

November 25 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you've all had a wonderful half term with your children. Eight weeks was a long first half of term and I'm sure that they have welcomed the chance to have a good rest and feel refreshed for what is always a very busy time in a primary school.

Below are the usual community notices and reminders and a slightly updated dates section. This contains reference to the forthcoming parents/carers evenings. This year we are operating a new booking system and this should be going live on Tuesday the 4th November at 12pm. More information on how to access this will be shared tomorrow after we've had the chance to test it.

There's also reference in the dates section to a remembrance day assembly which we will hold for the children on the 11th (the school is also being used for a community remembrance service on Sunday 9th). This means that Poppies and Poppy related items will be for sale at school through out the next week and up to the 11th. Money collected for this will go directly to the Royal British Legion charity, as usual there is no set donation for the actual paper poppy but other items, reflective badges etc. should be a minimum donation of £1.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

Paul Baddeley



Playground Project



We are finally starting to hear some positive news in terms of our protracted planning application and think that we will be in a position to schedule some initial works very soon. The action group in school, which meets regularly to discuss the project, will meet again this

week and try to build on the publicity we were able to attract to this recently through the school's 150 years celebrations. Thanks to anybody who has donated in recent days.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/holywellschool150thann>

You may well remember that earlier in the term Lucy from Y6 went above and beyond by creating hundreds of individual paper snails and selling these on the school playground to help us to raised more funds for the project with great success. Now sisters Eva and Freya are keen to do their bit too and have collected together many soft toys which they will be selling on the playground throughout the next week to help further boost the fund. The children heard all about this in our final assembly of the half term and may well have mentioned it at home. We are very grateful for their efforts and their generosity.

School Governance

Many of you will be aware that our longstanding Chair of Governors, Alan Whitaker stood down at the end of the last academic year. Alan had continued in this role even though he had moved to Lincolnshire during his term of office. We are extremely grateful for all his efforts on behalf of the school and it's lovely that we still see him from time to time as he has a grand child at the school.

I'm very pleased to say that at our most recent full governing body a new chair of Governors was elected. Mrs Debbie Woo is that person and has made an excellent start to her time in the role. We are delighted to be working with her and so pleased that she has taken on this important role. A summary of what else was discussed at the meeting is detailed below.

As this was the first meeting of the academic year we covered a lot of annual housekeeping which included approving the policies that need reviewing annually. We also set the meeting dates for the rest of the year. During the meeting we also listened to a comprehensive Headteacher report covering SEN, Performance management, Pupil Premium, relevant data as well as safeguarding, Governors were reminded of their compliance duties and we looked at the new useful Knowledge tab on GovernorHub and discussed governor training.

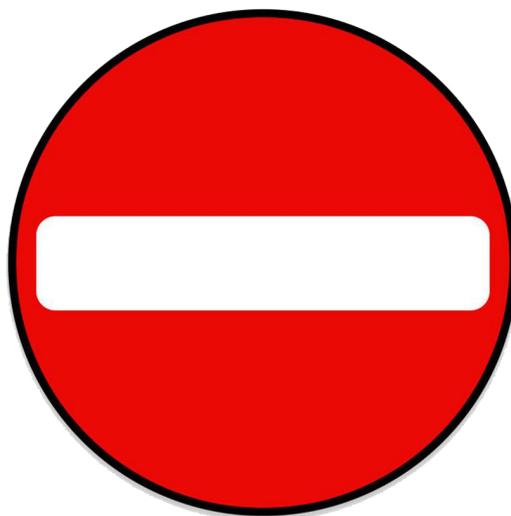
As well as the above it was also noted that due to a term of office having run its course we are now able to advertise a **vacancy for a parent governor**. I have attached some more information about this separately to the newsletter and this includes a self nomination form. Please note you do need to be a parent or carer of a child registered at the school to nominate yourself. The deadline for nominations is the 14th November. Please do let me know if you have any questions..

Harvest Update



Thank you so much for all the donations that we received for the Foodbank as part of our Harvest Assembly earlier in the term. We were able to put a quite substantial amount together. Callum and Gary from the foodbank gave the children some really informative information about how this would be used and why it is so important.

Safety at School



Thank you very much for your understanding regarding my previous communication about remembering not to park on the yellow zigzags and not smoking whilst lining up to pick up children. This is really appreciated. I'm aware that there are still some issues for local residents about the parking near the school. When I've tried to follow this up with local enforcement I have been told that there is a new system in place to deal with this and it is possible for residents to self refer. Please see link below

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/streets-parking/parking/civil-parking-enforcement/>

I'd also like to remind parents and carers that the school carpark is only meant for the cars and bicycles of school staff or visitors, unless school have agreed a specific arrangement. The carpark can very quickly become a dangerous place with vehicles turning in a tight and busy space which also serves as pedestrian access. The sign which we put out at the beginning and end of the day to close the carpark is a vital part of ensuring that everyone is safe. It should only ever be moved by a member of school staff, please don't move it as a courtesy or politeness to any car trying to exit or enter the carpark at this time. If you think that the sign has been left out in error, please let the school office know. Even when the sign is up and the carpark is closed children should still not play in this area whilst waiting to enter or leave the school.

