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## House Points

Danes Points 😊😊 250	Romans Points 224	Saxons Points 228	Vikings Points 204
This week's winners are the Danes ...non uniform day Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb. 😊 = previous win <span style="margin-left: 200px;">3 wins = non-uniform day</span>			

## Stars, Wows & Writers

<b>Oak</b>	☆ Lenny 📄 Summer ✍️ Harley
<b>Hazel</b>	☆ Oliver 📄 Oscar ✍️ Janusz
<b>Maple</b>	☆ Luke 📄 Charlie D ✍️ Mason
<b>Cedar</b>	☆ Delilah 📄 Robin ✍️ Gracie-Mae
<b>Rowan</b>	☆ Tommy-Lee 📄 Indi ✍️ Jordi
<b>Elm</b>	☆ Stephanie 📄 Willow ✍️ Poppy
<b>Sycamore</b>	☆ Alian 📄 Gracie ✍️ Daisy



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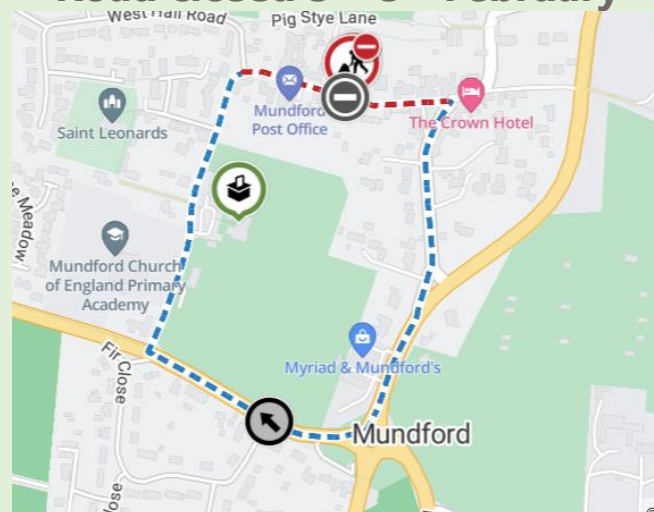
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## Message from the Student Council:

We are running an extreme reading competition. If you would like to take part in the competition all you have to do is take a photo/s of yourself reading in an extreme way (safety first!!). The pictures can be emailed to the office [office@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:office@mundford.dneat.org) or printed and handed in. The cost to enter is £1 per person (the money can be handed in at the office where a record of entries will be held) and the most extreme picture will receive a book voucher. The deadline for pictures is **Wednesday 5th February at 12pm.**

The School Council meeting notes are at the end of the newsletter.

## Road closed 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> February



There are road closure signs on the road outside school. Having looked at the <https://one.network/uk/norfolk> website it appears that St Leonards Street will be closed between the Crown Hotel & West Hall Road from the 3rd February so all access will be via the main road (A134), if we hear anything more we will let you know

- **Car Parking – Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Feb & Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Feb**

The Village Hall committee have a two day booking of their facilities on the above dates, they have asked that in the mornings you **do not** park on their tarmacked car park, the overspill gates will be open and they are more than happy for you to park on the grass area.

Please can we remind you to respect the wishes of the cricket club and village hall when using their carparks



## School Dinners

An increasing number of parents are not booking their child/children's meals in advance. We cannot guarantee a meal will be available on the day if it has not been booked, the kitchen staff use the numbers on Arbor to plan ahead.

**Please remember to make your top-ups when booking in advance of the meals being taken.**

The price of a school meal to **£2.70** £13.50 per week

## Free School Meals Is my child eligible?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. This is called universal infant free school meals. This is different to benefit-related free school meals and you do not have to apply, but if you receive one of the benefits listed below, you should still register below. This is because it can help raise extra funds for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and after school activities.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, you must receive one of the following to get benefit-related free school meals:

Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

You must apply for these free school meals.

## Apply for free school meals

You can apply online for free school meals using your Norfolk Education Online (NEO) account. You can use the same account for 2-year-old childcare funding and school admissions.

**[Apply for free school meals](#)**



## SENCo Kenco

Please get in touch and have coffee and a chat if you have any concerns about your child at school.

Katie Tinkley – SENDCo  
[katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org)



Please take a look at the Just One Norfolk Website as it contains a wealth of information for support and advice for families and children link below:

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

### **Family Voice Norfolk Annual Conference on Saturday 22nd March 2025**

The Family Voice Norfolk Annual Conference is a free event, exclusively for parents and carers who have children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). The conference is designed to give parents and carers access to information and workshops relating to SEND. The John Innes Centre provides ample free parking to all those attending and doors will open to parent carers from 9.30am. The centre itself provides one toilet with wheelchair access and a baby changing facility. We are also pleased to advise that a mobile accessible toilet and changing facility provided by RevolOOtion will be located just outside the conference centre for anyone needing to use this throughout the day.

