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House Points			
Danes Points 😊 😊 260	Romans Points 227	Saxons Points 😊 255	Vikings Points 😊 😊 226
This week's winners are the Danes 😊 = previous win 3 wins = non-uniform day			
Stars, Wows & Writers of the Week			
Oak	★ Jude 😊 Archie ✍️ Leo		
Hazel	★ Thomas 😊 Harry F ✍️ Josie		
Maple	★ Kody 😊 Harmony ✍️ Ruby		
Cedar	★ Elliot 😊 Sonny ✍️ Connie		
Rowan	★ Bliss 😊 Rocco ✍️ Elsie		
Elm	★ Daisy 😊 Kyra ✍️ Eve		
Sycamore	★ Ava-Lily 😊 Trixy ✍️ Daisy		
★ <i>Stars celebrate values and behaviour.</i>			
😊 <i>Wows celebrate an outstanding piece of work or learning.</i>			
✍️ <i>Writers celebrate wonderful literary achievement</i>			



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Gardening Club

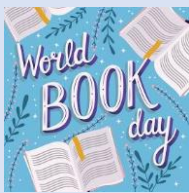
This half term garden club will run a little differently, to fit in with other clubs and commitments. As there is plenty to do in the school garden, we will run garden club on a Monday lunch time, and alternate between classes for the next 5 weeks:

Monday 3rd March - year 6
Monday 10th March - year 5
Monday 17th March - year 4
Monday 24th March - year 3
Monday 31st March - year 2 and 1



Please can you share this information with your children and I will try and remind children at the end of worship on a Monday too. Mrs Lock and I will meet children at the school garden on the Monday lunchtimes and spend 30 mins weeding, planting and tidying.

Thank you in advance,
Mrs Keeler and Mrs Lock



World Book Day – Friday 7th March

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book or they can be cosy and come in their PJs with their favourite book, it is their choice. During the day the children will take part in lots of book related activities and spend time sharing their favourite books together.



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7 - 16 March



BRITISH
SCIENCE
WEEK 2025



We LOVE science here at Mundford and will be taking part in lots of fun activities and experiments in the theme of Change & Adapt.

On Friday 14th March the children can finish the week in style and come dressed as 'Mad Scientists'. If you would like to know more about science week here is the link for the website:

<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/>

Parent Survey

Our annual Parent Survey has been sent out via email this week. We are always keen to hear how we are doing from our families.

We have composed the questions to try and capture your thoughts on all areas of school life. There are comment boxes under each section if you wish to add to your answers and an overall comment box at the end. We are keen for as many parents to fill it out as possible, you can also access the form here:

<https://forms.gle/E1QgsyGhudYUmwjo9>

We ask that you please be mindful that the staff at school are people too, so whilst we encourage you to be honest in your feedback we ask you to be kind



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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](#)



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SENCo Kenco

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

Katie Tinkley – SENCo
katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org



The School Community Support Team are hosting a Parent Cafe in Willow Room on **Friday 14th March, 9am to 10am**. You are welcome to drop in for a cup of coffee and meet with the team.

Members of Family Hub and SENDIAS will also be attending. Come for a chat to see what support for families is available.



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/>



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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.

Family Action's Norfolk & Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service

Parentkind
parents

[View in browser](#)

***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>



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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.

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!



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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

hazel@mundford.dneat.org

maple@mundford.dneat.org

cedar@mundford.dneat.org

rowan@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).



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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>

- **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,



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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

Tuesday 4th March: **Oak, Hazel, Maple** Cricket Day

Thursday 6th March: **Sycamore** Crucial Crew

Friday 7th March: World Book Day

10th – 14th March: Science Week

Tuesday 11th March: **Cedar, Rowan, Elm, Sycamore** Cricket Day

Fri 14th March Dress as Mad Scientist Day

Fri 14th March, The School Community Support Team Café 9am to 10am

Wednesday 19th March: **Hazel** Mundford Junction 2.15pm.

Friday 21st March: Comic Relief – Wear something red

24th March @3.15pm: Sycamore parents PGL Meeting

1st April Easter Church Service: *(parents invited more info., to follow)*

Wednesday 2nd April: Gladiator Assembly & Visit

Friday 4th April: Dogs Trust Day – Dress in Black & Yellow

Easter Holidays 7th – 22nd April

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 falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It is 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 "There you have this offer of interest" or "You might be an interesting prospect" - something that sounds like a genuine offer. This kind of "hook" is produced by scammers to draw us in. Once we've clicked on the link, we're taken to a website that looks like a legitimate one but is actually a scam. These sites are designed to steal our identity and our "hard-earned" money.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS
Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might pretend to be someone you know, or someone with whom they share a common interest. They might also pretend to be someone who is in a similar situation to you, such as someone who is looking for a job or someone who is looking for a partner. Scammers often use social media to find their victims and to build a rapport with them. They may also use fake profiles to make their interactions appear more legitimate.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS
Some scammers advertise an offer, offering a chance to buy something at a reduced price or a discount. They may use a sense of urgency to encourage you to act quickly. They may also use a sense of exclusivity to make the offer seem more valuable. Scammers often use a sense of urgency to encourage you to act quickly. They may also use a sense of exclusivity to make the offer seem more valuable.

YOU'RE A WINNER!
This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, competitions or prizes. It could be a message saying we've won a prize or a competition. It could be a message saying we've won a prize or a competition. It could be a message saying we've won a prize or a competition.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS
Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers. They can use technology to create fake profiles, photos and even videos that look authentic. Scammers can be used to promote a product, for example, to buy a product, for a prize or a competition. Scammers can be used to promote a product, for example, to buy a product, for a prize or a competition.

PANIC MODE
In a matter of seconds, scammers may create a sense of panic. Scammers may create a sense of panic. Scammers may create a sense of panic. Scammers may create a sense of panic.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED
Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber security. Use what you know to help your children. Use what you know to help your children. Use what you know to help your children.

TALK TOGETHER
Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they look online. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child comes to you with a problem, be supportive. Being in the know helps your young people have better fun on the internet. Being in the know helps your young people have better fun on the internet.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM
Most scammers rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts - whether that's to keep ourselves safe, to get ahead, to make friends, avoid being out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to be sceptical. Encourage children to be sceptical. Encourage children to be sceptical.

BE PROACTIVE
Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't spend too long trying to solve a problem or discuss the risk of a scam. Use what you know to help your children. Use what you know to help your children. Use what you know to help your children.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Kelly Powell Jones is the Founder of Online Media UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. She has investigated children's understanding of risk online, worked with schools, businesses and universities to provide advice - offering education on the criminal, legal and ethical consequences for the digital age. Visit www.onlinemediainuk.co.uk for more.

Wakes Up Wednesday

The National College