



NEWSLETTER

Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

KEY DIARY DATES

Jan:

21st (through to 17th Feb): Yr 9
Option phone calls home
22nd: Yr 8 & Lower Juniors to UEA
24th: Diversity Group visit Norwich
28th: Upper Juniors adapted
games at UEA

Feb:

3rd: Upper Juniors visit to North
Walsham Church
4th: Lower Juniors trip to Norwich
Castle
11th: GCSE Art trip to Norwich
Museum
14th: Yr 7 London trip

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Numbers to contact for help

Ms Dangerfield: 07879 875925

Miss Paffett: 07733 417296

Norfolk children's support line:

Text 07480 635060 or call 0344 800 8029

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Who needs gas, water or electricity?

If your young person has told you that at times during this week we haven't had any gas, water or electricity, they have been right.

Last Friday we replaced the gas tank which meant we had no heating in some rooms for a few hours; on Monday there was a problem with the water which the water company fixed within a few hours and then on Wednesday the local area had a power cut which left us without lights, some heating, interactive boards and Wi-Fi.

The staff and students have carried on as if nothing is different, Year 11's continued with their mock exams, learning was going on in every lesson and students realised that they are resilient, they can cope in tricky situations and that when we support each other we can manage change.

I am a super proud Headteacher.

Parent and Carer Forum

"Please follow the link below to access our recent parent/carer forums held by Miss King (Preparing for Exams) and Ms Czubaj (Supporting a child or young person with dyslexia)

<https://www.allsaintslessingham.co.uk/helpful-resources/>

Year 11 Mock Exams

A huge well done to all of our year 11 students for successfully completing their mock week.

We have all been impressed with your dedication and focus throughout all exams.

Have a good rest over the weekend!

Miss King.



Reminders

- Please encourage your young person to bring a coat to school.
- Remember to complete and return all EHCP paperwork in a timely manner.
- Take a good look at the school website where you will see what goes on in school and also the support available to you.

Year 9 Seal trip

Year 9 had a magical trip to Horsey Gap to see the baby seals .
A wonderful conclusion to our work on the Norfolk Coastlines and a morning full of awe and wonder!

Click on the link for further information on our local seals:

<https://www.friendsofhorseyseals.co.uk/>

Students also completed some lovely writing for homework.

Over 3000 seals had been born and we were lucky enough to go to Horsey beach and see them before they head back into the water.

We had around a 30 minute walk which went by very quickly as we were so excited to see them! Before we started our walk, we asked the Seal Wardens where the best spots would be to view the seals and it was true, they were excellent spots.

While following the rules and staying behind all the ropes to keep the seals safe, we got very close to them and were in awe of how adorable they were. Looking at the baby seals that were sleeping or talking to each other was definitely funny and made us forget about the cold weather and wind hitting our faces.

I enjoyed the anticipation of walking up the steep steps as I knew I would see the adorable seals at any second!

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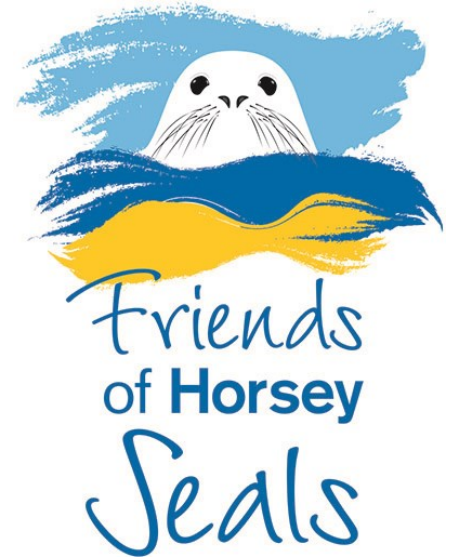
We were VERY lucky this year as all of the adorable seal pups were incredibly close to the fence, on an estimate I'd say about a metre away or so. Everyone was very respectful towards the pups on this trip, being sure to stay quiet and not get too close.

The mother seals are very protective of their pups even though seals aren't always the best of parents. We kept our voices down so as not to scare them and or alert the mother seal.

If you don't go to look at the seals then you could use it as a walking opportunity or a relaxing trip for yourself. I found that just standing there in the silence, listening to the lapping of the waves and watching them curl back and forth was very calming and a bit therapeutic..

I'd say it was a wonderful trip, not just to see the sights or seals but for the mindful exercise and conversation that sparks up between friends. It was a great time and I highly recommend you go to witness it yourself.

Imogen



We went on a trip to Horsey to see the seals. It was a great experience.

We were walking down the trail and we came across our first seal. It was a baby and it was brown ish, it was sooo cute.

Our second seal was another baby but this time, it still had yellow fur so it was quite young.

Max





Art

Year 8's created an artwork as a submission for the North Norfolk District Council Coastwise Creative Competition, linking to their project on landscapes, about coastal erosion and climate change.

There were so many fantastic ideas, and they all looked amazing!

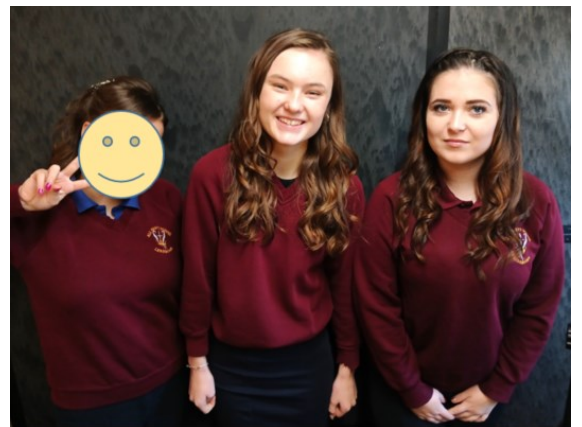
Best of luck in the competition.



