



14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through this busy term, I want to take a moment to celebrate some of the wonderful things happening across our school community.

Firstly, we are immensely proud of the students who represented our school at the Remembrance Parade at the War Memorial in Lowestoft. Their presence was a powerful reminder of the importance of honouring those who served, and they carried themselves with dignity and respect throughout the event.



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On Armistice Day, our entire student body demonstrated incredible maturity and reverence during the two-minute silence. It was particularly moving to see students from cadets and other organisations arriving in uniform, standing shoulder to shoulder with their peers in a shared act of remembrance.



Our Year 11 students have also shown great resilience and focus during their recent mock examinations. Over the past two weeks, they have approached this important milestone with determination and maturity, and we are confident this experience will serve them well as they prepare for the months ahead. Yesterday, on Thursday evening, we held our Year 7 Meet the Tutor evening. Thank you to all those parents/carers of Year 7 students. The feedback from parents was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on how well their children have settled and the strong relationships they are building with staff and peers.

Finally, we would greatly appreciate your input in shaping the future of our school. To help us make sure we're providing the best standard of education for your children, we'd like to know how you feel about our school. This will help us to find out what we're doing well and where we could do better and make sure we're meeting the needs of you and your child(ren).

[Please complete this survey using this form by 28th November.](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Children In Need

Today we have been supporting **Children in Need** with a **non-school uniform day** and a **bake sale**. This event to raise donations for this fantastic charity has been brilliantly supported by our students and staff.



Thank you for helping us support such a worthwhile cause!



UEA Workshops



Today, we welcomed representatives from the University of East Anglia (UEA) to deliver workshops for students in Years 8, 10, and 11 as part of our Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) programme. These sessions were designed to raise aspirations and provide valuable insight into future pathways, including higher education opportunities and the skills needed for success. Students engaged fully throughout the workshops, listening attentively and asking thoughtful, insightful questions that demonstrated a genuine interest in their future options. Their contributions reflected critical thinking and curiosity, as they explored topics such as university life, course choices, and career progression.

It was fantastic to see them taking ownership of their learning and considering how these opportunities align with their ambitions.

Student of the Week



CONGRATULATIONS!

KS3 PRE STUDENT OF THE WEEK



JENSON SMITH

Jenson is a fantastic student in his PRE lessons, he is always willing to put his hand up to answer questions and engage in the numerous discussions we have as a class. Currently we are studying philosophy, which often has many difficult concepts to grasp, Jenson throws himself into his learning, asking questions when he does not understand and is always respectful and considerate of others opinions. His attitude to learning and bookwork are brilliant and showcases the thought he puts into his work. It is great to see him progress during lessons.

CONGRATULATIONS!

KS4 PRE STUDENT OF THE WEEK



SINELDA FERNANDES

Sinellda has been working really hard in RE. Her book is always impeccably presented and she ensures that her notes are high quality to support her revision. She pushes herself to answer questions in full and develop her explanations of key concepts. Sinellda is also making sure that she is regularly practicing key terms and quotations, to put her in the best possible place to achieve well in her GCSEs.



Under 16 Badminton Fixture



Our Year 11 boys produced a proud performance at a recent schools tournament, finishing 5th out of 8 teams and winning 2 of their 4 matches. They showed great teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship throughout, with noticeable improvements in communication and shot selection. A solid platform to build on—well done to all involved!



Pakefield Community Spotlight

Stanley Blackburn

Stanley Blackburn in Year 11 has had some fantastic achievements with his running this year, winning local Park Runs and setting an excellent example of dedication and determination to achieving goals.

Message from Stanley:
My name is Stanley Blackburn and my PB in the 5km is 17:36 and in the 10km 39:04. I love running because of the challenge it gives you and the feeling of achievement once you've completed a run. I did my first ever 5km when I was 9 but didn't fall in love with running straight away. It wasn't until just a year ago, in December 2024, when my dad convinced me to do my local ParkRun with him. Ever since I have fell in love with running all because of my dad convincing me to stop being lazy and do ParkRun.
My goals for next year are to complete a half marathon and a sub 17 minute 5km.







The Library

LIBRARY

		Break	Lunch
M	Wk1	OPEN	OPEN
	Wk2	OPEN	OPEN
T	Wk1	OPEN	OPEN
	Wk2	OPEN	OPEN
W	Wk1	OPEN	OPEN
	Wk2	OPEN	OPEN
T	Wk1	CLOSED	CLOSED
	Wk2	CLOSED	CLOSED
F	CLOSED		

Library Clubs
Mon Games Club
Tue Crafty Tuesday
Wed Chess Club
Curious to know more? Check out our clubs posters or ask in the Library.

You can come to borrow and return books whenever the Library is open.

Library Information

Library & Clubs Update

- *You can borrow and return books anytime the library is open.
- *Books can also be returned in the Returns box outside the library.
- *If you borrowed any books before the summer, please return them as soon as possible.

Computer Access
Computers are available every lunchtime the library is open for homework/schoolwork only.

