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NEWSLETTER



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Sarah Wilson - Principal

Message From the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I want to start this month's newsletter by saying the biggest **THANK YOU** to everyone in school community who has been so generous...you are all incredible. Children In Need brought with it the fundraising 'shenanigans' led by Mrs Sek including the 'Pay To Play For Pudsey' theme. Whether you dressed up, had your face painted or wore your Pudsey ears, you looked amazing. We raised a total of £256.10 which is brilliant. We will also be collecting for the local food bank via the 'reverse advent calendar' collection again this year, more information to follow.

I would also like to say a big well done and thank you to all the children who have represented the school at events recently. This has included reading at the Downham Market Pause and Remember Service and at sporting events. For some children this has been the first time that they have attended an event representing the school and speaking/performing in public. You have all represented the school brilliantly and we are incredibly proud of you. I hope that you thoroughly enjoyed your time out representing the school.

Parent/carer meetings took place earlier in the month and it was wonderful to see so many of you in school. If you didn't get a chance to talk to your child's class teacher, please contact them directly on ClassDojo so that you can arrange an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps with them. Thank you to those of you who completed the parent/carer questionnaire, your feedback is so important to us and means that we can keep continually improving. The results are included later in this newsletter, and I am currently working on an action plan to address points raised.

We are now in full Christmas swing, and the sounds of carols can be heard around the school as the children (and staff) are busy practicing for their Christmas performances. There are lots of dates for your diary so please check these out later in this newsletter. We hope that you will be able to join us at events in December.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes - Mrs Sarah Wilson (Principal)

Dates for your diary	Flu Vaccination MopUp 26/11/2025	Christmas Maths Day 28/11/2025	Year 6 Showcase 28/11/2025 9:15am	Cromwell Showcase 03/12/25 2:30pm
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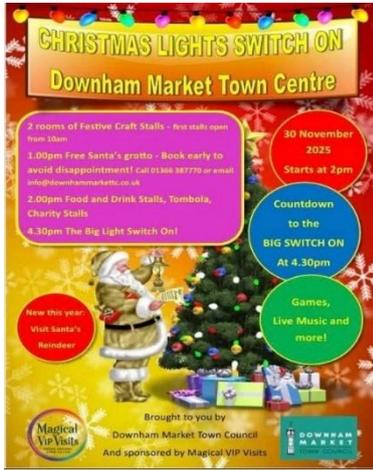
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Nelson Singers at the Christmas Light Switch On.

Please support the children taking part with Miss Abbot on Sunday 30th November in Downham town centre. The children have been working very hard practicing their songs!



Christmas Panto.

A reminder that we will be taking years R-6 to the Pantomime on Thursday 18th December to see Aladdin. This is a great event for the whole school to enjoy. Don't worry Nursery, Mrs =. Limbert will have something exciting planned for you that day. If you haven't yet, please could you make your payment of £14 to Pupil Asset.



Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day.

Wednesday 17th December will be our Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day. The menu for our dinner can be found here. This will be the only meal available on this day.

Children are also able to come into school wearing their festive jumpers on this day.



Christmas Performances.

Invites will be coming out to parents/carers to attend this years Christmas Performances via Dojo. Dates and times are as follows:

- Rec/Year 1 – 10th December @ 2pm and 11th December @ 10:30am.
- Year 2 – 10th December @ 10:30am and 11th December @ 2pm.
- Year 3/Year 4 – 17th December @ 9:30am. Doors open at the Methodist Church at 9am.
- Year 5/Year 6 – 17th December @ 2pm. Doors open at the Methodist Church @ 1:30pm



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November Attendance

W/E 7th November – 96% Rosen and Drake.

W/E 14th November – 99% Wren, 98% Anning, 97% Cleopatra.

W/E 21st November – 98% Wren, 97% Anning, Banks & Cromwell.



Pupil News

Well done to Fletcher in Year 6, who took part in the Remembrance Parade on Sunday 9th November with King's Lynn Sea Cadets. This was Fletcher's first parade and he did a fantastic job and was very proud to be marching for the Sea Cadets.



Parents Evening Questionnaire.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete our bi-annual questionnaire during our recent Parents Evenings. We are always looking for feedback, and we are pleased to share the outcome of these questionnaires with you. Results can be found by scanning the QR code attached. If you have any questions or would like to speak to someone in more depth regarding this, please reach out to office@nla.eastern-mat.co.uk



Lost Property.

We have lots of Lost Property building up in Reception. Please take a look for items you might be missing. We have coats, jumpers, bottles and lunchboxes! Let's help to save the planet,



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FON News.

FON are holding a Bingo night on Friday 28th November to support raising funds for the children at school.

Pricing is as follows: £6 a book, £4 cash flyer, £3 kids flyer, £1 strip of raffle tickets.

Star prizes include £50 cash and a Scooter with many more to be won! Refreshments will be available on the night too. Please come and join us for a great evening. Doors open at 5:45pm.

Christmas Links.

FON will also be selling Christmas Paper Chain decorations in school, 3 for £1. Children will write their names on the links and once all chains have been made and the school decorated, a winner from each year group will be decided by cutting through a link at random. All proceeds will as always be reinvested into the school for the children.

If children would like to participate, they can bring in their money in a named envelope, from Thursday 27th November.

Donations.

As always, if you have any unwanted gifts or unused items FON will gratefully receive them and take them off your hands. These can be handed into the main office at any time.



Community Information.

1	2	3	4	5	6	<p>24 DAYS REVERSE ADVENT</p> <p>DELIVERY OF DONATIONS SHOULD BE APPRECIATED ON THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER.</p> <p>OPENING TIMES TUESDAY & FRIDAY BETWEEN 9AM AND 4PM</p> <p>DELIVERY IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY</p>
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1	2	3	<p>12 DAYS REVERSE ADVENT</p> <p>DELIVERY OF DONATIONS SHOULD BE APPRECIATED ON THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER.</p> <p>OPENING TIMES TUESDAY & FRIDAY BETWEEN 9AM AND 4PM</p> <p>DELIVERY IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY</p>			
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We are collecting donations for Downham Market and District Foodbank Reverse Advent. If you can contribute any of the items listed here, please drop your donations to the front office. Anything you can give will be hugely appreciated.



Free Stay & Play sessions in care homes across Norfolk and beyond. Help reduce loneliness for older people in your community. Babies & children of all ages welcome!

Local session
Downham Grange
PE38 9PA
Mondays 10.30am



Check Facebook for session news & updates
Register at friendindeed.org.uk

Downham Grange Care Home is holding Stay and Play sessions to support reducing loneliness in their residents. Children of all ages are welcome, so please register your interest using the details here.



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