



## Headteacher's message

As we reach the end of the first term of this year, I want to take this opportunity to thank both students and parents / carers for the hugely positive support and efforts, despite being the longest term of the year, it has felt a calm and purposeful 16 weeks since we returned from the Summer break. In particular we have seen some significant progress in attendance with over 370 of our students now attending school for over 95% of the time, and we've also seen a large increase in our overall attendance percentage as a school. We know that when our students attend school and all of their lessons regularly, they make excellent progress, and I am delighted to say that this is really evident in our classrooms this term.

It has been a busy term for trips, visits and enrichment and rewards activities; only last week Year 11 enjoyed a fun afternoon skating at Funky Monkeys to reward them for their fantastic engagement in the mock examinations this month. We have had visits to bug parks; sailing on the broads; a trip to Wembley; a robotics competition; lots of sports fixtures and a cup win; a young chef competition to name just a few. It's also been heartening to see students involving themselves in charity events and we were incredibly proud of our community's contributions towards the Norwich Foodbank Christmas Appeal.

Staffing remains strong and consistent with only two members of staff leaving us at the end of term: Miss Redwood in our administration team and Mrs Liversage our Cognition and Learning Base Lead. Both have been valued colleagues, and I'd like to thank them for all of their hard work and wish them well for their next challenge. And as always I would like to send my thanks to our amazing staff team who go above and beyond every day to make CAN a safe and happy community.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and manage to enjoy some family time together and we look forward to seeing all of our students on the 7th January.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo Franklin".

**Jo Franklin**



# Trips, Events & Clubs

## Some highlights from this term

### Girls Football

Year 7 - They won 8-2 against Hellesdon High School, lots of goals scored. Special mention to **Lashanna** and **Donya** who are most improved in year 7!! They have so worked so hard, and all continue to come to after school training Thursdays!

Year 7/8/9 - Played in County Cup Tournament

Year 10 - Played in County Cup Tournament

All our players have improved a lot this term, and we look forward to more goals next ter



### Boys Football

Earlier in the term our Year 11 team played a game against Acle - and they smashed it with a 6-1 win. It was a fantastic performance from all the boys.



Year 7 enjoyed a **Smash Up** along with other Norwich schools, at Open Academy! it was lovely to see our boys socialising with other schools, and supporting one another!! Both teams won most of their games too!



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## Rowing Festival

Students from Years 7 - 10 attended a fantastic Rowing Festival at Whitlingham Boathouse earlier in December. They were invited to attend by Norwich SSP and South Norfolk SSP who organised this event in collaboration with East Anglia Youth Rowing and British Rowing.

They competed with teams from schools across Norwich in an action-packed day of rowing and challenges including testing their endurance with the Olympic Team challenge!

The day finished with a fun festive 3500km Reindeer Relay - in which the teachers competed too -so was very competitive. Laughter, fun, and fitness was had by all.

**Huge thanks** to the event organisers for such an engaging and fun Festival!





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## Year 7 : Eaton Vale



Our first trip of 2024/5 was a trip to Eaton Vale. this trip has become a yearly fixture in our calendar, and is the first week of the new school year; a chance for our Year 7s to get to know each other, and their teachers, by working together on various activities, challenging themselves, and having a lot of fun!



## Year 8: John Innes Institute

Year 8s had the opportunity to meet STEM professionals at the John Innes Institute in November when they attended the 'Find My Future Event. They found out the work and innovative research done at the Institute, plus learned about job opportunities and careers paths involving STEM (**S**cience, **T**echology, **E**ngineering and **M**aths). We could have some budding scientists from CAN in the future!



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## Year 9: Residential trip : Barton Turf Adventure Centre & the Horsford Centre



Year 9s had a packed programme of activities on this overnight trip to Barton Turf Adventure Centre and the Horsford Centre in November. They investigated the wildlife of the Broad's wetlands, built camp fires and toasted (and munched on) marshmallows, plus they foraged for wild plants to make tea and bread. Rock climbing and zip-lining was another highlight topped off by a sunset boat trip on Barton Broad! A fantastic experience!