On arrival, you will be able to register to meet professionals, on a one-to-one basis for 15 minutes, via our very popular 'Speed Dating' event. The 'Welcome' and keynote presentation will take place at 10.15am in the Auditorium, following which you will have the opportunity to visit the many information stands with representatives from health, education, social services and voluntary organisations. Workshop/presentations will take place in morning and afternoon sessions and pre-registration for these is not required. Please follow the link for more information <https://www.familyvoice.org.uk/conference-2025/> we have also attached a PDF about the day.

Welcome to Family Voice latest newsletter please click [here](#) for a compressed PDF version.



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<https://parentkind-updates.org.uk/cr/AQitngMQuKqJBxiawteGAd9cN9HHNKBBawE07oIM4YViAWxPk13OJBQC5hE Fxnv>

### **Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Services**

This month is focusing on PDA and ODD and offering advice around parenting approaches when faced with oppositional behaviours which in fact the child or young person may not always be in control of.

The newsletter also contains information about our free courses, workshops and drop-in support sessions running in January. Just click to view.

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## Let's Celebrate

If your child has achieved something in sport outside of school, we would like to know about it! Email Miss Spearpoint on [elm@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:elm@mundford.dneat.org) with a photo and caption so we can celebrate their successes in school!

## Music Lessons

Mrs Whistler teaches a variety of musical instruments and she has a few spaces available on a Wednesday afternoon. If you would like your child(ren) to attend Music lessons, kindly provided by Mrs Whistler, please contact her direct by email: [whistlermusic@yahoo.com](mailto:whistlermusic@yahoo.com) for further information and cost.

## Contacting the school and absence messages

Messages can be sent by:

- Arbor App message.
- Telephone 01842 878278 and select option 1 at any time including out of school hours.
- by email to [messages@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:messages@mundford.dneat.org)
- Any classroom/educational enquires are best made directly to the class teacher:

Acorns Nursery:

[katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org) Admission/funding: [acornsnursery@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:acornsnursery@mundford.dneat.org)

[oak@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:oak@mundford.dneat.org)

[maple@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:maple@mundford.dneat.org)

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[elm@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:elm@mundford.dneat.org)

[sycamore@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:sycamore@mundford.dneat.org)

***Please note class emails may not be checked during the school day so anything urgent is best sent via the app, telephone or the messages email above.***

Please enable Push Notifications for Arbor in your phone settings, you should then receive a push notification whenever you have a new in-app message, whether you are logged into Arbor or not. If you aren't receiving push notifications, or they vanish quickly, please follow [these instructions](#).

The push notification won't contain the content of the message, it will just let you know there is a new message that you will need to log in to Arbor to read.

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## Notices & Reminders

- **Parking**

The Cricket Club car park should be used for **drop-off and pick-up purposes only**, so no long-term parking please or parking well in advance of the pick-up time. **Engines to be turned off and not be left running whilst waiting - this is an air pollution issue and noise nuisance.**

**If areas are coned off, then this must be respected as this will allow members using the club to access a parking space to use the facilities (most likely on Wednesdays and Fridays).**

The car park may be closed on occasions for special events e.g. afternoon cricket games. A notice board will be placed outside the gate if this is the case or alternatively the gates may be locked when a large number of visitors are expected.

Please ensure that access to the car park for pedestrians is by the **main gate only**. On a regular basis people are crossing the fence and this border area has been recently planted up.

**If club members wishing to use the car park and facilities make reasonable requests to do so, we will not tolerate any further abuse, which will risk the car park being closed permanently.**

We will continue to lock the gate at night for club security purposes.

**Please can we all ensure we are following the rules so we do not find ourselves in this situation again.**

Please be mindful of others, we need to work together as a community to make sure everyone stays safe.

- **Zig Zag Yellow Lines**

Are there for the safety reasons, please do not park on them whilst dropping off and collecting children at any time of the day.

- **Snacks**

We have noticed a variety of items being eaten at breaktime for snack. As part of our drive to be a healthy school we have a policy that only fruit or veg should be consumed at breaktimes. Fruit and veg options are provided daily by the school for pupils in EYFS and KS1. We are happy for you to provide a snack for your child but it should be fruit or veg and we will be reminding the children of this over next week.