Community Notices

Please find attached information on some local art based competitions that we've been made aware of, apologies but the deadlines for both of these are quite close so do please read now if you are interested in this.

The entry form relates to the 'Drawn to St. Ives' - Norris Museum competition.

More information about Ben Obese-Jecty's Christmas Card competition is below.

This year's theme is "Christmas in the Constituency", and Ben would encourage pupils to design a card that reflects festive scenes or traditions from across Huntingdon and the surrounding villages. To ensure the winning design can be reproduced clearly, we kindly ask that entries are:

- *2D only*
- *Free from glitter (as it does not scan well)*

The winning design will be used as Ben's official Christmas card this year and sent to hundreds of people across the constituency. Ben hopes to personally present the winning designer with a certificate and small gift before Christmas.




BEN OBESE-JECTY'S
CHRISTMAS CARD
COMPETITION

OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY AGED SCHOOL
 CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 4-11

“CHRISTMAS IN THE CONSTITUENCY”

Ask your parent or carer to email a clear photo or scan of your
 design and send to ben.obesejecty.mp@parliament.uk by

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2025

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS IN THE EMAIL:

• CHILD'S NAME	• PARENT/ CARER'S NAME
• AGE	• CONTACT EMAIL
• SCHOOL	• HOME ADDRESS



DRAWN TO ST IVES

POSTER DRAWING COMPETITION FOR 5 TO 11 YEAR OLDS

20 SEPT – 22 NOV

WINNERS ANNOUNCED 29 NOV

Children aged 5–11 are invited to design a poster promoting St Ives – for a holiday or day trip.

See an original 1900s St Ives poster at the Norris Museum for inspiration, then create your own!

★ WINNERS ★

One winner from each age group

Winners' posters displayed in the museum & they each receive a Derwent Academy drawing set. All entrants receive a certificate!

ENTRY FORMS



Rules:

Two age categories:

- 5–7 years
- 8–11 years

Hand-drawn, original work

Submit artwork + entry form to the museum by 4pm, 22 Nov



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41 The Broadway, St Ives PE27 5BX



Poster Drawing Competition: Entry Form

Name:	
Age:	
Name of parent/guardian:	
Parent/guardian's contact email address:	
Parent/guardian's contact telephone number:	

The Norris Museum does not share or sell your personal information
These forms will be destroyed once the winners have been selected and contacted.

Entry requirements and other important information:

Posters must be hand-drawn and be the entrant's own complete work.

The original artwork must be handed in to the museum, during our opening times, Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm, along with a completed entry form by:

4pm on Saturday 22nd November 2025.

They can also be posted to the museum—but it is your responsibility to ensure they reach us safely.

Please post to: Hannah Vandridge, The Norris Museum, 41 The Broadway, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 5BX

One entry per child. Entries cannot be accepted without a completed entry form.

Children aged 5 of 11 years are welcome to take part. There are two categories, 5-7 year olds and 8-11 year olds, there will be one winner from each.

The winners will be announced on Saturday 29th November 2025.

Non-winning entries will be available to collect from the museum after this time, along with a certificate thanking you for taking part. Winning entries will be available to collect at a later date. We regret that we cannot post entries back and prizes must be collected from the museum.

Examples of entries, along with the announcement of the winners will be shared the museum's social media accounts—only the child's first name, age, and a photo of their entry will be shared. Images of all posters will be kept by the museum and may be used in further promotion of the museum and the things we do.

Please tick this box if you would prefer your child's name not to be shared:



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Dates



New Dates In Bold

- **4th November - Parent Carer Evenings Booking Opens**
- 10th November - 13th November - Year 5/6 Bikeability
- **11th November - Remembrance Assembly in school**
- **12th November - Parent Carers Evenings**
- **13th November - Parent Carer Evenings**
- 13th November - Flu Vaccinations In School
- 13th -14th November - Life Education Bus in School (More information to follow)
- **21st November - HSA Christmas Fair after school.**
- **5th December - HSA Christmas Disco**
- 9th December - Willow Nativity Performance - 9.15
- 9th December - Ash/Elm Nativity Performance - 2.30
- 10th December - Ash/Elm Nativity Performance -2.30
- 11h December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 11th December - Christmas Lunch
- **15th December - Carols by Starlight on School Playground**
- 16th December - Beech/Cedar Christmas Cabaret - 5pm
- 17th December - Oak/Holly Christmas Cabaret - 5pm
- 19th December - 2nd January - Christmas Break
- 5th January - Staff Training Day (School Closed)
- 6th January - Spring Term Begins