## Year 10 : Kit Club - Wednesdays after school



Kit Car Club is revving up again, for this years Kit Club Race at Lotus next year. First, they need to design and build their kit car, so they've been working out measurements, before they start building the parts and assembling their car, ready for the big race.





## **Year 11: Work Hard & Rewards**

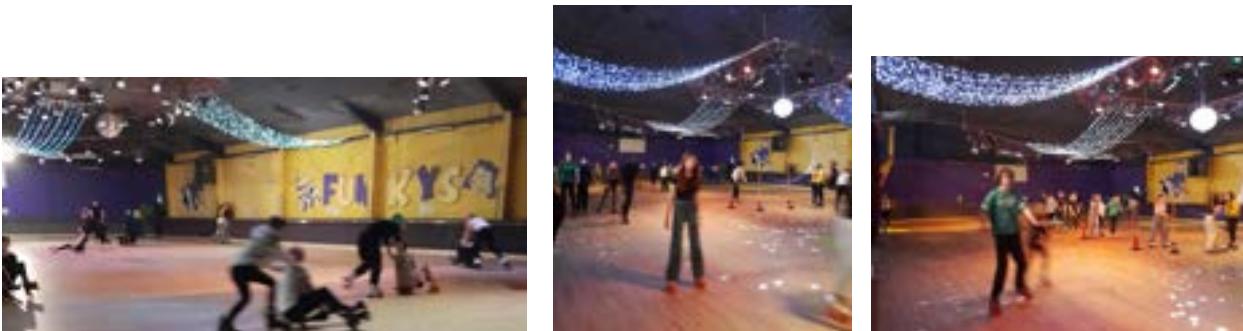
This term our Year 11s have been awesome!

They have achieved amazing progress with Reading Solutions - an intervention programme which assesses their reading ages, and provides reading material to improve their reading ages, reading pace, and vocabulary. Those who engaged with the programme made amazing progress, with 18 months progress made over a 10-week period.! We are so proud of their hard work and commitment!

Their commitment and resilience was evident with those who joined the after school Study Hall, which ran for 3 weeks before their November mock exams - and it paid off with their mock results where there were many smiling faces!



There were more smiling faces when the Year 11s, were rewarded with an afternoon of roller skating at Funky Monkeys.





This Autumn has seen Improtech Soccer grow again, with new Year 7s. There has been a massive improvement already across the board and they have all settled in really well with good results in competitive matches.

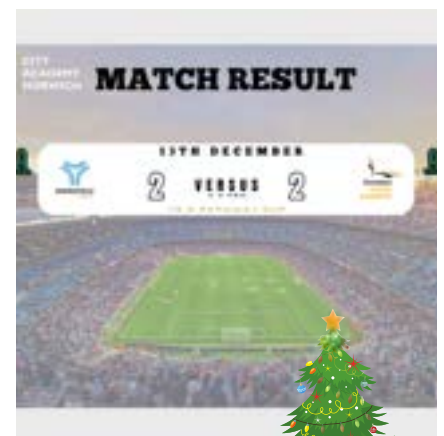
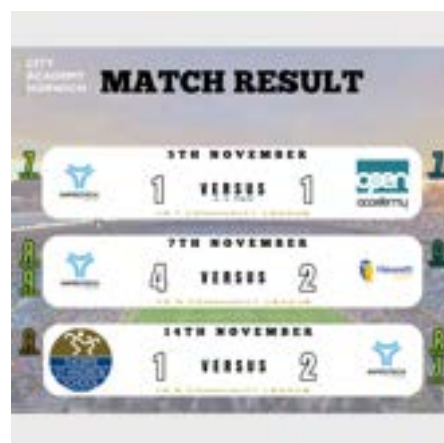
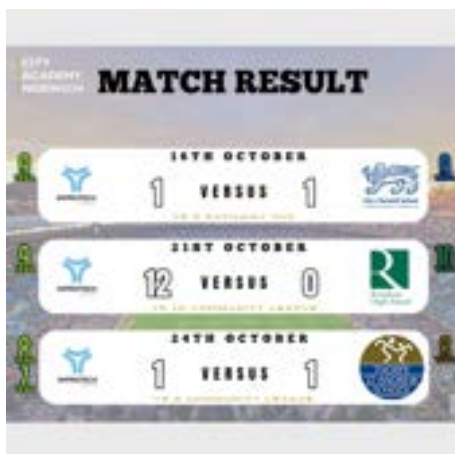
Year 8s have continued their great progress from last year and pushed themselves by playing other school's Year 9s. This has seen the Year 8s gain valuable experience and record great results.

