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WB 12th October

Autumn Term: edition 7

PE DAYS AUTUMN TERM:	Class 1: Thursday, Friday Class 2: Thursday, Friday Class 3: Monday Tuesday Class 4: Tuesday, Wednesday Class 5: Monday, Friday	
WB 19th Oct	Monday	NSPCC Speak Out/ Stay Safe assemblies
	Tuesday	9:30 tour for Reception 27
	Wednesday	Y3 Forest School Science Lecture for KS2: Birch Quarry NO DRUM LESSONS
	Thursday	Reception 2027 tours 9:30/ 11:00 Bookings for Parent Consultation Close on ScoPay – plese check your booking
	Friday	Y6 PARENT ASSEMBLY – there will be photos from Bawdsey shown Y5 parents are also welcome to see the range of activities and experiences that Y6 enjoy at Bawdsey. Class 1 Forest School or Outdoor Learning Class 2 group A Forest School PAFA movie night – **please pay via Scopay**
HALF TERM		
WB 2nd Nov	Monday **Non-pupil day**	Late night parent consultation evening (all classes)
	Tuesday **Back to School**	Afternoon parent consultations for Class 2 and Class 5, **and class 4 from 3:40pm** ACL 'Separation Anxiety' course afternoon school hall – see email from Mrs Millbourne sent last week NO GYM CLUB
	Wednesday	Afternoon parent consultation for class 3 and class 1 AM Y4 Forest School
	Thursday	
	Friday	Class 1 Forest School or Outdoor Learning Class 2 group B Forest School
WB 9th Nov	Monday	Y6 Forest School 9:30 Reception 2027 tour Football club 3:20-4:20
	Tuesday	Gym Club
	Wednesday	AM Y5/6 Cross Country - selected team
	Thursday	Christmas choir Club starts: Y1-Y6 Mrs May
	Friday	Key Stage 2 (Y3,4,5 and 6) History off the Page event - please support this by making a donation via ScoPay Class 1 Outdoor Learning Class 2 Group A Forest School
WB 16th Nov	Monday	Fire service Workshops 'Cyberbullying' Y5 and Y6 Football club ENDS AT 4:00 due to darker evenings
	Tuesday	Gym Club
	Wednesday	Y4 Forest School

	Thursday	Times Tables Rock Star 'Come as a Rock Star' day! Donate £2:00 and come to school dressed as you finest Rock Star self! Please donate via ScoPay Christmas Choir Club
	Friday	Class 1 Outdoor Learning/ Forest School Class 2 ALL Outdoor Learning
WB 23rd November	Monday	Y6 Forest School Football Club ENDS AT 4:00 – LAST FOOTBALL CLUB OF TERM DUE TO DARK EVENINGS
	Tuesday	Y1 and 2 'All In' sports opportunity -selected team Gym Club
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	Christmas Choir Club
	Friday	Class 3 and 4 Parent Assembly 9:30 am to see photos/ work from History off the Page
SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER PAFA CHRISTMAS FAIR		
WB 30th November	Monday	No football
	Tuesday	Class 1 and 2 Zoo Trip LAST GYM CLUB OF TERM
	Wednesday	Y4 Forest School PM Christmas Choir to New Copford Place
	Thursday	Y5 and 6 Tag Rugby Tournament – selected team Christmas Choir Club
	Friday	
WB 7th December	Monday	Y6 Forest School Nativity Dress Rehearsal
	Tuesday	Reception 2027 tour 9:30 Nativity Performance approx. 2:00pm TBC Reception 2027 Tour
	Wednesday	Nativity Performance approx. 2:00pm TBC
	Thursday	LAST Christmas Choir Club
	Friday	
WB 14th December	Monday	
	Tuesday	PAFA 'Elfridges' activity School Christmas Dinner PAFA's 'Carols on the Green' at The Fox and Hounds
	Wednesday	Layer Marney Nativity approx. 5:30/ 6pm TBC
	Thursday	
	Friday	Carols at School led by Y6: Class 5 parents invited (2:30pm)
Key dates to note for Autumn 2026		Dates for school tours for Reception 27: 11th January 9:30

Dear All,

The Year 6 children are just coming to the end of their residential trip to Bawdsey Manor. The news is that they have had a great time, bonded well, risen to the challenges and represented the school brilliantly! There will be more about their experiences next week, and hopefully some photos to share.

Class 5 parents are invited to next Friday's morning assembly (please come into the hall at around 9:20am) to see some pictures. This year, we would also like to invite Year 5 parents to join us, so that they can see some of the experiences our Year 6 children bring back to share with us.

This Week in School

Classes 1 and 2 have continued their journey into the Arctic and have also been exploring all things autumnal.

Class 2's artwork has once again been inspired by Ted Harrison, but this time with seals as the central subject. They have also been finishing their Talk for Writing work on an Arctic fact file.

In Class 1, the children have read *The Leaf Thief* and have been incorporating leaves, sticks and other autumnal items into their maths work.

Class 3 have been writing a shared version of a story based on the Beowulf tale. They have also started to turn *The Three Little Pigs* into an epic monster story.

I have had the pleasure of teaching Class 4 for the last few days while Miss Johnson has been with Year 6 at Bawdsey Manor. They have been a joy to teach, and we have been writing our own versions of a Beowulf-inspired story, using tools such as 'show, don't tell' from the Talk for Writing toolkit.

Next Week

Next week is the final week of what has been a very busy half term. We have a few additional activities planned:

- **Tuesday:** Tours for the Reception 2027 intake at 9:30am.
- **Wednesday:** A science lecture from visitors from Birch Quarry, followed by activities.
- **Thursday:** Tours for the Reception 2027 intake at 9:30am and 11:00am.
- **Friday:** PAFA Movie Night.

A Few Reminders

- Photo slips have come home – please read the instructions.
- The ACL course on separation anxiety can still be booked for 3rd November.
- ScoPay bookings for Parent Consultations close next Wednesday.
- Donations for 'History off the Page' (KS2) are still welcome – please check the details.
- The next Year 5 Bawdsey instalment is due.

I have attached information about the ACL (Adult Learning Community) course on Tuesday 3rd November. Please do consider coming along. We have been able to host a couple of face-to-face courses here over the last year, which have been great. There are also online courses that you can access.

Have a great weekend, everybody!

Rebekah May

CLASS 2 AND CLASS 4 PSHE







