



# Normanton-on-Soar Primary School

"Soaring High Together"

## Upcoming dates

3/10/25 – cricket club starts 3.30–4.30  
10/11/25 – Odd socks Day/ anti-bullying week  
12/11/25 – Drone Coding STEM Day  
12/11/25 – 9am Phonics Café for Year R & Y1 parents  
14/11/25 – Children in Need  
14/11/25 – Y5 & Y6 bikeability #1  
14/11/25 – After school Open evening in Forest School 3.30–5  
17/11/25 – Y5 & Y6 bikeability #2  
19/11/25 – EQT Boccia  
19/11/25 – Library bus  
19/11/2025 extra all in one day bikeability  
21/11/25 – Flu Spray  
24/11/25 – Pupil parliament week  
27/11/25– Christmas Journey Woodpeckers  
11/12/25 – Christmas Craft Club after school  
16/12/25 – Christmas performance 2pm  
17/12/25 – Library bus  
19/12/25–INSET & break up for Christmas  
5/1/26– Back to school

## Headteacher message

Welcome back to school. Time to fasten our seatbelts as we race towards Christmas!

We hope you have all managed to access the reading app and are starting to log the minutes that you spend reading together in the week. Some of our children are reading for over 200 minutes every week!

We will start to log the classes that achieve their overall total and celebrate success. We are looking at getting a book vending machine to dispense prizes to continue to inspire children to read. We are also starting a reading club in the library every Tuesday lunchtime and will use this to share our love of books with the children.

### Phonics café

Mrs Philpott and Mrs Butler would like to invite you to a phonics café on Wednesday 12th November at 9am. This will take place in Robins classroom straight after drop off. Join us for an "ea – cup of tea" and find out about how your child is learning to read through phonics. This meeting is important to attend if your child is in Reception or year 1 and is open to all interested parents.

### Equals Trust Events

We continue to enjoy being in the trust and are looking forward to taking part in the upcoming Boccia tournament.

We are taking part in a Trust wide inter school sports challenge. This term's challenge is speed bounce and school results get sent off by December. We will let you know how we get on!

We have plans to try and revamp the hall to make it lighter and brighter and would love to invite any parents in to help. I would like to remove all the red backing paper from the ceiling area and hope to change the curtains and paint the woodwork. If you would like to help or have some ideas then please let me know!

## Anti-bullying Week



We are taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good next week.

### [Power for Good \(Official Video\)](#) | [Andy and the Odd Socks](#)

ABA are official organisers of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day. Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from Monday 10th – Friday 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We will be taking part in anti-bullying activities during the week and will finish with a sporty day on Friday 14th where the children will be doing challenges every 25 minutes throughout the day.

**MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> November:** We would ask that all of the children and staff ***come to school in odd socks on Monday.*** We would also like the children to ***bring in an odd sock*** for our be unique display in the hall. This should be a sock that you do not need back quickly! The odder the sock, the better! We will add the child's photo to their sock and their chosen word to describe themselves.

### **Friday 14th November – Children in Need**

Non-uniform day – Sportswear and Pudsey themed clothes (if wanted) but must be dressed suitably for physical activities and being outside.

Please bring a donation of at least £1 to school or donate online if you prefer. Posters displayed on front door.



**Forest school** – Next Week ONLY

Owls on Monday

Woodpeckers on Wednesday.

Kingfishers on Friday

**Bikeability**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November for Robins class. Bikes can be left in school overnight/weekend as needed. The bikes must be roadworthy for the level 2 part if you are using your own bike.

**Free code4drones day**

Years 4, 5 and 6 will also be taking part in a fully funded Drone Coding STEM Day from Code4Drones' Drone Coding Experience Fund, which is being funded by the Civil Aviation Authority and Department of Transport as part of the Reach for the Sky Challenge Fund. This will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

Message from ***Normanton Friends***

*Our after-school club numbers have dropped significantly this year, and we would really appreciate your thoughts on how we can improve participation. To gather your feedback, we've sent a short Google Form with just a couple of questions and a space for any additional comments or suggestions. Your input is invaluable in helping us shape the future of our clubs and ensure they continue to benefit our children. These clubs have also been the biggest fundraiser for **Normanton Friends**, so your support is vital in helping us keep this important part of our school community thriving.*

*Alternatively, please speak to Jen Berridge, Naomi Lahiff or Emma Bentley.*

Thank you for your continuing support, Sarah Philpott (Head Teacher).