

Nacton Church of England Primary School Friday round up



26th September 2025

Attendance headline:

Whole school: 95.8%			
Hedgehogs	Hares	Stoats	Foxes
96.5%	96.4%	96.3%	94.5%

Sharing with you our Church school vision

Being a Church school is a central part of our identity — shaping not just how we learn, but how we live and treat one another. Our school vision, "Building firm foundations for life," reflects this. For us, it means grounding all we do in the teachings of the Bible and, most importantly, in the example of Jesus. We use the parable of the wise and foolish builders, found in the Gospel of Matthew, to help the children understand this message. Just as both builders faced storms, life too comes with both joys and challenges. But with a strong foundation — built on the values Jesus taught — we believe our children can thrive, whatever comes their way.

Our aim is simple but powerful: for every child to reach their fullest potential, to know their worth, to care for one another, and to take responsibility for the world around them. This vision is not just something written on a wall — it is for us a daily reality, lived out by every member of staff and woven into the fabric of school life.

You can read more about our Church school vision and values here:

<https://www.nacton.suffolk.sch.uk/our-christian-vision-and-values/>

This year, we are preparing for our Church school inspection (known as a SIAMS inspection). This will be an important opportunity to share how our vision genuinely shapes our school community and makes a real difference to the lives of our children.

Harvest

Our Harvest Service will take place on Wednesday 1st October at 10am. We will be joining together with St Martin's church to provide donations for Ipswich food bank. We would like every child to bring in a donation and to take this with them to the church. Please ensure this is a non perishable item such as:

- Long grain rice
- Long-life whole milk
- Tinned vegetables, meat, fruit
- Coffee
- Sugar

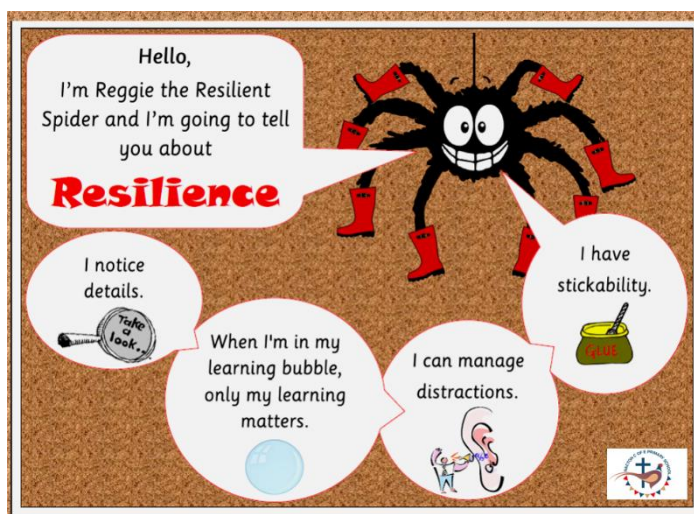
- Jam
- Soup
- Pet food (dog, cat, fish, rabbit/guinea pig)

Your generosity will help make a real difference to families in need.

Thank you very much for your support.

Building learning power

We are proud have recently introduced Building Learning Power (BLP), an exciting approach that helps children develop the skills and attitudes they need to become confident, independent learners. BLP focuses on teaching children **how to learn**, not just what to learn, by strengthening key learning habits such as resilience, perseverance, curiosity, and collaboration. This term, we are focusing on resilience, helping children to develop the confidence to keep going when learning feels challenging. By exploring one skill a week, we are supporting children in recognising and practising strategies that help them stay focused, bounce back from mistakes, and approach problems with a positive attitude. You can find out more about this approach on our school website here <https://nacton-c-of-e-vc-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/building-learning-power/>



Christmas jumper day

This year, we're delighted to be joining many other schools across Suffolk and Norfolk in the Christmas Jumper Day Music Project. As part of this, children will be filmed singing the Christmas Jumper Song to feature in a special video that will help raise money for charity. Parental permission will be collected at a later stage. This is also the reason you'll notice two Christmas Jumper Days in the school diary this year!

