



Newsletter

Thursday 19th October 2023

Our school value for next half-term is:

Bravery

To be brave is to face your challenges, threats, or difficulties. It involves valuing a goal or conviction and acting upon it, whether popular or not. A central element involves facing – rather than avoiding – fears.

There are three types of bravery (an individual may possess one of these or a combination):

- *Physical bravery (e.g., firefighters, police officers, soldiers)*
- *Psychological bravery (e.g., facing painful aspects of oneself)*
- *Moral bravery (e.g., speaking up for what's right, even if it's an unfavorable opinion to a group)*

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe we have reached the end of this half term already. The time seems to have flown by. They do say that time flies when you are having fun! It is clear that staff and children have packed an incredible amount into this term already, with the next half term shaping up to be no less busy.

It is always great to see the children return after the summer holidays having grown and wearing their new shiny shoes. We have welcomed new children and families so far this year and new teachers. They have all settled in well and have quickly become a part of our Antingham & Southrepps family.

What a great way it was to finish the week today with our first-class assembly and showcase by Nick Vujicic Class! The Year 4,5 & 6 children did a fantastic job with their science themed assembly about forces. Well done!

Whatever you do and wherever you go over half term, I hope you all stay safe and enjoy the break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 30th October 2023**.

Kind regards,
Mr Elcock
Headteacher

Our next newsletter will be on Friday 15th December 2023

Behaviour at Antingham & Southrepps

A new year academic year brings exciting changes as our children started in their new classrooms, met their new teachers and teaching assistants with some welcoming new children.



As classrooms, teachers and faces around the school change some of our children may, at times may find this difficult. This is where our supportive behaviour policy, Zone of Regulation and core values continue to encourage our children to make positive choices throughout their day.

Before the summer holidays, the Governors reviewed and updated the school's behaviour policy. Please follow the link below to view a copy of our latest behaviour policy.

[Antingham and Southrepps Primary School - Our Policies \(antinghamandsouthrepps.co.uk\)](http://antinghamandsouthrepps.co.uk)

Late collection from after school clubs



I understand only too well the challenges that working parents face and I am keen to do what we can to support parents and carers. That said, we must also have clear procedures in place and I am writing to you to inform you of these procedures in relation to the late collection of children. All parents and carers will now be required to sign their children out when they collect their child so that we can effectively monitor collection times. Parents and carers will be reminded that if they persistently collect their child late they may lose their place at the club by myself.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

The role of the Designated Safeguarding Leads within the school is to ensure that our children feel safe, happy and supported in school. We provide support, help and advice to our children, parents and carers around safeguarding matters, to enable our children to be happy, thrive and achieve at school.

We act as a link between the school and our families and any professionals working with them. Any matters discussed are treated with confidence and respect. Now and again all families may experience difficulties which leave them feeling a bit overwhelmed and unable to cope with the stresses and strains of everyday life. I understand that family life can sometimes be challenging and that parents and carers sometimes need someone to talk to, support them and guide them in the right direction to get specialist help and advice.



We are available to talk with you regarding concerns surrounding you or your children. This could range from children's behaviour at home, parenting support, a family illness or loss through to parental separation, domestic abuse or risk of harm to a child. We work closely with our staff, statutory and voluntary agencies and childcare professionals to improve the opportunities for our children and their families.

Designated Safeguarding Leads:

- Mr M Elcock (Headteacher) - DSL
- Mrs L Flatman - Deputy DSL

Games/consoles



Check the PEGI rating of any new games to ensure that your child is old enough to be playing them. PEGI provides age classifications for games and considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games. If a game does allow your child to communicate with others then you can adjust the settings so they are appropriate to your child - or disable it completely.

For any consoles (new and old), it is important to set up appropriate controls such as restricting spending limits and again managing who they can communicate with.

Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for each device:

- **Xbox:** <https://www.xbox.com/enGB/community/foreveryone/responsible-gaming>
- **PS5:** <https://www.playstation.com/engb/support/account/ps5-parentalcontrols-spendinglimits>
- **Nintendo Switch:** <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-ParentalControls/NintendoSwitch-ParentalControls-1183145.html>

Tablets/Smart phones



As well as setting up parental controls on the device itself, remember to check any apps your child would like on their device. Is it suitable for their age? Review all settings and privacy options for each app.

