

**Monday 10th March 2025**

**Our half term Core Value is  
Perseverance**



This week a thank you goes out to all our parents and carers for the unwavering support you provide to our pupils. At Norton, we are proud of the strong sense of belonging, high standards and purpose shared by everyone in the school community.

During the recent cross-country event at Aldon Hill, older pupils encouraged their younger peers as they tackled the challenging course, proudly wearing their new team bibs. Such moments highlight the supportive relationships that thrive within our school community. Our lunchtime reading club, run by our dedicated pupil librarians and volunteers Mrs McNeill and Mr Brown, serves as another example of how our pupils engage with and support each other. These interactions are invaluable in cultivating a caring and inclusive environment at Norton, where every pupil feels valued and supported.

The Parent Coffee event was well attended, with a special thank you to everyone who came along. It provided the opportunity for parents to connect and learn more about the vital work being done to support pupil well-being. Thank you to SENDCO, Mrs Jaggard, and our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, Mrs Hallett for presenting the work they do and for their dedication to supporting our pupils.

This week, pupils and staff celebrated World Book Day, where we were impressed by the creativity displayed in costumes and the book cover competitions. On the same day and in the spirit of community, we had a visitor from the UK Parliament who spoke to our Key Stage 2 pupils about democracy, the work of parliament and British values.

On Friday, children were treated to delicious pancakes in the hall. A huge thank you to our fabulous FONS for making this happen and bringing the community together.

Lastly, children from Willow Class visited Carymoor Outdoor Centre and learned about the seasons and their effects on wildlife and plants. They enjoyed engaging activities, including a muddy walk to spot signs of spring and even discovered a crested newt! The day was filled with fun, from making pretend pizzas to planting cress seeds and playing bingo outside, using their senses to explore the natural world around them.

We are truly blessed to have such an amazing school and community at Norton. I am continually inspired by the strength of character demonstrated by everyone as we work together to navigate the challenges of the world. Our collective commitment to excellence and collaboration is vital in fostering an environment where every pupil can thrive and succeed.

Have a great week! Mr Caswell

*Please note some changes to dates below which we will confirm with you as soon as possible.*



#### Upcoming Dates

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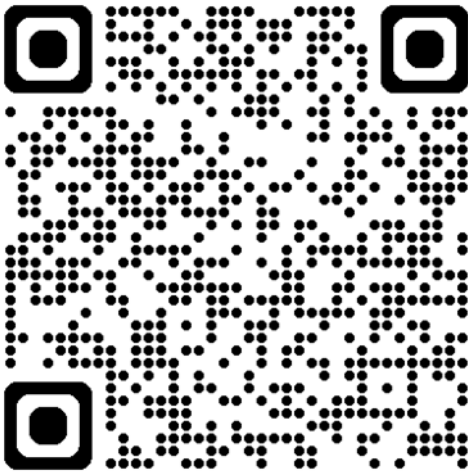
#### Wraparound Care

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## Mobile Phone Safety



More and more children own their own mobile phone, and it is an ongoing challenge for parents to keep them safe online. Data from Ofcom, the UK's communications regulator, show that the vast majority of children in the UK own a smartphone by the age of 11, with **ownership rising from 44% at age nine to 91% at age 11.**



One of our parents has highlighted 'ParentShield' a child safe mobile network service for your consideration (others options are available).

Scan the QR code for more information.

Please also see the poster from Childnet attached to the email today.

### Upcoming Dates

**Fridays until 28th March** - Year 3 & 4 swimming

**Monday 10th March** Year 6 SATS Information Session at Norton

**Tuesday 11th March** - Sharing afternoon

**Tuesday 18th March** – Build it like Brunel workshop for Rowan Class

**Friday 21st March** – Red Nose Day

**Thursday 27th March** – Parents Evening 1.30-6:30 pm

**Friday 28th March**– FONS Easter Fair 3.15 pm

**Monday 31st March** – Awards Assembly 9.00-9.30 am

**Tuesday 1st April** - Primary Festival of Dance

**Wednesday 2nd April**– Year 5 Wow Day at Stanchester

**Easter Service date and time to be confirmed**

**Friday April 4th**– Last day Term 4

### Wraparound Care

Every day from 7.45am with breakfast option until 8.30am.

*5.00pm pickup available Mon - Wed (book through the pro-coaching site)*

### **Afterschool clubs until 4.05pm**

**Monday:** Dodgeball

**Tuesday:** MultiSports

**Wednesday:** Archery

**Thursday:**

School run clubs available via ParentPay



**CHILDREN'S SLEEP AWARENESS MONTH IS HERE!** Did you know that up to 50% of children struggle with sleep at some point, which rises to 80% where there is a diagnosis of SEND?



Poor sleep can lead to cranky mornings, trouble focusing in school, and even long-term health challenges - not to mention tired, stressed-out parents. That's why they're dedicating an entire month to raising awareness about the importance of sleep for children.

They want to work together with you to make bedtime battles a thing of the past. Follow them for updates, tips, and resources, and get ready to sleep. Download the supporter's pack here:

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/get-involved/awareness-events/>

Remember you can get in touch with requests for this support section via the school office:

[enquires@nshwc.bwmat.org](mailto:enquires@nshwc.bwmat.org)

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