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House Points

Danes Points 247 😊	Romans Points 221	Saxons Points 247 😊	Vikings Points 232
<p>This week's winners are the: Danes & Saxons</p> <p>😊 = previous win 3 wins = non-uniform day</p>			

Stars, Wows & Writers

Oak	☆ Wren 📄 Hugo ✍️ Albert
Hazel	☆ Layla 📄 Albie T ✍️ Darcey
Maple	☆ Teddy 📄 Jude ✍️ Phoebe G
Cedar	☆ Connie & Lennie 📄 Barnaby ✍️ Robin
Rowan	☆ Ayda 📄 Evie May ✍️ Ayda
Elm	☆ Eve 📄 Marley ✍️ Mollie
Sycamore	☆ Ella 📄 Joey ✍️ Trixy



Performing Arts Workshop

On Monday Acorns, Oak, Hazel and Maple Class were incredibly lucky to have a performing arts workshop with Aylish from Aspire. The children loved all of the fun games and activities. They did some expressive dancing with scarves and balloons, acted out a story that Aylish told us and played with the parachute. It was really lovely to see all of the children joining in. We want to send a big thank you to Aylish for coming in to work with us and we look forward to welcoming her back to work with KS2 in the future.





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FRIENDS OF MUNDFORD SCHOOL

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LOVE DINOSAURS? LOVE SPARKLES? LOVE GAMING? LOVE FOOTBALL?
LOVE PINK? LOVE SPIDERMAN? LOVE HARRY POTTER? LOVE SCIENCE?
WHATEVER YOU LOVE, WEAR IT!

£1.00
SUGGESTED DONATION
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1100977



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.

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



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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Free parent
webinars

SPRING TERM 2025

[Parentkind.org/parent-webinars](https://parentkind.org/parent-webinars)



For more information please click the link below:

<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 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 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
- Any classroom/educational enquires are best made directly to the class teacher:

Acorns Nursery:

katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org Admission/funding: acornsnursery@mundford.dneat.org

oak@mundford.dneat.org

maple@mundford.dneat.org

rowan@mundford.dneat.org

hazel@mundford.dneat.org

cedar@mundford.dneat.org

elm@mundford.dneat.org

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 10th Feb: **Cedar** Showcase 2:30pm

Tues 11th Feb: **Sycamore** Mundford Junction 2:45pm

~~Tues 11th Feb: **Elm** Showcase 2:45pm~~ ** *postponed new date below*

Weds 12th Feb: **Rowan** Show Case 2:30pm

Thurs 13th Feb: **Maple** Showcase 2:45pm

Fri 14th Feb 'Dress as what you Love'

Fri 14th Feb Candy Grams

17th February – 21st February: Half Term

Tues 25th Feb: **Elm Showcase

Thurs 27th Feb: **Sycamore** Showcase 2:30pm

10th – 14th March: Science Week

Fri 14th March Dress as Mad Scientist Day

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

www.facebook.com/myclothingltd

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

"Fake news" refers to fabricated or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- "CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS**
A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or "you might be seen on attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of 'bait' is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.
- SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS**
Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.
- YOU'RE A WINNER!**
This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition, or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and so on. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.
- FALSE FRIENDSHIPS**
Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), sparse, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.
- PANIC MODE**
To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.
- FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS**
Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise misleading. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular celebrities' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- STAY INFORMED**
Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber security. See what scams are reported in the news and make sure of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.
- TALK TOGETHER**
Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.
- ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM**
Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.
- BE PROACTIVE**
Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert
Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.

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