College

Wonderful to see how well the Hair and Beauty girls are working with their tutors Jacqui and Donna – another assessment complete, which goes towards their ASDAN qualification.

Well done Laila, Lexi and Millie!



ECO Group

Students were interested in learning about our visitor Nigel and how he became a Sustainability Advisor.

His take away message was that no career journey is in a straight line and all of his experiences had helped him into the job that he loves doing.



Year 8

Year 8 students have received replies to their letters they wrote to the political parties asking about their fundamental beliefs and policies as part of our Philosophy and Ethics lessons. The first page of each response is included below.

The Labour Party

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13th January 2025

Dear Constance and Talia,

Thank you for getting in touch. It is always great to hear from young people like yourselves who are interested in politics.

As you may have seen, we recently set out our Plan for Change with clear, measurable milestones that the British people can expect to see delivered by the end of Parliament. These milestones are:

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5. Giving children the best start in life
6. Securing home-grown energy

You are absolutely right to say that it is important to treat everyone fairly. One of our five missions for government is to Break Down the Barriers to Opportunity. The Labour Party believes that whoever you are, wherever you come from, Britain should be a country where hard work means you can get on in life. A key part of this mission is respect and equality for all. You can read in detail about our mission on the Labor:

<https://labour.org.uk/change/break-down-barriers-to-opportunity/#respect>




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Dear Theo and Bella,

Thank you for getting in touch. It's always great to hear from young people like yourselves who are interested in politics.

As you may know, every Wednesday when Parliament is sitting, I have to speak at Prime Minister's Questions. This is an opportunity for Members of Parliament to ask me questions for one hour every week. You can visit parliament to see what I and other Labour MPs are talking about any time you wish. Here's a link with some useful information on how you can do that: <https://www.parliament.uk/visiting/visiting-and-tours/watch-committees-and-debates/>

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08 January 2025

Dear Archie, Tayler, Ruby, Turlisa, Jack, Danny and Charlie,

Thank you all for your letters and for your interest in Conservatism. I was impressed with the thought that went into your questions – I can tell you have been paying attention in your government and democracy lessons.

There are some common themes across your letters, so I hope one letter, where I try to cover all of the points you have raised will suffice.

As the leader of the Conservative Party, I am focused on designing policy which goes back to first principles in terms of what it means to be a Conservative. I think Conservatives value principles like:

- **Truth** – For too long, politics has been about working out what the voters want to hear then saying it back to them – better to deal with hard truths today than big problems tomorrow. This has been the central failure of politics for 25 years. Maybe even longer. That has to change.
- **Family** - The foundation of our society is not the individual; it is the family. We need to place them at the centre of our policies and our actions.
- **Personal responsibility** – Government should nurture a fair and safe society in which people can prosper by their own efforts. Government cannot solve all our problems - and nor should it try to. Government should do fewer things, but the things it does do, it should do with brilliance.
- **Citizenship** – Citizenship is not just about having a passport; it is a commitment to a country and the people in it. Our country is our home, and we need to look after it. No one else will.

Understanding gangs and county lines for parents and carers in Norfolk

Inviting parents and carers in Norfolk to join us for an awareness-raising session to help recognise the signs and indicators that young people are at risk of becoming involved in gangs, exploitation and violence; as well as advice on how to have conversations about these issues and where to seek support.

Thursday 30th January
17.00-18.30PM
Online



[Register Here](#)

Or scan the QR code to visit our event page for more info or to register



<https://tinyurl.com/mvry9axa>



Have your say!

Help us to improve our support and services for children and young people with SEND.



Norfolk County Council SEND survey 2025

Whether you are a parent/carer, a professional, a child or young person please take the time to complete the SEND survey. It gives everyone the chance to give their views about SEND services and support in Norfolk.

[There is a wide range of support and alternative formats to help you complete the survey click here to find out more.](#)

The more feedback we get the more accurate picture we have of:

- How people in Norfolk are experiencing SEND services and support
- What we need to improve

Places of learning are encouraged to make time for children and young people with SEND to complete the survey, however if your child does not attend a place of learning, please support your child to complete the SEND survey at home.

How is your feedback used?

We read all SEND survey feedback and act on it. Our last SEND survey was in 2023 and after analysing the survey feedback, we produced a [2023 survey summary and three reports](#). Senior leaders used the reports' findings to act on what needs to happen to improve the lives of children and young people with SEND, and their families and it also helped us to shape our [Norfolk Area SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy \(NASAPS\)](#). The feedback also led to different teams taking actions which you can read about in our '[You said, We did' SEND in Norfolk report 2023-2024](#). Other activity is still happening as part of our Local Area Inclusion Plan.

After the 2025 survey, we will publish feedback reports on the SEND Local Offer for everyone to read. We will use the results to help us update our Local Area Inclusion Plan for 2025-2027 and also publish a yearly progress update on actions every July.

The survey closes on 23rd February 2025.

[Click here to complete the NCC 2025 SEND survey, it will give you the different options to choose from](#)



There are so many ways you can get in touch with Family Voice Norfolk...

- You can contact our **Membership Secretary Kate** on **07950 302937** or at membership@familyvoice.org.uk
- Or write to us at Family Voice Norfolk, c/o Ayton House, 11 Ayton Rd, Wymondham NR18 0QQ
- Or message us via:
 - www.familyvoice.org.uk
 - [FamilyVoiceNorfolk](#)
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