

# THE TACOLNESTON FLYER

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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace  
1 Peter 4:10*

**Week 6 – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Our Value for Life this term is Trust.**

## A Message from Mr Carlyle

With one more week to go before half term, I'm struck by how quickly this term is progressing. The children are very much into the rhythm and flow of their learning and I have seen a number of fantastic pieces of work over the last few days. It's always a pleasure to give someone a 'headteacher's award' sticker and to hear them talk about what they have been doing.

Many thanks to those of you who have signed up for the parents' consultation evenings for the week after half term. Hopefully this will provide a useful insight into some of the areas of the curriculum that they children have been studying and will provoke conversations at home with your children. Talking about their learning is a really effective way for the children to recall key pieces of knowledge, which in turn will be valuable for future lessons.

The attendance at Tacolneston for this academic year so far is 96%. Having high attendance is a key predictor of positive academic outcomes and this is borne out in the data at a national level. For the last academic year, looking at outcomes across the country, pupils at the end of key stage 1 (year 2) were far more likely to have achieved the expected standard for children of their age in reading, writing and maths if their attendance was close to 100%. The data shows us that 68% of children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths if their attendance was either 99% or 100% for the year. This drops to 56% achieving all three if their attendance was 95%. If the attendance was 90% then only 46% of children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths.

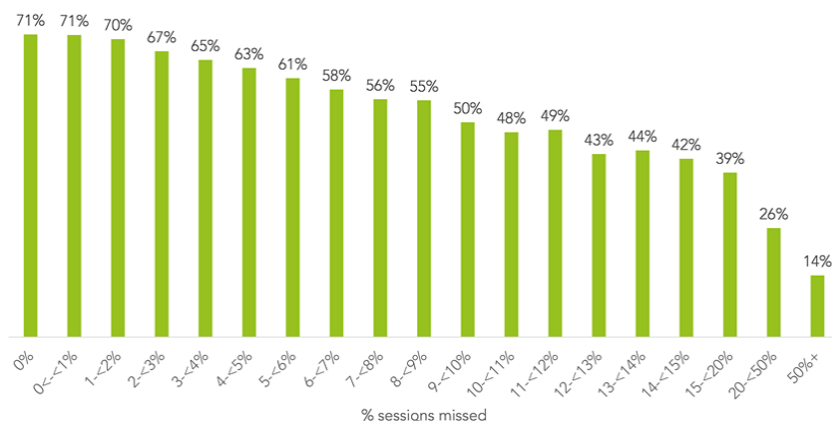
There is a similar picture at the end of year 6. 71% of children nationally achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths where their attendance was 99% or 100%. Where the attendance was 95% for the year then the percentage achieving the expected standard was 61% and for 90% attendance attainment in all three areas fell to 48%. Outcomes for year 6 are an indicator of potential results at GCSE too, so it is vital that we all work together to ensure that our attendance figures are as good they can possibly be.

Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing many of you at the harvest service next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mark Carlyle

% pupils achieving the expected standard in KS2 reading, writing & maths by absence, 2022/23  
State-funded mainstream schools



## Parking



Please can we remind you that parking in the school car park is for staff and visitors only unless you have a prior arrangement. Some staff were unable to park this morning. Thank you.

## Packed Lunches

Please do not put fizzy drinks into lunch boxes, this includes Radnor Fizz.



## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service will take place this week on **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October** at Tacolneston Church. Please take your children to the church for registration at 8.50am and bring them back to school after the service. If you are unable to bring them back to school please arrange a lift with another parent.

We are collecting food for the **Norwich Food Bank** and any donations will be greatly appreciated.

A reminder of the items in demand:

Tinned meat- especially Fray Bentos  
Tinned fish  
Soup  
Pot noodles  
Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Long life dairy milk  
Long life oat milk  
Tinned fruit  
Tinned custard or creamed rice  
Microwave rice in packets

## Pets

Wet and dry food for cats and for dogs

## Toiletries

Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Shower gel  
Toothpaste  
Roll on deodorant

## Laundry

Non-bio pods

Good quality clothes especially warm coats for winter. There is a toys for Christmas scheme and a Christmas Hamper programme too.

## FSM Vouchers

If your child is eligible for this you will have received your October vouchers this week. EdenRed will provide vouchers until March 2024 these are being funded by Norfolk County Council's Household Support Fund.



## The Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form Outreach Team - Mesozoic Maths and The Forum

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, join our Outreach Team at The Forum in Norwich for a fun-filled day of interactive mathematics activities. Visitors can try their hand at a range of T-rrific tasks with members of Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form's excellent teaching team to be in with a chance of winning a roar-some prize. There's no need to register for this event, details of which can be found on [The Forum website](#).

## FOTS NEWS



### Spooky disco



- We hope everyone is looking forward to the Spooky disco next week. The children can come wearing whatever they wish, fancy dress, party dress, whatever they feel comfortable coming in.

If any KS1 parents would like to stay and help it would be appreciated. Remember **NO phones or electronics**.



