



Normanton-on-Soar Primary School

"Soaring High Together"

Upcoming dates

8/12/25 – Polar Express Day – wear pyjamas
11/12/25 – Christmas jumper day
11/12/25 – Christmas Craft Club afternoon
12/12/25 – final forest school session – Robins
NO FOREST SCHOOL IN FINAL WEEK
15/12/25 – Christingle in the church. Parents welcome – 2.30pm
16/12/25 – Christmas performance 2pm
16/12/25 – Christmas dinner day
17/12/25 – Library bus
18/12/25 – Party day – come in party clothes – special visitor!
19/12/25 – INSET & break up for Christmas
5/1/26 – Back to school
12/1/26 – PET WEEK – bring a pet to school – show and tell
14/1/26 – Library bus
30/1/25 – PANTO – No forest school this pm
6/2/25 – NSPCC Number Day
9/2/25 – Phonics café #2

Headteacher message

We have had an action packed term as we have taken part in lots of enrichment events. We are adding these to our website [Enrichment events – Normanton-On-Soar Primary School](#).

The children have taken part in bikeability (in rain and shine!), Boccia, Darts, Cricket and Drone coding. We have had visits from local police officers and their van and walked around the village. We have had a History workshop looking at toys in the past and present and attended pupil parliament.

Future trips and events are in the pipeline...

Healthy Eating from January 2026

We will be focussing on snacks at morning break time. The children need to have a fruit or vegetable based snack that is low in sugar to meet nutrition guidelines. We will ask children to save any snacks that are not healthy until the end of the day. EYFS nutrition guidelines state that school CANNOT provide food that does not meet the guidelines. This includes drinks other than milk or water and any food that includes extra sugar. Afternoon snacks need to be plain rice cakes, crackers or bread sticks.

Equals Trust

This terms challenge is speed bounce and school results have been sent off. We will let you know how we get on!

Assessment week is over and the data is in. The school improvement lead from the trust always looks at the data with the headteacher and we plan next steps for the school, classes and individual pupils. This happens regularly throughout the year and is part of the way the trust works with the school to improve. The children and staff work so hard and atmosphere in school is calm and studious as I walk around.

BE ON TIME – WE START AT 9!

Attendance is affected by lateness. The children also DO NOT like to be late into class. We start working at 9.00 and 10 minutes late every day adds up to 50 minutes over a week. This is all missed learning time.

Most children are not attending the breakfast club and are therefore ready in class at 9.00 and starting work immediately.

We have agreed that missed time will be made up later in the day so missed work may be finished at playtime or lunchtime.

Classroom doors will be open at 8.50 so children can bring their bags in and are welcome to come straight into the classroom or wait in the playground until the bell rings at 9.00.

Woodpeckers class need to bring their bookbags in on FRIDAYS ONLY to reduce the amount of bags they are bringing each day. Books will be changed on FRIDAYS ONLY.

OWLS class please bring reading bags in each day.

School Council updates: Potential activities/improvements:

Organise a jumble sale – straight after school in the hall – this half term, raise money for school

To introduce a music club, coding club, film club, rugby, dodgeball, football, hockey

Eco Leaders – to be voted for – 1 from each class, go around collecting litter weekly

Field new equipment and football nets. More footballs – less bouncy

More sofas in the library and easier access – more bean bags

Better prizes for winning reading awards etc.

Picnic day – walk to the park

Have a great Christmas and a happy new year! *Sarah Philpott* (Head Teacher).