For the devices themselves use the available settings to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Follow the links below to find out more:

- **iPhones/iPads:** <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>
- **Google Play:** <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>

Lost Property

Over the course of this half term, we have accumulated a large amount of lost property. In order to return these items to their rightful owners, please come and check whether it has been collected. Following this, any remaining items will either be donated or disposed of.

You are welcome to check the items if your child has lost anything.

You can help by ensuring that all of your children's belongings are clearly named.



Sickness Reminder



Please note that if your child becomes poorly with either sickness (vomiting) or diarrhoea then they should not attend school for 48 hours following their last bout. This is the NHS guidance that we follow, in order to reduce the chances of other children, parents or staff catching any germs and falling ill. Thank you for your support with this.

Our Core Values

Our Core Values aim to foster positive relationships throughout the school with the focus on how our own behaviour can affect others. Sometimes our children cannot make the right choices all the time and need behaviour support. If a child's behaviour interferes with the learning of others, hurts an adult or one of their peers, causes damage to school property or displays risk taking behaviours then our behaviour policy will be followed with the relevant consequence put in place to address and support them. This is then followed by a restorative activity or discussion that puts the focus on repairing and resolving the action that has been done.



- Autumn 1- *Kindness*
- Autumn 2- *Bravery*
- Spring 1- *Honesty*
- Spring 2- *Patience*
- Summer 1- *Curiosity*
- Summer 2- *Independence*

Attendance & Lates

The numbers of lates this term has increased across the school compared to before the summer holidays. Well done and thank you for the renewed effort. Please ensure your children are in class by 9:45am.

Also, attendance has dropped with an overall attendance of 91.86% which is below our target of **96%**. Hopefully after the half term, we can improve on this and we will quickly get back up to 96% and above for the whole school. Thank you for all your support in helping the children to build resilience and make the best of the educational opportunities here in school.



Parent Volunteers Needed

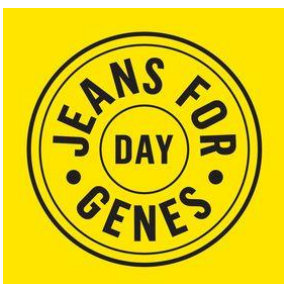


Parent Volunteer Readers Needed!

Could you spare half an hour a week?

Come and share your love for reading with some of our children.
No experience necessary, just enthusiasm!

Jeans for Genes Day



We would like to say a huge "Thank You" to all those that helped to support Jeans for Genes Day this year. The day was a huge success as everyone pulled on their jeans to raise awareness and funds for people with genetic disorders. We raised **£22.00!**



Homework Challenge Review

It has been brought to my attention that some parents do not currently like to homework structure we offer. Homework enhances learning, improves achievement and develops students' study skills and as such is an integral part of the curriculum. It contains an element of independent study in that it is not usually directly supervised by a teacher.

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has collated all research conducted in education on homework and suggests homework to be an effective tool in ensuring students make progress throughout their education. They suggest that when students are engaged in completing homework throughout their time at school, they can make as much as 5 months progress compared to those who do not complete regular homework.

As part of our on-going school improvement work, I will be reviewing our whole school homework offer in terms of content to support catch up and methods for setting and submission. To help support with the review your views would be greatly appreciated. Please see below a survey form your views. The deadline for this survey is **Monday 6th November 2023**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/HVwmQ4zfqX>

Early Help Offer

Here at Antingham & Southrepps Primary School and Nursery, we understand that from time-to-time family life can have its complications. There may be times when just a little extra support can help a family to get things back on track. *Early Help* means providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life. If ever things are not right at home, please come and talk to us. Below is a list of the support and services that form part of our *Early Help* offer.

