TAS VALLEY TELEGRAPH

'Living Life to the Full'

Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer break. Over the past two days, it has been a real pleasure to welcome the children back to Saxlingham and Tasburgh Primary Schools. We have loved hearing about their summer adventures and seeing the enthusiasm with which they have returned. There has been a lovely atmosphere across both schools as pupils have settled quickly back into the routines of school life.

During the summer holidays, at Saxlingham, Mrs Smith and her team have completed the painting of the cabin, and we are looking forward to making full use of this fantastic new learning and workspace. At Tasburgh, Mr Wood has been equally busy overseeing improvements to the children's toilet facilities, with further developments planned throughout the coming year.

This term's Federation project is entitled **'Unity'**. Through this theme, pupils will explore the values of **peace** and **generosity**, alongside the big ideas of **justice, resolution, conflict and harmony**. We are excited to see the learning, discussions and opportunities that this project will inspire across both schools.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or information you would like to share, please do not hesitate to contact us. We greatly value our partnership with families and look forward to working together to ensure a successful and enjoyable year for every child.

With best wishes,
Matt Walker
Executive Headteacher

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WE LEARN
WE ACHIEVE
WE CELEBRATE
Tas Valley Church Schools Federation

Mobile Phones in School

The Government's recent guidance states that schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default, helping to reduce distractions and support pupils' learning, wellbeing and social interaction throughout the school day.

In line with this guidance, our expectation is that **children should not bring mobile phones to school**.

We understand, however, that there may be exceptional circumstances where a mobile phone is necessary. For example, some **Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who walk to and from school independently** may need a phone for safety and communication with their family before and after school.

In these cases:

- Mobile phones must be **switched off** before entering school.
- Phones must be **handed to the teacher at the start of the school day**.
- Phones will be stored securely and kept safe during the day.
- Phones will be returned to pupils at the end of the school day.

Pupils must not keep mobile phones with them during lessons, breaktimes or lunchtime. **Mobile phones must not be kept in a pupil's school bag**.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us maintain a calm, focused and safe learning environment for all children.

Together, we can ensure that every child gets the most from their time in school.

Contacting Us

If you have a query about a classroom matter, then please speak to your child's teacher. It is usually possible to have a brief conversation at morning drop off or afternoon collection. Otherwise, please contact them via the School Office. **Please note that there is a new email address for Tasburgh Office and for Mrs Firman.**

Class	Teacher	Class	Teacher
Sparrow Class	Miss Limon & Mrs Singleton	**Robin Class**	Mrs MacLennan & Miss Braddock
Kingfisher Class	Mrs Whitefoot & Mrs Elliot	**Goldfinch Class**	Mrs Farley & Mrs Wright
Swallow Class	Mrs Knight	**Skylark Class**	Ms McLaughlin & Mrs Wright
		Swift Class	Mrs Firman & Ms Ladbrooke

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Chicken in Tomato Sauce with Steamed Rice	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Pork Bolognese with Pasta Twists	Chicken Fillet Bites and Chips
Hot Option 2	Chinese-Style Plant Balls with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Cheesy Pasta (v)	Cheese and Potato Pie with Gravy (v)	BBQ Loaded Bean Bake (v)	Garden Vegetable Goujons and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Served with	Mixed Salad	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Vegetables	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Summer Berry Cupcake	Vanilla Ice Cream	Beetroot Brownie with Orange Wedges	Fruit Jelly	Lemon Shortbread with a Melon Wedge
Packed Lunch	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Summer Berry Cupcake	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Sultanas, Vanilla Ice Cream	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Beetroot Brownie	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Jelly	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Melon Wedge, Lemon Shortbread

Week One: 13 Apr | 4 May | 1 Jun | 22 Jun | 13 Jul | 14 Sep | 5 Oct – Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta (v)	Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice	Chipolata Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy	BBQ Shredded Chicken in a Wrap with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheese and Potato Pastry Pinwheel and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Served with	Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Fresh Fruit Platter	Marble Shortbread	Summer Berry and Apple Slice with Greek Yogurt	Orange Cupcake	Apple Flapjack
Packed Lunch	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Portion	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Orange Wedges, Marble Shortbread	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Summer Berry and Apple Slice	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Orange Cupcake	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Apple Flapjack

Week Two: 20 Apr | 11 May | 8 Jun | 29 Jun | 31 Aug | 21 Sep | 12 Oct – Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Hot Dog with Potato Wedges and Tomato Dip	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Mashed Potato and Gravy	"Build your Own" Chicken Taco with Steamed Rice	Fish Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Tex Mex Chilli with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Plant Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges and Tomato Dip (v)	Vegetable Pastry Plait with Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	"Build your Own" Vegetarian Taco with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Frittata and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad	Broccoli and Carrots	Sweetcorn	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Banana Muffin	Shortbread	Apple Crumble and Greek Yogurt	Oaty Cookie	Chewy Krispie Bar with Orange Wedges
Packed Lunch	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Banana Muffin	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Shortbread	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Melon Wedge, Flapjack	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Oaty Cookie	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Chewy Krispie Bar

Week Three: 27 Apr | 18 May | 15 Jun | 6 Jul | 7 Sep | 28 Sep | 19 Oct – Fresh Fruit Available Daily

Norfolk County Council 2026-2027 Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 1 & 2 September, 23 October, 4 January and 12 April . Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.

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