- ➡ You must sign up at break if you want to use a computer at lunch.

Library Clubs
Library clubs run every week!
Important: You must sign up at break before lunch on the day of the club.

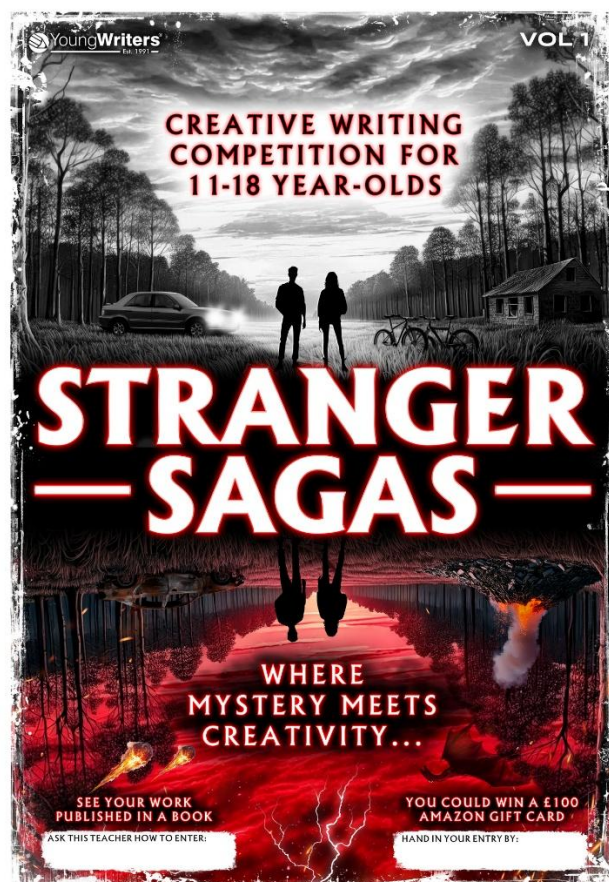
- ➡ No sign-up = No club!



SCHOLASTIC BOOKS REMINDER –Online ordering only

There are **only 2 days left** to order from our latest **Scholastic Book Club**. Just go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/pakefield-nr33/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and place your order.

Please place your order online by Sunday 16th November, 2025. Please do not return the leaflet to the school with money –**you can only order online.** Every **£1 you spend** on this month's Book Club will **earn 20p for our school** in Scholastic Rewards.



IDEAS

DISAPPEARANCE

TRAPPED

ALIEN

MIND CONTROL

WISH

SABOTAGE

ROBOTS

EXPLORATION

AI

CURSE

GHOST

ALTERNATE REALITY

EXPERIMENT

PORTAL

DOPPELGANGER

ESCAPE

HAUNTING

MAGIC

TRANSFORMATION

MONSTER

DISCOVERY

IDENTITY

TELEKINESIS

SPACE

SUPERNATURAL

STRANGER SAGAS

PLANNING SHEET

AIM: Write a story about something unusual happening in up to 100 words.

STORY STARTERS

You can use one of these to start or inspire your work.
Story starters count towards the 100-word limit.

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ There was a noise coming from the basement... | ☐ My name was on the missing persons list... |
| ☐ A single word appeared on the screen: 'Run.' | ☐ I opened the package to find a key and a map... |
| ☐ We watched from the space station as Earth exploded... Instead of blood, there were wires... | ☐ The sign read 'Plant a wish. Watch it grow...' The experiment was a failure... |

Where is your story set?

Who is your main character?

What is the problem they face?

How will your story end?

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Please see Mrs Cheale in the Library if you have any questions.

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School Nurse (Changes to dates)

New School Nurse: Sonia Southgate

Changes: Sonia is in school fortnightly on a Tuesday lunch time.

Venue: Meeting Room 2

Times:

Year 7, 9 and 11: 1.00pm-1.30pm

Years 8 and 10: 1.30pm-2.00pm

Dates:

Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 11th November 2025

Tuesday 25th November 2025

Tuesday 9th December 2025



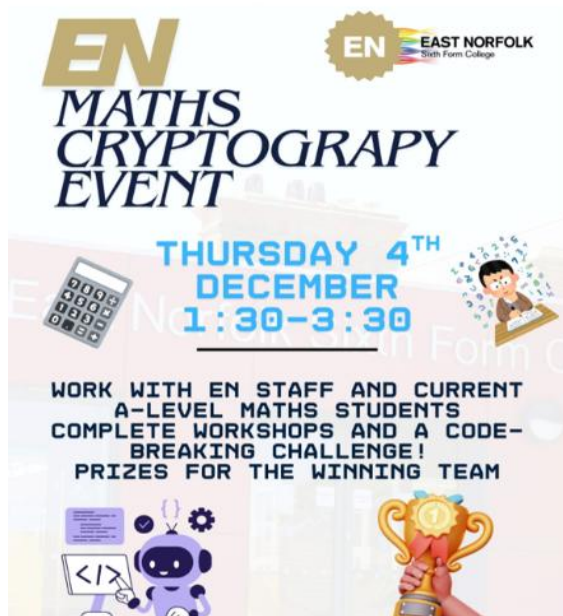
Weekly 100% Attendance Rewards



Every Monday, one student from each year group with 100% attendance in the previous week will be randomly selected to receive a £5 Amazon voucher.