- Staff visible on the playground every day as a first point of contact
- Coffee Mornings for parents and members of the local community (social event)
- Free Breakfast club (wrap around care) available daily from 7:45a a.m. until the start of school
- Afterschool clubs
- Lunchtime Activities supported by trained members of staff
- Robust system for recording, sharing and monitoring concerns regarding pupils (including safeguarding as a standing item on weekly staff meetings)
- Strong safeguarding culture – two members of staff are trained DSLs
- CAF (Common Assessment Framework) referrals made to support families
- Robust behaviour policy with built in flexibility to support those pupils for whom behaviour is a challenge
- CAMHS (Child & Adult Mental Health Services) referrals made to support children's mental health needs
- Signposting to external agencies: SEND support groups, Triple P Parenting Courses etc.
- Thrive approach used to promote well-being and positive mental health
- PSHE programme based on emotional literacy and mindfulness (1Decesion), delivered weekly
- Our curriculum has a strong emphasis on outdoor learning and its benefits for pupil well-being
- Referral to outside agencies
- Interventions tailored to support children with identified learning needs
- Financial support for trips, uniforms, residential trips, clubs etc. (pupil premium funding)



Bikeability



Year 5 and Year 6 children have completed the Bikeability course.

First children had to develop cycle handling in an off-road environment (the playground) to prepare for cycling on the road. Next, children learnt how to cycle on single-lane roads and simple junctions with moderate motor traffic flows.

Well done, everyone!

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Teachers for each class will be holding a parent/carers consultation meetings on **Tuesday 21st November 2023 (3:15pm-5:00pm)** and **Thursday 23rd November 2023 (3:15pm-6:00pm)**. This will be a chance for you to meet your child's individual teachers and discuss their progress, behaviours for learning and attainment in each subject.

I hope the evening is informative and useful to you and should you have any feedback we are always willing to consider amendments following constructive feedback. If you do have any concerns or queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me.



Year 6 Parents High School Deadline

Do not forget you need to have applied for online for high school places by **Tuesday 31st October 2023**.

Reminder

As we enter winter and experience more unsettled weather, please remember to send your children to school with coats and suitable clothing so they are well prepared for any eventuality. Trips and visits go ahead regardless of weather and we also try to get the children out at playtime if the rain is light as they need the physical release of running around. Thank you.



Thank you- Harvest Donations

A massive thank you to all our families for their generous donation of harvest gifts. Our harvest gifts were taken to the Cromer food bank where they will be put to good use being packed into boxes to be passed on to people who are struggling with the current cost of living. We are very grateful for your support.



Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2023

Please bear in mind that occasionally trips maybe arranged or cancelled last minute. This can happen for any number of reasons and we try, where possible, to give as much notice as we can. We also will often need adult volunteers to support on these trips. Thank you!

October 2023	
Friday 20 th October	SCHOOL INSET DAY – children not required in school
Monday 23 rd October 2023 to Friday 27 th October	HALF TERM
Monday 30 th October	Children return to school
Tuesday 31 st October	Parent, Toddler & Baby Group starts today (every Tuesday during term time) 9.30am-11.00am
Tuesday 31 st October	Whole School Halloween Disco – 2.00pm to 4.00pm

November 2023	
Wednesday 1 st November	Frida Kahlo Class visit to The Bug Parc, Lenwade
Wednesday 1 st November	Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme with School Nursing Team (NOTE NEW DATE)
Wednesday 8 th November	Nick Vujicic Class visit to Norwich Synagogue
Thursday 9 th November	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents Reception & Nursery 2024 – 1.30am-2.30pm
Monday 13 th November	SCIENCE WEEK
Monday 13 th November	Year 3 & Year 4 Boys Developmental Football Day – Sheringham High School
Wednesday 15 th November	ANTI-BULLYING DAY
Thursday 16 th November	Whole School visit to Sea Life Aquarium, Great Yarmouth
Friday 17 th November	CHILDREN IN NEED
Friday 17 th November	Autumn Term School Reports to Parents
Tuesday 21 st November	Parents Evening – 3.15pm-5.00pm
Thursday 23 rd November	Parents Evening – 3.15pm-6.00pm
Friday 24 th November	Whole School Talent Show – 1.30pm
Monday 27 th November	Bereavement and Grief Support workshop for parents – 9.00am to 10.00am
Tuesday 28 th November	Sports Hall Athletics Event for Year 4, 5 & 6 – Cromer Academy
Wednesday 29 th November	Bereavement and Grief Support workshop for parents – 2.15pm to 3.15pm
Wednesday 29 th November	LAST SWIMMING LESSON FOR YEAR 5 & YEAR 6

