will be
collected for the Foodbank.**

**UPWELL GARDEN CHURCH
INVITE YOU TO A FREE**

FAMILY GARDEN PARTY

**AT UPWELL METHODIST CHURCH GARDENS
SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
2PM - 5PM**

BRING A GARDEN CHAIR/BLANKET AND ENJOY



**GAMES & ACTIVITIES
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS
BOUNCY CASTLE**



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Our 'Date for your Diary' will be added to each week and can also be found on the [Academy Calendar](#) page of our website.



Autumn Term 2024	
2 nd & 3 rd September	Staff Inset
4 th September	Term Starts – children return
9 th September	Year 4 Bikeability
14 th September	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
13 th September	Roald Dahl Writing Day – Dress in yellow or yellow accessory
17 th September	Kids with Bricks Club Starts – Runs for 6 weeks
18 th September	After school Curriculum Boosters start
19 th September	Aspens 'Mighty Morning Brunch' Special Lunch
23 rd September	KS1 Active Kids Festival
27 th September	Harvest Festival Service Upwell Methodist Church 1:30pm Parents Invited
28 th September	Family Fun afternoon in Methodist Church gardens 2-5pm
1 st October	Whole School Flu Immunisations
October	Black History Month (14 th -18 th Oct)
3 rd October	Year 3&4 Quick Sticks Hockey
3rd October	Aspens 'Favourite Food Day' Special Lunch
4 th October	Tag Rugby Taster Session Year 5 and 6 Girls
4 th October	National Poetry Day
9 th October	Fire Fighters Visit Reception Class TBC
10 th October	2025-26 EYFS Intake Meeting 6pm
10 th October	Downham Cross Country Event
17 th October	FOSA Halloween Disco & Non-uniform Day
21 st October	Parents Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
23 rd October	Parents Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
20 th October	Downham Football Cluster Event
24 th October	Poppy Art collected for St. Peter's Church display
25 th October	Teacher Inset
25th Oct - 3rd Nov	Half-Term
4 th November	Children return to school
4 th November	Final Submission date for annual Library Bookmark Art Contest
4 th November	PLT Poppy Appeal - Poppies available to buy
November	EYFS Firefighter Visit TBC
7 th November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
9 th November	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
11 th November	Remembrance Assembly
12 th November	Kids with Bricks Club starts – runs for 6 weeks
13 th November	Whole School Individual & Sibling Photographs



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16 th November	King's Lynn Football Club Mixed Cup Event
17 th November	King's Lynn Football Club Girl's Cup Event
17 th November	Peterborough Football Club Special Assembly
15 th November	Children in Need FOSA Bake Sale
20 th November	Y6 Height & Weight
21 st November	Aspens 'Sparkle Spectacular Bonfire Bangers' Special Lunch
22 nd November	Cross Country Finals
25 th November	Year 5 & 6 Develop Tag Rugby
27 th November	Whole school flu immunisations
28 th -31 st November	Book Fair Visit 3:30-4:30pm
29 th November	Year 2 Romans Day (further details to follow)
29 th November	Christingle Service Methodist Church? St Peters?
30 th November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
30 th November	Year 3 Egyptians Day
9 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 1:30pm Parents Invited
10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 1:30pm Parents Invited
11 th December	Whole school Panto Day – Cinderella: King's Lynn Corn Exchange
12 th December	Save the Children: Christmas Jumper Day & Whole school Christmas Lunch
17 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm
19 th December	Aspens Festive Fun Special Lunch
20 th December	Term Ends. Christmas Holiday 21 st December – 7 th Jan
Spring Term 2024	
6 th January	Staff Inset
7 th January	Children return to school
8 th January	King's Lynn Police Visit
11 th January	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
13 th January	Key Stage1 Dance Workshops start
16 th January	EYFS Reading Bears Naming Ceremony (parents invited 9am)
16 th January	Zoo Lab Visit EYFS, Y1 & Year 5
12 th January	Maths Subject Showcase (parents invited 9-10am)
15 th January	Cluster Football Competition
16 th January	Aspens 'Lunar New Year' Special Lunch
19 th January	Reading subject Showcase (parents invited 9-10am)
20 th January	KS1 Active Kids event
23 rd January	National Handwriting Day
29 th January	PSC Meeting for Year 1 parents plus crafty cuppa (2pm)
30 th January-5 th Feb	National Story Telling Week
30 th January	Story Writing Day
5 th February	Year 3 Pizza Making – Pizza Express
7 th February	Mathematics Subject Showcase 8:45-9:45am (Parents Invited) Number Day – Mathematics Professions
11 th February	Safer Internet Day
13 th February	Year 3 Crafty Cuppa Parents invited 2pm
15 th – 23 rd February	Half-Term
24 th February	Children return to school



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1 st March	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
3 rd –8 th March	National Careers Week Year 5 & 6
10 th March	Y3/4 Bee Netball Festival
24 th – 27 th February	Year 5 Bikeability
14 th – 22 nd March	British Science Week – STEM Week
6 th March	World Book Day: Dress as your favourite book character & Best Dressed Competition! +Author Visit (tbc) & Aspens Special Lunch
10 th March	Tempest Whole Class Photos
14 th March	Reception class Vision & Hearing Tests
21 st March	Comic Relief
24 th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
25 th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
21 st March	Planetarium Visit YR, Y2, Y5
21 st March	FOSA Easter Disco
25 th March	Year 2 Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn
27 th March	Year 5 Young Sports Leaders Interviews
27 th March	FOSA Easter Disco
27 th March	Easter Assembly
28 th March	EYFS Farm Trip
4 th April	Downham Cluster Football Tournament
4 th April	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 5 th March –22 nd April
Summer Term	
21 st April	Staff Inset
22 nd April	Children return to school
22 nd April	Earth Day – Energy Sparks Assembly
26 th April	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
30 th April	Y6 Crucial Crew visit
2 nd May	Harry Potter Writing Day
12 th May	Key Stage 2, Yr 6 SATS Week
TBC	Year 4 Oliver Cromwell House Trip
15 th May	Aspens Out of this World Special Lunch
22 nd May	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 – 4:15pm
19 th May	Potential RNLI Assembly to KS2
25 th – 2 nd June	Half-Term
3 rd June	Children return to school
TBC	Year 3 Houghton Hall
5 th June	Mini Tennis Lynnsport
9 th June	Year 1 Phonics & Times Tables check
14 th June	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
19 th June	Aspens 'Dive into the Deep Blue' Special Lunch
23 rd June	School Sports Partnership Quadkids Athletics
30 th June – 2 nd July	Year 6 Residential Claythorpe Court
1 st July	Downham Cluster Area Sports
7 th - 11 th July	Sport Week
9 th July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)



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10 th July	Mini Tennis event Lynnsport
15 th July	Reserve Sports Day
10 th July	FOSA End of Year Disco
14 th July	Transition Week - Move up Assembly 14 th July 9am
17 th July	Aspens 'The Big Picnic' Special Lunch
17 th July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop 3:20-3:50pm
21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
22 nd July	Pupil Leadership Team Speeches and Polling Station
22 nd July	Term ends



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