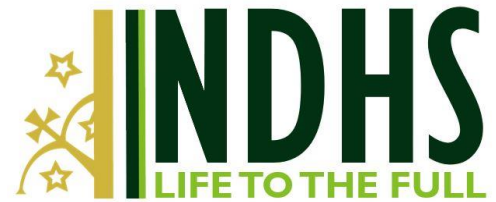




13/02/26

**Dear Parents, Carers, Students,
Staff and Friends of the School**



It has been a rain filled half term, and the spring bulbs on the site have yet to fully burst into life, we hope that we return to some brighter days and the first signs of spring.

Congratulations to all the students involved in the F1 Challenge, I'm always so pleased to hear that our students are commended for the quality of their design's, engineering skill and presentations but most importantly, their attitudes. The pictures below, show the comradery and togetherness of the participants. A big thanks to Mrs Holden and Mr Lound for their work on this.



I know many of you will be full of praise for the PE department. Their commitment to long evenings stood at the side of cold and wet pitches has been fully evident this



term, and we continue to make big strides in multiple sports, evidenced by a promising set of KS3 netball teams. Well done to the Y7's who won 18-2 against Taverham yesterday. Congratulations to the Year 7 Football team, who are undefeated in the County Cup, beating

Acle 5-1 and CNS 7-2. Good luck for the quarter final against Lynn Grove. Notre Dame's Y7 and 8 Bowling team also finished 2nd in the Panathlon, with Renee and Alex both scoring over 100! Good luck to the Y8 Girls Cricket Team, who have qualified for the County Indoor Event next month, and congratulations to the Y11 Basketball Team – undefeated so far this year! Finally, my thanks to Mr King and his Y10 Sports leaders, who recently gained valuable experience at the Colney NCFC training ground, leading Year 1 and 2 primary students in a range



of football related sessions, followed by leadership of the 'Primary School Sports Hall Athletics Event' at the UEA. They are an impressive bunch, showing real maturity and acting as incredible ambassadors for the school.

Finally from me, I have had the pleasure of leading the assemblies this week, and we discussed the significance of being the 'Salt of the Earth' and the 'Light of the World', both of which can be achieved through small acts of kindness and a faith lived out in love for others. Feel free to hold your children and young people to that over the half term holiday!

My very best wishes to you all,

Tom Pinnington

Headteacher



STEM Racing Finals

On 28 January, four teams represented the school at the STEM Racing Regional Finals held at Sprowston Academy, competing against strong opposition and performing exceptionally well throughout the day. Our Development teams Spoiler Warning, Majestic Marshmallows, and Vitesse, made up of a combination of Year 9 and Year 10 students.

They competed in a highly competitive Development category, which featured 17 teams this year. All students represented the school superbly, impressing judges with the quality of their pit displays, excellent reaction times, and the confidence and clarity shown during their verbal presentations.

We were also delighted to take our A-level Product Design team, HorsePWR, who competed in the Professional Class against seven other teams. HorsePWR achieved an outstanding second place overall and were also awarded Best Engineered Car of the Day. As a result, they will progress to the National Finals in Rotherham at the end of March. Congratulations to all students involved for their commitment, teamwork and professionalism.

Mrs Holden and Mr Loud

What should you trust online?

Asking your child about what they see online can help them build important life skills and support their wellbeing.

Every conversation is helpful. Making chats about content part of your family's weekly routine can make a real difference.



As part of conversations with your child about online content, you can explore the internet together and talk about what you find. There are no wrong questions, but the following questions could be helpful.

Ask open questions such as:

- how does this post make you feel?
- who shared this content?
- why do you think they posted it?

Explain that not everything online is true and make it a habit to question online content together.



Did you know?

You might not think your child has seen any worrying online content, but remember, you won't know until you ask.

For more info, visit [kidsonlinesafety.org.uk](https://www.kidsonlinesafety.org.uk)



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VIRTUAL CAREERS FAIR

National Careers Week 2026 2nd – 7th March

Check out the Virtual Careers fair [HERE](#)

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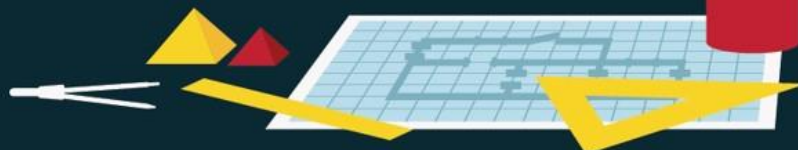
Year 10 and Year 12 Students

If you're in Year 10 or Year 12 considering a career in construction, Lovell is offering a week of work experience where you can explore the whole construction journey.

With a mix of interactive classroom sessions and practical workshops on site, you will learn more about the entire housebuilding process including:

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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY



3.30-
7PM

'Taste and See'

17th February

in the Narthex Hall fundraising for
SJB Youth Group



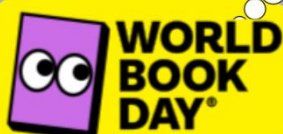
Library Notices

With the Scholastic Book Fair paying a visit and preparations in place for World Book Day 2026, the Library has been busier than ever!

I am especially pleased to inform you all that 56 entrants from over 80 submissions were selected to be published in "Stranger Sagas - Sensational Stories"! This is an immense achievement and the English department are incredibly proud of all pupils who took part and represented our school. If your writing was chosen, your parent/guardian will have already been contacted for permission to share your work. Please make sure you respond to the email promptly. Individual and school winners are yet to be announced but I will be sharing these if we hear something back!



5th
March



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2026 is the National Year of Reading
Their slogan for this year is Go All In

Think about what you can do to incorporate reading into your day to day. Whether it's through news articles, looking into a hobby or interest on social media or setting aside some time to read for pleasure.

If you're into it, read into it!

The Diary of a Wimpy Kid books by Jeff Kinney are the most borrowed and requested books from our school library

we have 39 catalogued into the system

there are 22 currently out on loan

there are 12 currently overdue

there should be 5 on the shelf

there are 0 in the library

If you have an overdue library book, please bring it back for someone else to enjoy!



YOUNG CARERS

BREAKFAST CLUB



Come along to room 50B
Every first Wednesday
of the month
8.30am till 9.00am



A young carer is a child or young person who provides regular care, support, or assistance to a family member who has a physical illness, mental health condition, disability, or substance misuse issue.

Does the above describe you? If so come along and have a chat.
Start date is 4th March



NDHS CULTURE CARNIVAL EVENING

Date: Thursday 12th March 2026,
Venue: Sports Hall, Time: 5:30pm
All are invited!

CULTURE DAY:
Friday 13th of March 2026



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