December 2023	
Friday 1 st December	School Christmas Fayre – 2.00pm
Monday 4 th December	Steven Hawkings Open Morning – 9.00am
Thursday 7 th December	Whole School Christmas Performance – 1.30pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Pantomime by Purple Dream Productions – Beauty & The Beast
Wednesday 13 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day – parents invited, information to follow
Thursday 14 th December	Whole School visit to Hippodrome Circus, Great Yarmouth
Wednesday 20 th December	END OF AUTUMN TERM
Thursday 21 st December 2023 to 3 rd January 2024	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

January 2024	
Thursday 4 th January	Children return to school for the Spring Term 2024
Wednesday 10 th January	Year Reception Vision & Hearing Screening and NCMP with School Nursing Team
Wednesday 10 th January	Swimming lessons start for Year 3 & Year 4 children – The Reef, Sheringham

Please note these dates differ slightly to the holiday dates of some neighbouring schools.

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Key: White date - school open to pupils

Yellow dates - pupil holidays

Blue dates - pupil holidays/staff training days

Red dates - bank holidays

Staff training days are: 4th, 5th & 6th September, 20th October, 3rd January, 27th June and 22nd July devolved as twilights.



Happy Birthday



The following children celebrated their birthday during the month of **September**.

Kenji (N1)
Finley (Y2)
Alexa (Y3)
Jamil (Y4)
Circe (Y4)
Logan E (Y6)
Arthur (Y6)

Happy Birthday to You!

The following children celebrated their birthday during the month of **October**.

Lola (YR)
Harry M (Y1)
Mabel (Y3)
Joshua (Y5)

Happy Birthday to You!

The following children celebrated their birthday during the month of **November**.

Lewis (Y2)
Agnes (Y3)
Poppy (Y6)

Happy Birthday to You!

The following children celebrated their birthday during the month of **December**.

Eadie (YR)
Reggie (Y1)
Sinead (Y2)
Keira (Y3)
Nicole (Y3)
Logan T (Y4)
Khalen (Y6)

Happy Birthday to You!

After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2

Our programme of After School Clubs will start on the following dates. All clubs will start from the week beginning **Monday 30th October 2023** and run to **Friday 15th December 2023**



Monday	Dodgeball (<i>Premier Education</i>) 3.15pm-4.15pm
Tuesday	Art & Crafts (<i>Mrs Matthews</i>) 3.15pm-4.00pm
Wednesday	Homework Club (<i>Miss Walsgrove</i>) 3.15pm-4.00pm
Thursday	Spanish Language & Culture Club (<i>Mrs Polette-Perkins</i>) 3.15pm-4.00pm
Friday	Computing Club (<i>Miss Fox</i>) 3.15pm-4.00pm

Polite request: please can parents collect their child promptly at the end of each session/club

Bookings are live on Parentmail ready for you to sign your child up!

Medication in School

This is a reminder of the school's policy on the administration of prescribed and non-prescribed medication to children.

In most circumstances, medication (eg antibiotics) prescribed three times a day can be taken at home – before school, after school and before bedtime. However, if you wish prescribed medication to be administered during the school day a form will need to be completed, clear written instructions must be provided and the medicine must be kept in a properly labelled container. The label must be clear and free from alterations or defacement and must show:

- The name of the medication
- The name of the student
- The dosage
- Specific directions for the medication (not simply "as directed" or "as required")
- Precautions relating to the medication (eg "caution, may cause drowsiness" or "store in a refrigerator")
- The name of the dispensing pharmacist/doctor
- The expiry date and the date of issue



The use of non-prescribed medication is generally discouraged and cannot be administered by any school staff member. If you wish your child to self-medicate without overt school involvement, I ask that you speak to me directly so that this can be discussed further before any decision is made.

I would also advise that you discuss with your child the importance of not sharing any medication with other students.

Hot Chocolate and Doughnut Friday



After half term, the Friends of Antingham (FOA) are launching "Hot Chocolate and Doughnut Friday". This is new fundraising initiative to help support the school. This will take place outside of the disabled entrance door. The cost of this will be £1.00 for hot chocolate and a biscuit. 50p for a doughnut.



Thrive

Last year, our Thrive intervention program proved to be very successful and we will be starting sessions again after the half term. We now have two trained Thrive practitioners- Mrs Cork (KS1) and Mrs Smith (KS2).