### Christmas Cards



- the deadline is next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, this isn't controlled by us, so if you would like to place an order please don't forget to do it in time.

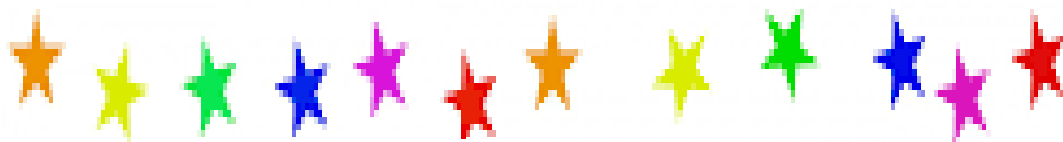
If you haven't had a look yet, this is a great chance to get some early Christmas presents!



### Pumpkin Trail



- we are still looking for prizes for our best pumpkins, so if anybody knows of a company that would like to donate a voucher/prize to our winning pumpkins they would be grateful received.



## Pupils of the Week



Our awards are given to pupils in recognition of them demonstrating one of our school values.



**Kingfishers Ruby - Creativity**



**Robins Freddie – Perseverance  
George - Perseverance**



**Eagles Alex M - Creativity  
Freya G – Courage & Perseverance**



**Sparrowhawks Leo - Courage  
Jack - Creativity**



**Awesome Author Eadie**



**Star Reader Freya E**



### HOUSE TEAM SCORES – this week

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
22	24	32	29

### TOTAL HOUSE TEAM SCORES

AUTUMN	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER
234	238	248	291

If you are new to the school, welcome! Please do join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TacolnestonFOTS/> or email us at [friendsoftacolneston@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftacolneston@gmail.com) to keep abreast of important news and upcoming events

# TACOLNESTON PUMPKIN TRAIL 2023

Back for  
the 4th  
Year!



22nd - 29th  
October

Hunt for 30+ Painted Pumpkins around  
the village to enter a prize draw.

Trail sheets can be found in a box  
at 108 Norwich Road. (next to the  
red phone box near the school)

Minimum donation of £3 per family.  
Donations can be made at the Trail Box.

Raising Funds  
for Tacolneston  
Primary  
Academy



# LITTLE SPROUT BUMP, BIRTH & BABY FAIR Norwich

**SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2023**  
10-4PM | MERCURE, NORWICH  
Workshops & Talks | 30+ stands

Whether you are expecting a baby, or already have a little one (or few), this event is not to be missed.



Advance tickets only £3  
[www.littlesproutbabyfair.com](http://www.littlesproutbabyfair.com)

  @littlesproutbabyfair



**Early  
Childhood  
and Family  
Service**



**A Norfolk service  
for 0-5 year olds  
and their families**



### Extra help

Sometimes families need a little extra help or support. ECFS could support you and your family with:

- Group activities
- Courses for parents
- One to one support
- Financial support



### Access support online

Get helpful advice from our website, access a variety of virtual group activities, find us on social media:

@ECFSNorfolk



### Attend local community groups

Use the Norfolk Community Directory to find local groups, childcare and other services near you.



### Get help to set up your own local group

The Norfolk Early Childhood Community Fund offers grants of upto £2,500, along with support, to help parents and carers set up their own groups in their local area.

For further information about all of the above, please visit  
[www.norfolk.gov.uk/earlychildhood](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/earlychildhood)  
ecfs-families@actionforchildren.org.uk • 0344 800 8020



# Stay & Play



Free to attend for 0-5 year olds and their families.

## Long Stratton ECFS Base

Every **Wednesday**  
1:00-2:00pm  
NR15 2XR

Drop in session for parents, carers and their children to **play together and meet new people**, every week, all year round.

All of our sessions are inclusive of and accessible to everybody.



Everyone welcome,  
just come along!



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# FREE Dental Screening for Children Under 5



Friday 10 November | Costessey Library

Breckland Road, Costessey, NR5 0RW

### What is Dental Screening?

Dental screening is an oral examination of children, taking around 3 minutes, to check the tooth surfaces for decay. Dental reports are provided to parents with information regarding their child's oral health and notifying them about any treatment needs of their child. It aims to identify oral health concerns at an early stage and prompt parents and carers to seek treatment where required.

### What happens if my child has a dental problem?

If an urgent dental condition is detected in your child's mouth, you will receive a follow up appointment and the required treatment. You will be contacted by phone a few days after the screening date.

### What about NHS registration?

Dental screening is offered to all children, whether or not they are registered with an NHS Dentist. For children who are registered with an NHS Dentist and require follow-up treatment, it will be suggested that you share the report with your own dentist to access treatment.

For children who are **not** registered with an NHS Dentist, follow-up treatment will be offered free of charge - however, this does **not** mean that your child will become a registered patient with the practice where treatment is completed.



Happy Smiles Club.  
John G Plummer & Associates  
Dental Surgeons



There are a limited number of appointments available and we may not be able to accommodate everyone.

Please scan the QR code below to complete our short, online form to register your interest.