Every Friday, two students from each year group with 100% attendance for the entire week will also be randomly selected to receive a golden ticket, and a jump the queue pass for themselves and a friend. This pass also entitles the winner to a complimentary meal deal.



Year 10 – Maths Cryptography Event at ENSFC

Working in groups with East Norfolk Sixth Form College staff and students, students will have the opportunity to take part in two different workshops using graphical calculators and code-breaking.

Following the workshops, students will then use their skills to take part in a code-breaking challenge.

There are 15 places available for this event. If you are interested in taking part, please speak to Mrs Moore or Mr Hill.

Year 11 College Interviews

East Coast College Interviews – Monday 17th November

- East Coast College will be in school on **Monday 17th November** to conduct interviews with students who have applied for one of their courses.
- Student names will be confirmed this week, and individual appointment slips will be provided on the morning of the interviews.
- If you have applied but are not on the interview list, don't worry — your interview will be scheduled during the college's next visit.





KS4 - Aspiring Doctors

FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Medicine conference dates:

Sunday 16th November from 9am - 1:30pm
Saturday 22nd November from 9am - 1:30pm

Students will be awarded a certificate of attendance, which can be listed on their medical School applications for 'activities that support higher education'.

Students and parents/carers can register for free at this link:

Medical Registration Link:
https://medicmentor.org/get-into-medicine-conference-sign-up/?utm_source=Sendgrid&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Schools+04%2F11



These conferences are entirely cost-free, guaranteeing that students from all backgrounds have equal access to invaluable information that can significantly enhance their university application prospects.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE CAREERS DISCOVERY EVENT

Book Here 

HEALTH & CARE ACADEMY

11 NOVEMBER 2025, 17:30 - 19:30
THE PLACE, GREAT YARMOUTH

15 NOVEMBER 2025, 10 - 12
COLLEGE OF WEST ANGLIA,
KING'S LYNN

18 NOVEMBER 2025, 17:30 - 19:30
UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA,
NORWICH

Parents/carers and students are welcome to attend and meet Health & Social care professionals to hear about a variety of career pathways, real-life experiences of working in the Health & Social Care sector, and learn about early career opportunities such as Apprenticeships and Work Experience.

 Improving lives together
Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care System

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE CAREERS DISCOVERY EVENT

HEALTH & CARE ACADEMY

Meet experts from health and social care professions to learn about career and pathway options.

Book Here! 



THE PLACE, GREAT YARMOUTH
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5:30PM - 7:30PM



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(Age 13 and over) - Healthcare Science Virtual Work Experience?



Healthcare Science virtual work experience programme

There are over fifty thousand healthcare scientists working in the NHS and public health services. They operate at the cutting edge of innovation, supporting the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease. If you are passionate about science and technology, and about helping others, a career in healthcare science could be the perfect match for you.

Healthcare scientists work in over fifty specialisms which can be categorised into four groups:



Life Sciences



Physiological Sciences



Physical Sciences



Bioinformatics

NHS England have just introduced an exciting new Healthcare Science Virtual Work Experience opportunity, in collaboration with Springpod, which can be accessed on an unlimited basis by anyone over the age of thirteen, across the UK.

The programme aims to break down barriers to traditional work experience and provide more accessible and inclusive options for young people to explore careers in the Healthcare Sciences. It contains a variety of content including quizzes, videos, activities and pre-recorded webinars/Q&As, as well as an opportunity to live chat with a healthcare science ambassador. Modules cover an introduction to healthcare science, details of different specialisms, entry routes, career planning, and employability skills. You can start straight away and complete the course at your own pace.

How do I sign up?

- **Visit:** www.nhse.springpod.com/#Experiences
- **Sign up:** registration is quick, and free
- **Start learning:** access expert-led modules
- **Get certified:** gain a completion certificate and skills chart when you have completed the course. This can be a useful resource for UCAS applications and future interviews.

For more information about the healthcare sciences, visit:
www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/healthcare-science

Free School Meals – Check Your Eligibility

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, you can apply online and receive an immediate response and confirmation email.

Children who have received free school meals since 1 April 2018 will continue to receive them until the end of the 2025/2026 school year, regardless of changes in income.

Use this link to check and [Apply for free school meals](#)

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme.

[More information from Suffolk County Council is available here](#)



School Events

Week Beginning	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
17/11/2025		Year 11 Geography Field Trip		Year 8 UEA Workshops Year 11 Food NEA - All day	Year 11 Food NEA - Period 2&3
24/11/2025				Year 8 STEM Event - UEA	
01/12/2025		Flu Vaccine Mop Up			
08/12/2025	Christmas Dinner	Christmas Dinner	Christmas Dinner	Christmas Dinner Year 10 – Parents Evening	Christmas Dinner



Warm regards,

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