The girls football club has been very popular and it has been great to see the Year 8 girls helping the new Year 7 girls settle in. This has seen the girls play some great football in the process.

Year 9s have been challenged tactically this year with adaptable formations testing their understanding of the game. This has seen them get through tough tests in the NSFA cup competition.

A big well done for everyone involved with Improtech Soccer, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

**Dan Tolliday and Jake Carradus  
Football Coaches**



# Achievements

## Computing

This term Years 7, 8 & 9 took part in a The Begras Challenge, a nationwide computing competition. They had 45 minutes to tackle a series of interactive tasks, designed to encourage logical thinking and problem- solving skills.

The following students ranked in the **top 10%** in the country!

Xavier W (Year 7)  
Rona G (Year 7)  
Zach G (Year 7)  
William S (Year 8)  
Arthur H (Year 9)  
Morgan S (Year 9)



## Maths

Year 7s took part in the Sir Isaac Newton Maths Week Competition.. Origami gave the students an opportunity to explore geometric patterns where folds become angles and can show mathematical relationships. Their theme was Under the Sea, and they developed a fantastic underwater seascape with origami fish.



## Football

We're proud to have 2 CAN students representing their County. Klerdis and Harrison, both Year 9s spent their summer doing trials for the Norfolk Schools Team - and were selected!!





# Houses



During transition Year 6's were divided into form groups with a different colour: red, yellow, purple, orange or blue - these became the basis for new Houses, but they needed names.

When students returned to school following the summer break, their first task was to decide on new House names, Norfolk heroes was the theme.

House Points are aligned with our new school motto which is:

**Be Kind, Be Curious, Be Courageous**

**Autumn Term  
Competition House Points**

| House     | Total |
|-----------|-------|
| Opie      | 850   |
| Sewell    | 785   |
| Townshend | 1000  |
| Cavell    | 1200  |
| Walpole   | 790   |

Well done Cavell House!!

**Autumn Term  
Total Individual House Points  
awarded so far this year**

**108,785**





Our students and staff supported the Norwich Foodbank Christmas Appeal by donating boxes of food, which were delivered by some of our Student Reps.



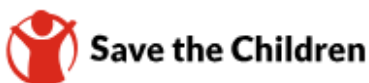
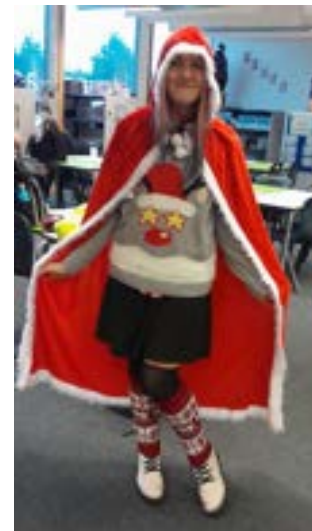
Our bake sale raised:

**£303.25**



Our Festive non-school uniform day on Friday 13 Dec raised:

**£454.00**



A huge thank you to our parents, students and staff for generously supporting these projects.



## **Attendance**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your efforts in reinforcing the importance of attending school. There has been a substantial improvement in overall student attendance so far this year, including an additional 180 students moving into the top attendance band, and the proportion of students missing 10+% of school reducing by almost half.

