



13th February 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this letter finds you all well and you are all looking forward to half term. With a term that may be best remembered for the sheer amount of rain we have had, I live in hope that dryer days are ahead. Please excuse the length of this letter, I am conscious there is a lot to update you with before a busy end of the Spring Term.

I wanted to send you a few updates and share our exciting plans for ***World Book Day*** and ***Spring Prom***.

World Book Day at Normandy Village

We are delighted to share our plans for ***World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026***, which promises to be a fun and engaging celebration of reading across the whole school.

M&M Productions Performance – The Secret Garden

To begin our celebrations, on Wednesday 4th March we are thrilled to welcome M&M Productions, who will be performing *The Secret Garden* for the children. This will be a wonderful opportunity to further inspire a love of literature and bring a classic story to life.

Dress Up as a Book Character

Children are warmly invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on the 5th March. Costumes can be as simple or creative as you like, the focus is on celebrating a love of books. The staff will be coming together this year and will all be dressing up together to celebrate a popular book series.

Whole School Origami Bookmark Competition

In the lead-up to World Book Day, children will be invited to take part in a whole school origami bookmark competition.

Children can first create a basic origami bookmark by following the video below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEwl0fvqo18>

- They will then be encouraged to personalise their bookmark by adding their own creative features.



- All bookmarks should be brought into school the day before World Book Day.
- Winners will be chosen for EYFS & KS1 and KS2.

Masked Reader Competition

Ahead of the day, members of staff have been filmed reading a book (in disguise!). These clips will be turned into a fun “Masked Reader” video which children will watch on World Book Day and try to guess who is behind the book.

World Book Day Timetable

All classes will be off timetable for the day. Activities will focus on speaking, listening, reading, drawing and writing.

Time	Activity
8:45–9:15	Children will be invited to show and talk about their costumes with their class.
9:15–10:15	Children will explore a wordless book and tell the story using the pictures
10:15 – 10.35	Watch the Masked Reader video and make guesses
10:35-10.50	Break
10:50–12:00	Children draw an alternative ending to their wordless story
12.00 -1.00	Lunch
1:00–1:20	Buddy Reads – Children will have the opportunity to share books with another class
1:20–2:40	Children write their own ending or an alternative ending
2:45–3:00	Whole school assembly – Masked Readers revealed and bookmark winners announced

Drop Everything and Read

At some point during the day, a bell will ring and everyone in school will stop what they are doing and read for 10 minutes. Children will be prepared for this in advance.

We are really looking forward to celebrating books and reading with the children and thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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Spring Prom

It is that time of year again and we are looking forward to holding our Spring Prom on **Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 6pm.**

We are keen to offer all children an opportunity to showcase their talents and share their different abilities with peers and other members of our community.

We would like to invite children to present a performance via auditions with their class teachers during the weeks beginning **23rd February** and **2nd March**, for the chance to be included on this year's stage. Children will be made aware of their class's specific audition day after the half-term break. We are all looking forward to seeing the skills the children develop outside of school.

If your child is selected, you will receive a letter with further details of the rehearsals and the performance during the week beginning **Monday 9th March.**

We want to showcase a whole variety of talent in the school, so we are looking for soloists, duets and groups and all sorts of instruments, singers, dancers and variety performers. All we ask is that it is a confident and polished performance!

Please note that:

1. Performances must be no longer than 90 seconds
2. Please consider costumes and props if they are appropriate for the performance

For any children who are not selected for the evening performance, we will still be celebrating their talents and efforts in assemblies during the same week.

We are hoping to have guests from Ash Manor School also performing on the night, but if any parents and carers would also like to inspire the children with skills that may be otherwise hidden within the busy-ness of life, then please do register your interest with the school and let us know what you would like to present.

Thank you for your support in helping the children to prepare for these events and we really look forward to seeing their wonderful performances after half term.

Trips

We have lots of exciting trips and workshops planned for all classes across the year. It is really helpful if you can go on to MCAS to give your consent in good time before a trip; parental consent is required for all off-site trips and activities. When a contribution is made to a trip, parent consent is automatically given. We cannot run all the trips and activities without your



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contributions, and we are grateful for your support.

Lunch at School

Twelve15 provides a great selection of popular lunch options, and they offer the flexibility to order on the day in class – please ensure there is money on your child’s account if you are not eligible for free school meals. Please be aware that lunch numbers are finalised by 9.30am, if your child is late and you have not booked in advance, your child will need to bring a packed lunch.

Please remember that we are a **Nut Aware School**, please do not send anything to school containing nuts as we have staff and children with severe nut allergies.

Wrap and Breakfast Club

Please remember to book your child’s place at Breakfast and Wrap Club on MCAS; if you need to book at short notice please phone the school office. Please be reminded that our wraparound care offer runs on a **no debt basis**; please can you ensure you have funds available to cover the sessions you need to book.

Late Arrival to School

If your child arrives late to school, the adult bringing them **must** accompany them to the school office to sign them in, please do not drop them at the gate.

Parking on School Lane

Please can we remind you to park safely and considerately on School Lane and be especially careful around the school entrances. **Please do not park on the pavement or block the carpark entrance in any situation.**

Lost Property

The lost property pile is increasing again, please ensure you name everything that your child brings to school, we do our best to return lost items, but without a name it is very tricky!



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Friends of Normandy Village School

Our wonderful PTA have some exciting events planned for the coming term, including the popular Mother's & Other's Day gift sale and Wonker Bars to coincide with World Book Day. Please see their website for all bookings [Home | Friends of NVS \(Normandy Village School\)](https://friends-of-nvs.square.site/)
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Upcoming Dates

Friday 13th February - last day of term

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February - Half Term, school closed

Monday 23rd February - **Guiding World Thinking Day** – pupils can come to school in their Guiding or Scouting Uniforms

Thursday 26th February - **Year 1 Milestone Museum** (parental consent required on MCAS)

Friday 27th February - **Year 4 Winchester Science Centre** (parental consent required on MCAS)

Friday 27th February - **Year 5 visit to Ash Manor School** (parental consent required on MCAS)

Tuesday 3rd to Monday 9th March - **Book Fair**

Thursday 5th March - **World Book Day** - see details included in this letter

Thursday 5th March - Friends of NVS collect your Wonker Bars (pre-order by 2nd March)

Thursday 12th March - **Year 6 Marwell Zoo** (parental consent required on MCAS)

Thursday 12th March – **Reception Class Assembly** at 10.15am

Friday 13th March – Friends of NVS Mother's & Other's Day Gift Shop (preorder by 9th March)

Monday 16th to Friday 20th March - **Year 6 Bikeability** (booking closes 14th Feb)

Wednesday 18th March, - **Reception, Year 1 & 2 Bringing Books to Life Workshop** (please make a contribution to this workshop on MCAS)

Wednesday 18th March & Thursday 19th March – **Parent Teacher Meetings** (booking from 7pm on 4th March)

Thursday 19th March – **Art for Grandparents** – 9-11am (Year group slots will be shared)

Tuesday 24th March - **Spring Prom**, see details included in this letter

Friday 27th March - **Year 3 Wisley Gardens** (parental consent required on MCAS)

Friday 27th March - End of Spring Term



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Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April - **Easter Holiday**

Monday 13th April - Start of Summer Term

We look forward to another successful half term.

Yours faithfully,

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