MUNDESLEY INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

12th December 2025



Head of Schools Message

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2025 and an opportunity to share with you the amazing work completed in our Fire and Forge project at Mundesley Infant and Junior Schools. Our latest project saw the Infants discovering all about pottery and getting creative with clay! The Juniors meanwhile looked at bread in all forms and the science behind reversible and irreversible changes. Please read on to see what each class has been up to!

Key Dates

Tues 6th Jan - Welcome Back!

Thurs 15th Feb - Positive Noticing Day

Mon 19th Jan - Y1 Phonics Workshop

Thurs 22nd Jan - Y1-Y6 Showcase (Parent Event)

Tues 27th Jan - Puffin Class Fire station

Weds 4th - Fri 6th Feb - Year 4 Hilltop Residential

W/c 9th Feb - Puffin Class Parent Event

Fri 13th Feb - Mufti Day & Last Day of Spring 1



Knock, knock! Who's there? Only the best nativity in town! The Infants have wowed us with their performance skills, their confidence in public speaking and singing, and their collaboration as they worked together to produce a wonderful production. The Juniors are equally working hard behind the scenes and are excited to share their class performances with you in our Carol Concert on Monday. I know you are all as proud of the pupils as we are and thank you for your support with costumes and encouraging pupils to practice at home!



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EYFS



Puffin Class

This half term, Puffin Class have explored our topic Places through stories, creative activities and hands-on learning. We began with Can't You Sleep, Little Bear?, thinking about cosy places and creating colourful patchwork blankets using collage materials.

We then learned about places in our community, focusing on road safety. Puffins discussed safe places to cross, especially zebra and pelican crossings, and we practised looking, listening and thinking before we cross.

In Maths, we investigated circles and triangles using 2D shapes and 3D printing. The children predicted the shapes of 3D faces, built confidence naming shapes, and explored different ways to make the numbers 4 and 5 using cubes, counters and drawings.

Another favourite activity was reading Hansel and Gretel and designing magical sweet-themed houses with craft materials, pipe-cleaner candy canes, and sparkling decorations.

As we moved into the festive season, we enjoyed The Christmas Pine, discussed how a tree travels from Norway to London, and began preparing 'sheepy sheep' costumes for our Nativity performance.













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Y1



Seal Class

Over the past three weeks, Seal class have been busy with a spark-filled journey into their new project, Fire and Forge - a project all about how humans have used earth, fire and tools to shape the world around them. From the very first day, the children have been fascinated by how ordinary natural materials, like clay, can be transformed through heat, imagination and skill.

The classroom has been buzzing with collaboration as the children explored early clay inventions, learned how people built and forged long ago, and asked brilliant questions about how things work. They discovered how heat can change materials, why tools were so important in the past, and how these early technologies paved the way for the clay objects we use today.

One of the most exciting parts of the project has been becoming real-life potters! Seal class learned where natural clay comes from, what it has been used for throughout history, and how potters shape, mould and sculpt it with care. The children then rolled up their sleeves and put their own creativity to work, making clay objects, experimenting with shapes and textures, and proudly showing off their handmade masterpieces.

This Fire and Forge adventure has inspired imagination, teamwork and a sense of wonder. Seal class has truly shown what curious minds can achieve when they explore, make, build and create together!













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Y2 & Y3



Turtle Class

Turtle Class have spent the past three weeks diving into their new Fire and Forge project. The classroom has been buzzing with curiosity as pupils explored natural clay, learned how it was used in the past, and became real-life potters—moulding and shaping their own creations with enthusiasm.

Alongside this, the class shone in their Christmas Nativity, Knock Knock. They performed four times to Pebbles, the Juniors and parents, delivering confident, joyful and heartfelt shows. Their singing, acting and enthusiasm were wonderful to see.
These past weeks have been full of creativity, collaboration and achievement. Turtle Class have shown just how much curious, hardworking minds can accomplish when they explore, make and perform together.















Hare Class

Over the past few weeks, Hare Class have been exploring our theme "Fire and Forge." As young food detectives, we investigated how bread is made, from grain to loaf, and learned about breads from around the world.
In English, Year 3 researched, analysed and wrote our own recipes, developing our instructional writing skills. We also launched our own mini Great British Bake Off, designing bread recipes and practicing kneading, mixing and weighing in preparation for their final bake.
Hare Class are now looking forward to making Chocolate Cookies and performing our poem at the Christmas Carol Concert — a wonderful celebration of our learning and creativity.
Well done, Hare Class!

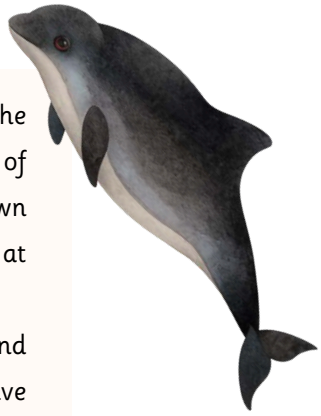


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Y4 & Y5

Falcon & Porpoise Classes





Porpoise and Falcon have delved into their project “Fire and Forge”, learning all about the fascinating process of how grain is transformed into bread. We investigated different types of grain, explored the science behind yeast and how it helps dough rise, and even practised our own kneading techniques. Of course, we also enjoyed tasting a variety of breads and having a go at making some ourselves! It has been a wonderfully hands-on and delicious topic.

In maths, we revisited column addition and subtraction to strengthen our confidence and accuracy, while in English our focus has been centred around writing clear, detailed, and creative bread recipes. During PE, we continued developing our gymnastics skills, including practising safe jumping techniques from benches and trestles. It has been a busy and exciting week of learning!



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Y6



Bittern Class

This half term, Bittern Class have been thoroughly enjoying our new topic all about bread. In English and Project lessons, we have been busy writing our own instructions and recipes for how to make bread. We have also taken part in bread tasting, tried our hand at kneading dough and explored different types of bread from around the world.

In Maths, we have been completing our unit on addition and subtraction and will soon be moving on to multiplication and division.

Bittern Class have been practising our Year 5/6 spelling words, reading a range of texts each week in Guided Reading and taking part in weekly Gymnastics sessions with Mrs Grey.

In PSHE, we have been learning about Emotional Health and Wellbeing. Our RE lessons have focused on different Christian denominations and in French we have been learning how to say and understand dates. In Computing, we have been creating digital 3D shapes and in Science we are finishing off our topic on Fossils.

We are especially looking forward to the Christmas Carol Concert, as well as the Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch at the end of term!















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TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE

Christmas Day - 25th December

Christmas is a time to pause, reflect, and appreciate the warmth that comes from kindness, togetherness, and giving.

It reminds us of the importance of compassion, the value of family and friendship, and the strength of communities that look after one another throughout the year.

Every gift thoughtfully chosen, every card written, and every moment shared with others becomes part of something bigger – a celebration of love, generosity, and hope. Christmas encourages us to cherish the present, remember what truly matters, and look to the future with joy.

Things you might like to talk about at home:

- A Christmas tradition your family enjoys, and why it feels special.
- What giving means, and how we can show kindness not just at Christmas, but all year round.
- How different people around the world celebrate Christmas in their own unique ways.
- Ways we can help others who may find this time of year difficult, and how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.



Norfolk County Council 2025-2026 Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key

White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Staff Training Days (All Staff) 1st & 2nd September, 5th January and 13th April (1 disaggregated)

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