Norman Gate School Newsletter

Autumn Term Issue 2 — Friday 26th September 2025

Diary Dates 2025/2026

Wednesday 1st October 2pm
School Nursing Team Sleep Workshop

Friday 14th November
Children in Need (non Uniform)

Wednesday 10th December
Christmas Performance 2pm
(Cub, Caterpillar, Hoglet, Kit, Otter and Butterfly class)

Thursday 11th December
Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December
Christmas Performance 1:30pm
(Hedgehog, Badger and Fox Class)

Thursday 18th December
Nursery Christmas Songs & Fun
11:30 am & 3pm

Friday 19th December
Christmas party & Santa Visit

Inset Days 2025-2026

3rd November 2025
9th February 2026
27th March 2026
5th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term our school value focus is **Teamwork**. We have been exploring what teamwork looks like in our classrooms, playgrounds and across the whole school. Pupils have been thinking about how playing and working together helps us solve problems, support one another and celebrate each other's successes.

Annual Reviews – Information sharing changes

In the spirit of teamwork, we are also looking at how we share information with you ahead of your child's annual review. We know how important it is for parents and carers to have clear, timely information and an opportunity to share your views.

From now on, all key information relating to your child's annual review will be uploaded to Class Dojo under your child's portfolio. On the portfolio you will be sent an invite to the meeting, a draft copy of the report and a link to a short online form where you can share your parent view and any updates you would like us to consider. Your contributions are a vital part of the process, helping us to build a full picture of your child's progress and needs.

We believe this new approach will make the process smoother and ensure that your voice is a key part of reviewing the progress that your child is making.

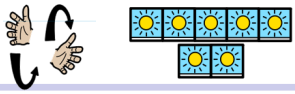
Could You Be Our Next Parent Governor?

We are currently looking for a new Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. This is a rewarding voluntary role where you can help shape the strategic direction of our school, represent the views of parents and carers, and support our commitment to providing the very best for our children.

If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact the school office or speak to Lisa. No prior experience is necessary, just enthusiasm, a willingness to learn, and a passion for making a difference to our school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for working in partnership with us. Together, we can continue to provide the best possible opportunities for all our children.

Signs of the Week



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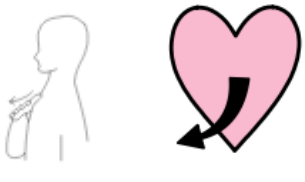

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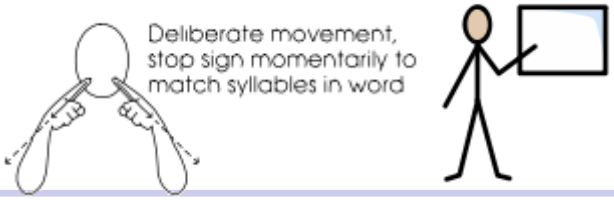


Kit Class

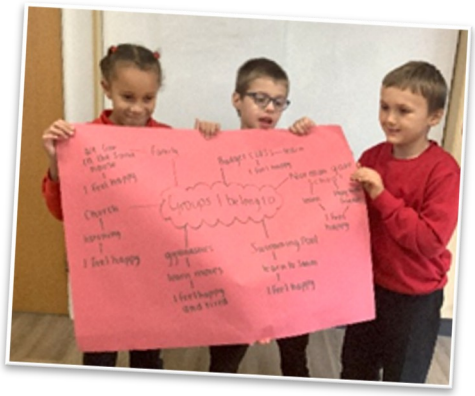
Kit Class have had a great start to the year. The children are settling in well, getting to know their new environment, following the class routine and building relationships with both adults and peers. Our topic, "This is Me," has helped us explore emotions using the Zones of Regulation, learn about ourselves and our families, and name body parts and facial features through the story "Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes." We've enjoyed songs, role play, book sharing and lots of creative activities.

P.E. twice a week has been a hit helping develop the children's gross motor skills and confidence on climbing equipment. Some children have also started horse riding, with others joining in the Summer term. A fantastic start to the year, well done, Kit Class!

Badger Class

In Badger class we have been focusing on working and playing together. The children have really enjoyed sharing and taking turns as well as role playing. It has been lovely to see their smiles and hear their laughter as they practise these social skills. In our PSED lessons we have been talking about the different groups we are part of such as family, school, our class as well as clubs. The children shared how belonging to these makes them feel.

We are very proud of the children and how well they are settling into Badger class.



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Lisa Collins Headteacher	**Sophie Durbajlo** Deputy Headteacher	**Kay Barnikel** Home/School Co-Ordinator	**Lindsay Symmonds** Teacher