In addition, each class has a regular weekly slot on their timetable, where a whole class Thrive lesson will be delivered by the class teacher to support the social and emotional development of all children.

I would also like to say a massive thank you Lyndsey for donating some resources and helping create our very own sensory room. This has provided an additional safe and designated space for children to use to support with sensory preferences and needs. It is a space which aims to provide children with the individualized sensory input they need to self-regulate, so they can be better prepared for learning and interacting with others.



School Council Elections

Last academic year, every school council member played an important role in the pupil voice. I would like to thank each and every member for their input and ideas.

A new school council board is elected every year at the beginning of the Autumn

Term. This allows our children to experience the full democratic process, which is an important part of British Values. This year there will only be one representative from each year group.

The school council board meet every half term to:

- highlight and update peers on upcoming events
- celebrate successes
- bring ideas for improvement
- act as ambassadors

The process is that each child has the opportunity to apply then a shortlisting of 3/4 candidates are selected from each year group. Voting slips are prepared and every child in the school will vote for who they would like, placing their folded voting slips into a ballot box in the main hall.

The newly chosen class representatives are announced in a whole school assembly, and will receive their new School Council badges. This assembly will take place on Monday 30th October 2023.

This year, our nominees are:

Year 6

- Maisie M
- Khaleen
- Poppy
- Dakota

Year 5

- Hallie
- Maisie C

Year 4

- Logan T
- Lexi
- Lily

Year 3

- Lee
- Keira
- Agnes
- Robert

Year 2

- Ralph
- Evie
- Finley

Year 1

- Molly
- Alice
- Adam



What have we been learning?

Frida Kahlo Class - This term has been a great start to the year. All the children have settled in well and are beginning to make new friends and to follow the routines of the classroom. Our theme this term has been called 'Let's explore' and this has involved us learning about our classroom, school and the environment around us. We have all gone for a walk around the school, meeting the other teachers and teaching assistants in Nick Vujicic and Stephen Hawking Class. The children have been discovering their favourite places to play in during choosing time. We have discussed as a class our four rules of the classroom which are being kind, being responsible for the resources, having walking feet and having good listening and looking skills.

Over this term, we have been reading the Gingerbread Man by Mara Alperin. We have been exploring the vocabulary in this story through pictures and objects to help us understand what we are reading. The children very much enjoyed making gingerbread men to eat and making gingerbread playdough, using their senses to smell the cinnamon and ginger. We also created boats and bridges to help the Gingerbread Man cross the river.



In maths, we have begun to explore sorting and comparing objects to one another, ordering them into groups, such as colour, and shape. We have also started to measure objects by size, height, weight and capacity.



In Bushcraft, the children have been learning how to build a shelter using tarp, creating birds nests out of mowed grass and using a saw safely with an adult.

Thank you for all your pictures from your home and of your family. We have displayed these on our home corner wall and the children have been sharing these with their peers and adults in the room. We look forward to seeing what adventures next term will bring us!

Stephen Hawking Class - What a fantastic first month and an exciting one as well! Firstly, well done to all of Stephen Hawking class for settling in so quickly and getting back into our school routine. We have had a very busy few weeks getting stuck into the curriculum and learning lots. Our main topic this term has been 'Movers and Shakers' where we have been learning about significant people from across history. We have investigated the lives of 8 key historical people and learned about the impacts that they had on the world. This work has also linked into our English topic of writing a diary and we have thought about what the lives of these historical people were like. Across the curriculum, we have been widening our knowledge and deepening our understanding of many different topics including in science where we have been learning about how to keep ourselves healthy through eating, exercise and hygiene. We have investigated some of these by conducting scientific experiments to test theories and see for ourselves.

This term, we have also had a visit from Lorraine who taught us some traditional Morris Dancing! The children had the opportunity to get out their handkerchiefs and straw hats and learn the moves to a 100 year old Morris Dance. It was lovely to see so many of the children grasp the key dance skills so quickly and link them to the music.



Also, we had our first few Bushcraft lessons of the year and Mr Price has some very exciting lessons coming up, including den building, map making and archery! The children have been making use of the school garden area and the wooded area across the road to try out some Bushcraft skills.