Whilst we can appreciate that the winter season can bring about additional illnesses, many less serious conditions can be managed without requiring school absence.

The NHS guidance for absence to school can be found below:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We will be sending you a termly snapshot of your child's attendance early in the next term.

Thank you once again for all you are doing to send and keep your child in school.



**James Lowden**  
**Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral) and Designated Safeguarding Lead**





## Support during the holidays

If you have an urgent safeguarding query or concern, please contact CADS on 0344 800 8020 (public), 0344 800 8021 (professionals) or dial 999 for the Police.

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| <p>Call 111 <b>NHS</b> Non-emergency advice line</p> <p>Call 101 <b>Police</b> Non-emergency line</p>  | <p><b>Norfolk &amp; Suffolk:</b> <a href="#">24/7 First Response Service</a>. If you need help for a mental health crisis or emergency, you should get immediate expert advice and assessment. Call: 0808 196 3494</p> | <p><b>Norfolk:</b> Safeguarding concern for a child? Call: <a href="#">Children's Advice and Duty Service</a> (CADS) 0345 800 8021</p> <p><b>Suffolk:</b> Customer First: 0808 800 4005</p> | <p><a href="#">Domestic Abuse Helpline 24 hrs:</a><br/>Call 0808 2000 247</p> <p><b>Norfolk and Suffolk:</b> <a href="#">Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services</a> Helpline Call: 0300 561 0077</p> | <p><a href="#">Childline</a> - If you're under 19, you can talk to Childline about any concern you have. Call: 0800 1111.</p>  |
| <p><a href="#">Papyrus</a> - If you are (or know a young person) thinking of suicide, Papyrus offers confidential suicide prevention advice. Call: 0800 068 4141</p> | <p><a href="#">Samaritans</a> - If you just need to talk, any time of the day or night, these services offer confidential advice from trained volunteers. Call: 116 123</p>  | <p><a href="#">NSPCC:</a> If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact the helpline for advice and support. Call: 0808 800 5000.</p>                                     | <p><a href="#">Kooth</a> - Free Online counselling and peer support for 11 - 25 year olds.<br/><a href="http://www.kooth.com">www.kooth.com</a></p>   | <p><a href="#">Young Minds Crisis Messenger</a> text service provides free, 24/7 crisis support for young people who are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support. Text: YM to 85358</p> |





## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING CHRISTMAS 2024



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

### MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### EMBER INNS

Kids eat for £1 from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024 (excludes weekends)

### COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025.

### LAS IGUANAS

Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas. Niños get a main, two sides and a dessert with every adult main (or three tapas dishes) purchased.

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

Wishing our CAN Community of parent/carers, students, and staff  
a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

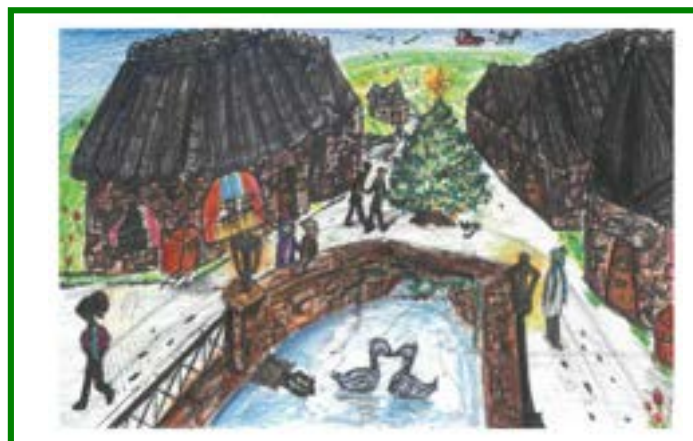
Design a Christmas Card 2024 Competition  
Winners



Design by Tawana  
Year 9



Design by Anagha  
Year 10



Design by Akvile  
Year 10

