Salhouse Weekly Update	Wk commencing 21st September

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We are delighted to have everyone back. We have had a really positive start to term with the children settling quickly into their new classes and visitors have already commented on the lovely atmosphere and the beautiful behaviour form all the children.

There is a lot of information in this newsletter and I'm sorry it is all a bit wordy and formal! Please take a minute to read it through, including the attachments where necessary as it will make sure everyone has the information they need going forward. Thank you!

Communication between home and school is really important for the children's wellbeing and learning. You can catch myself or Mrs Davies on the gate in the mornings. Please do keep in touch. No issue is too small; we know that little things make a big difference!

Back to school reminders

- Please Park and walk, using the village hall and playing field, especially at the end of the day to keep everyone safe.
- Please do not use the staff car park to drop off or pick up children for breakfast club, nursery or during the school day
- Trainers or wellies for playtime
- Healthy snack for KS2 – preferably fruit or veg and wrapper free if we can
- Name everything!

GDPR and permissions

When your children started school, we ask for your permission to use their photographs for Tapestry, the website, and occasionally to share with other organisations. These permissions remain unchanged unless you contact us to change them, which you can do at any time. Your permissions are held on your child's record on Pupil Asset. If you would like to check what you have given permission for, or if you would like to change anything, please give the office a call and we will sort it.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is central to everything we do at Salhouse. All our staff have undertaken safeguarding training this week and we have updated our safeguarding policy in line with the latest government guidance "Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026". Our new policy will be available on the website soon.

Our filtering system in school, which keeps our school community safe online in school and ensures we are protected from harmful content is fully compliant with the DfE standards. I receive daily reports which let me know if anyone has attempted to access inappropriate content online. The system also allows us to alert our provider of anything that slips through the net so that controls can be tightened.

In order to ensure children's safety online at home you may wish to consider the parental controls on your broadband and devices. It is worth checking the recommended age limits on social media sites and it is recommended that children use the internet in the lounge or kitchen where there are others around, rather than shut away in their bedroom. We talk to the children all the time about how to stay safe online. Please have this conversation at home too, especially around how we talk to others online.

Allergies in school.

Please note that we have children in school with severe allergies to nuts and other foods such as dairy and eggs. Please keep packed lunches and snacks nut free, including peanut butter, Nutella or nuts as snacks. Please pack your child's lunch as if it were them who had the allergy. School lunches are nut free. There are also other food allergies in school so please could you remind children not to share lunches or snacks with their friends.

Parents of children with allergies have to send them to school every day knowing that the contents of someone else's lunch box could have unthinkable consequences for their child.

All staff and volunteers have undertaken training in line with the new Benedict's Law. Our Anaphylaxis policy has been updated and will be available on the website soon.

If your child has food allergies which have changed since July, including changes to medication, please let us know immediately by contacting the school office.

Free School meals and the Pupil Premium
Families on low incomes or who are entitled to particular benefits are entitled to Free School Meals. This is SEPARATE and additional to the universal infant free school meals which are for all infant aged children (reception, Yr1 and Yr2). If you have in Reception, or your family circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to free school meals. The school also receives money from the Pupil Premium to support the learning of children in school who are entitled to free school meals, even if they are Reception or KS1 and receive the universal offer, so if you think you may be entitled please complete the form even if your child is in Coots , Bitterns or Kingfishers and has the universal infant meals. The rules have recently changed, so even if you have applied before you may now find that you are entitled.

https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk

Attendance
We all know how important school is, for children's emotional and social development and their academic achievement. The attendance policy is attached and is taken from the model policy for all Norfolk Schools. It is a very long-winded way of saying please make sure your child is in school every day on time, please let us know if they are poorly and send them back as soon as you can and please please please don't book term time holiday.
Please take a moment to read the short attendance guide for parents and the information about fixed penalty notices (which you won't need if you don't take term time holiday!)

Attached
- Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

Mrs Sonnex, Executive Headteacher

Lunch Menu – Week 2

Dates for your diary

Monday 21st September – Theatre club starts (pre booked only)

Tuesday 22nd September – Football club starts (pre booked only)

Thursday 24th September – Flu vaccinations

Tuesday 6th October Reception and Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

NORWICH CATHEDRAL

September 2026

Dear Parents,

'BE A CHORISTER' DAY AT NORWICH CATHEDRAL
Saturday 10th October 2026, 11.00am – 4.00pm



On Saturday 10th October, we will be holding our annual 'Be a Chorister' day, in partnership with Norwich School. This is a fun day of singing, music-making and games, open to all boys and girls of primary school age. No prior singing experience is necessary and there is no cost to participate. We simply want children to come along and enjoy the opportunity to sing with us in the Cathedral!

The programme for the day is:

10.45am	Arrival and registration ▪ Singing session for children with a vocal coach ▪ Presentation for parents who would like to find out more about choirs at Norwich Cathedral ▪ Drama & games for children at Norwich School ▪ Q&A for parents and coffee
Lunch	Provided for children at Norwich School
Afternoon	Singing for children with Ashley Grote, Organist & Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral and the Cathedral Choristers Optional tours of Norwich Lower School for parents
3.30pm	Choral Evensong in Norwich Cathedral, sung by the participating children alongside the cathedral choristers – all welcome to attend
4.15pm	End

Throughout the day, children are supervised in small groups by staff from Norwich School and Norwich Cathedral: parents can drop their children off and are not required to stay with them.

To register for a place, please visit www.norwich-school.org.uk/open-events-and-visits

THE BIG FUTURE

For the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election at age 16, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century – yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them.

That's why I'm doing my final survey, *The Big Future*, to talk to a million children, to listen to them. And to find out about what it's like to be a child today.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like, now and in the future.



Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England

How children and young people can take part

The survey is open now. Full URL:
https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/

Salhouse Primary School: *Soaring on wings*

'They will soar on wings like eagles
They will run and not grow weary
They will walk and not be faint.'
Isaiah 40:31