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Food-Policy-1.pdf>

**Please do not park on the playground.** We have noticed recently that the playground is being used as a car-park when collecting children from after-school clubs/care. This is creating a potential hazard for both pupils and parents arriving/leaving the playground on foot.

- **Food Policy**

So that we can ensure that any child who is allergic to nuts does not come into contact with them please do not include items containing nuts in packed lunches. The Food policy can be found on the school website <http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Food-Policy-1.pdf>



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- **Water Bottles**

Can we kindly request that children do not bring water bottles with loose lids and straws?

These aren't suitable for the classroom, as they can easily leak or will spill if knocked over.

Sports-style bottles with leakproof lids are preferred. If your child does bring in an unsuitable bottle, they may be asked to keep it outside or by the classroom sink to prevent spillages on work.

- **Slogans on Clothing**

Please can we ask all adults attending the school site to ensure that their clothing does not have inappropriate language on it. Together home and school have done a wonderful job teaching children to read. With this in mind I am sure none of us want them using these skills to read and decode inappropriate phrases and words.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Diary Dates

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb: **Cedar** Mundford Junction 2:30pm

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Feb: **Sycamore** Trip to Museum of Zoology

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Feb: **Maple** Mundford Junction 2:45pm

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: **Rowan** Show Mundford Junction 2:30pm

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb: **Cedar** Showcase 2:30pm

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: **Sycamore** Mundford Junction 2:45pm

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: **Elm** Showcase 2:45pm

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Feb: **Rowan** Show Case 2:30pm

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: **Maple** Showcase 2:45pm

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 'Dress as what you Love'

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb Candy Grams

17<sup>th</sup> February – 21<sup>st</sup> February: Half Term

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Feb: **Sycamore** Showcase 2:30pm

## Resources for Supporting your Child at Home

The school website and half-termly class newsletters outline what each class is currently learning, along with ideas for things you can do at home. We also recommend the following additional resources:

**Numbots** <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/35246> for basic number skills

**& TT Rockstars** <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth> for times tables

**Oxford Owl** <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> for an online library of books covering all ages and ability levels

**One Minute Maths** <https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths> targeted practice to build confidence delivered in 1 minute chunks aligned to the school's Maths curriculum





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## School Uniform

[https://corporatetiger.co.uk/?product\\_cat=mundford](https://corporatetiger.co.uk/?product_cat=mundford)

[www.facebook.com/myclothingltd](http://www.facebook.com/myclothingltd)



## School Council Update

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Discussion:** We looked at the notes in the school council books about what is working well across the school and what needs to be improved. The children had listed lots of things that they loved about our school and things they felt that could be improved. Through our discussions the children raised a number of actions which are bullet pointed below.

- Church end of the field- lack of storage for the sandpit toys as tyres get moved and items get lost (school council to buy storage bin). The children would like more toys to play with down that end so would like to use some of the £570.98 they have raised for this. They would like a mud kitchen, cars, construction and more sandpit toys. **Action: Mrs Godbold to source and price up resources.**
- Rubbish- the children are concerned about the amount of rubbish and food waste on the field after playtimes as it often gets left there. We talked about setting up an ECO council that could ensure composting is happening and that the grounds are well kept. **Action: Mrs Godbold to raise in teacher meeting on Thursday.**
- Washing hands: many of the student council members are concerned about the lack of hand hygiene their fellow students have been showing. They have asked that we put up signs about washing hands in the toilets and that staff give reminders about the importance of hand washing. **Action: Mrs Godbold to purchase signs for the toilets.**
- Stick pile- school council would like the sticks removed from the top field as they are causing arguments because everyone wants the big sticks. **Action: Mr Roast to remove.** They also asked about tree climbing and if this should be allowed, we said this is a good class council discussion.
- Artwork- the children love the artwork around the school but feel it needs updating, they would like more frames in the corridors with art produced by children in them. They feel that Mrs Godbold's office art needs updating. **Action: Mrs Godbold to raise in teacher meeting on Thursday.**

### Action for class council:

- The buddy benches will be moved to their proper locations next week and noticeboards have been purchased to go either side of them. We would like the children to design a sign for one side and rules for using the bench on the other sign. These signs need to be A4 size and the school council will pick their favourites to go in the notice boards. Please give some time in class to create these- maybe an enhanced provision activity? Artwork handed in by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 12pm.
- Discuss tree climbing and if this should be allowed- what are the pros and cons?
- Other areas for class council discussion: salt and vinegar for chips on fishy Friday – good idea? Lots of children want the monkey bars back- new fundraiser?

**Next Meeting: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 10am**