We have plenty more exciting learning opportunities coming up after half term. We will move onto our Geography topic of 'Let's explore the world' where we will be learning about the world we live in and further afield.

We will be moving our maths forward, moving on from place value into addition and subtraction. We look forward to some more exciting learning coming up after the half term.

Nick Vujicic Class - We have been very busy in Nick Vujicic's class this term. So much has happened!

In maths, we have covered place value, consolidating the children's understanding of numbers relationships so that they are ready to learn about the four main operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

The children absolutely love our core text this term (*Race to the Frozen North* by Catherine Johnson). It is about the unsung hero Matthew Henson, who travelled around the world. He was one of the first people to ever reach the North Pole (not many have managed since). His achievements were never recognised because of the colour of his skin. We are putting this right by writing a series of diary entries and highlighting his incredible life, while improving our sentence construction and grammar skills.

In history, we had a deep dive in Ancient China and their dynasties. This period has opened our eyes to societies different than ours. Connecting to our History topic, we had the pleasure to take part in a dance workshop based on Chinese music and culture.

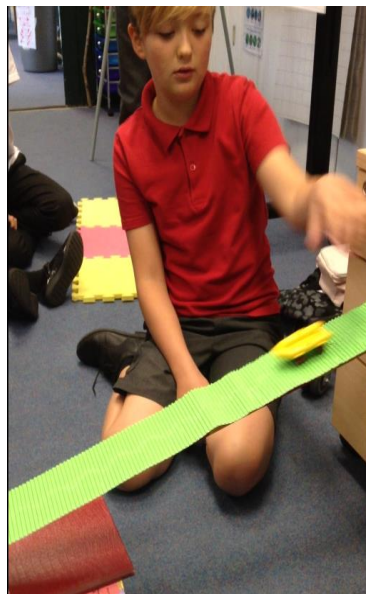
In science, the children have been exploring forces, creating and testing many activities to understand different friction forces. They were amazing with all the work involved.

Our art studio has been busy too... The children have been learning about tints, shades and tones using their skills to paint landscapes.

In PE, the class have done a series of yoga and dance lessons, which have been enjoyed by everyone. The year 5 and 6 children have done a half term of swimming and are making bounds of improvements to keep themselves safe in the water.

We have been focusing on philosophy in RE. Every lesson we have corners of discussion where the children have the opportunity to move around the class, expressing their opinions and listening to each other. The lessons promote the understanding that it is fine to have different views on things and every voice and opinion should be respected.

I wish you all a restful half term and I am looking forward to seeing you after the holidays!



The Friends of Antingham

The Friends of Antingham & Southrepps primary would like to say a huge **thank you** to all the children and parents/carers who have helped to raise money for the school.

Over the last year through the Christmas & Summer Fair and Ice cream Fridays we have raised a whopping **£1360.00!**

All the money we have raised goes towards activities and giving opportunities to all the children. This includes events such as: the Halloween disco, Easter fair and egg hunt, Christmas presents for the children, year 6 hoodies and leavers party and subsidising costs of school trips.

What is Friends Of Antingham?

Friends of Antingham is a group of parents whose goal is to fundraise, support the school and create fun and exciting opportunities for our children. We also help with larger projects around the school by raising money and making community links. Currently, we are working towards new playground equipment for the children.

We are a friendly bunch and would love to have some more people join us! We meet on the first Wednesday of the month after school in the art studio, children are free to come along. Meetings are informal and all are welcome. We always appreciate extra bodies around big events and would appreciate help in any capacity you can offer.

Please let Mrs Flatman in the office know if you would like to give your support.



We have lots of exciting events coming up so please save the dates!



Pumpkin colouring competition 50p an entry, prize for every class - Collect your pumpkin picture from Mrs Flatman

Halloween Disco – Tuesday 31st October 2-4 p.m. Tickets £3 includes snack & face paints. Tickets available from Mrs Flatman



Prize Bingo @ Southrepps village hall

Friday 17th November. This will be our first adult event for many years! Please come along and invite your friends

Christmas fair, 1st December in the school hall. More information to follow

Christmas movie night 6th December 3.15pm – 5.30pm

Come and watch polar express, wear your Pyjamas, bring a blanket and teddy. Snacks and drinks provided, special keepsake for every child £5 per child.