Visit from Wildlife Wise

This week children from Year 1 to Year 6 were visited by rangers from Wildlife Wise to deliver part of the Environmental Heroes programme being delivered in collaboration with Natural England and Suffolk and Norfolk County Councils. The sessions involved getting to know the wildlife of the Suffolk Coast and understanding the accidental impact we may have whilst exploring nature. The rangers emailed the school after the event to praise how engaged and curious our children were. Wildlife Wise are also promoting their young photographer competition. Details can be found here - <https://wildlifewise.co.uk/rotary-young-photographer/>

Fox Hampton Court trip

The Fox Class trip to Hampton Court is planned to go ahead this term. Following our recent poll, we are pleased that the vast majority of parents were in support, and we are really looking forward to giving the children this experience. We are just waiting for final confirmation from Hampton Court, and once this is received, a full letter with all the details will be sent home.

Diary dates 2025-26

Event	Date
Harvest Service at the church	Wednesday 1 st October
Census Day – Menu change	Thursday 2 nd October
Year 2 trip to Suffolk Punch	Monday 6 th October
Christmas jumper day 1 – for photos for music project	Friday 10 th October
Parent consultations	Monday 13 th October 3.30-5.30 Wednesday 15 th October 3.30-5.30
Year 5 & 6 trip to Hampton Court Palace London	Tuesday 14 th October
Individual school photos	Thursday 16 th October
Flu immunisation – all year groups	Tuesday 21 st October
Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew	Thursday 23 rd October
Year 2 tractor visit	Thursday 23 rd October
PD Day -school closed to pupils	Friday 24th October
October half term	Week commencing 27th October
Children in Need	Friday 14 th November
Christmas decoration making – parents invited	Friday 28 th November from 1.15pm
Christmas Pantomime visiting for children	Monday 8 th December pm
Open classroom (Y1-Y6)	Wednesday 10 th December after school
Nativity performance YR and Y1 and Y2	Thursday 11 th December 9:30am
Christmas jumper day 2	Thursday 11 th December
Christmas Service at the church 10am followed by Christmas lunch	Wednesday 17 th December
End of Autumn term reports home	Friday 19 th December
Last day of term	Friday 19th December
PD day	Monday 5th January 2026
Pupils return for the spring term	Tuesday 6th January 2026

Y3/4 swimming	Every Tuesday until the end of Spring term
Parent consultations	Monday 9 th February 3.30-5.30 Wednesday 11 th February 3.30-5.30
Half term	Week commencing 16th February 2026
World Book Day – dress up as your favourite character	Thursday 5 th March 2026
Open classroom (Y1-Y6)	Friday 20 th March
Easter service at the church 10am all welcome	Friday 27 th March 2026
End of spring term reports home	Friday 27 th March 2026
Last day of Spring term	Friday 27th March 2026
Easter holidays	Week commencing 30th March 2026
Pupils return for summer term	Monday 13th April 2026
Book fair	Wednesday 15 th – Friday 17 th April after school
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May
Year 6 SATS week	Monday 11 th May
Pentecost celebration – pupils wear red	Friday 22 nd May
Half term	Week commencing Monday 25th May
Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check	Two weeks commencing 1 st June
Year 1 Phonics Screening Week	Week commencing 8 th June
Open classroom (Y1-Y6)	Thursday 25 th June
Sports day (10am start) followed by family picnic	Wednesday 1 st July
Y5/6 performance	Monday 6 th July 2pm
Y5/6 performance	Wednesday 8 th July 6pm
Sports day (10am start) back up date	Wednesday 8 th July
Leavers Service 10am at St Martin's Church Year 6 parents welcome	Friday 17 th July 2026
Last day of term	Friday 17th July 2026
PD day	Monday 20th July 2026