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Norton Sub Hamdon Church School News

Friday 24th October 2025

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Head's Update...

Dear Parents and Carers,

114 days!

I wanted to thank you all for a superb attendance at our Parents Evening this week. We tweaked the format of Parents Evening in response to feedback I had received at my Headteacher drop ins.

This week we sent several Attendance Support Letters home, offering support for good attendance. I am sorry to see attendance falling. A combination of term time holidays and Monday and Friday absences are impacting learning for all. Children have now missed **114 days** of learning across our school.

They will never get this time back.

We need to get back above 96% - we can do this together!

Connel Boyle
Executive Head

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Parents Evening Survey

You have until 5pm today to complete our latest survey, to inform us about your needs for our next Parents Evening in the Spring Term. Please click this link and share your views... we need your to help us improve what we do for our children and families.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZYYnkfAdvk6PP19Exfr4BQqHEuu3evTjmxSxx2vwz->

Class Treats / Birthdays

Can we remind families if you are sending in birthday treats to share in class, that sweets are preferable due to allergens.

We always ask for any treats from home that they are never consumed in school and parents are aware they have been given.
Many thanks

**Our whole school
attendance target
is**

96%

**We are at
95%
-0.5%**

**Willow Class
current
attendance**

95.74%



**-0.33%
Now below target**

**Hazel Class
current
attendance**

97.45%



**-0.75%
We can go up!**

**Rowan Class
current
attendance**

88.86%



**-2%
Below 95%**

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**Headteacher drop-in
sessions every Friday at
2.30pm**

Mr Boyle is available for any parent to drop in to see him without the need for an appointment. Please do feel free to use this session before family assembly to answer any queries you may have.

Friday Family Assemblies

**Every Friday at 2.45pm
In the school hall**



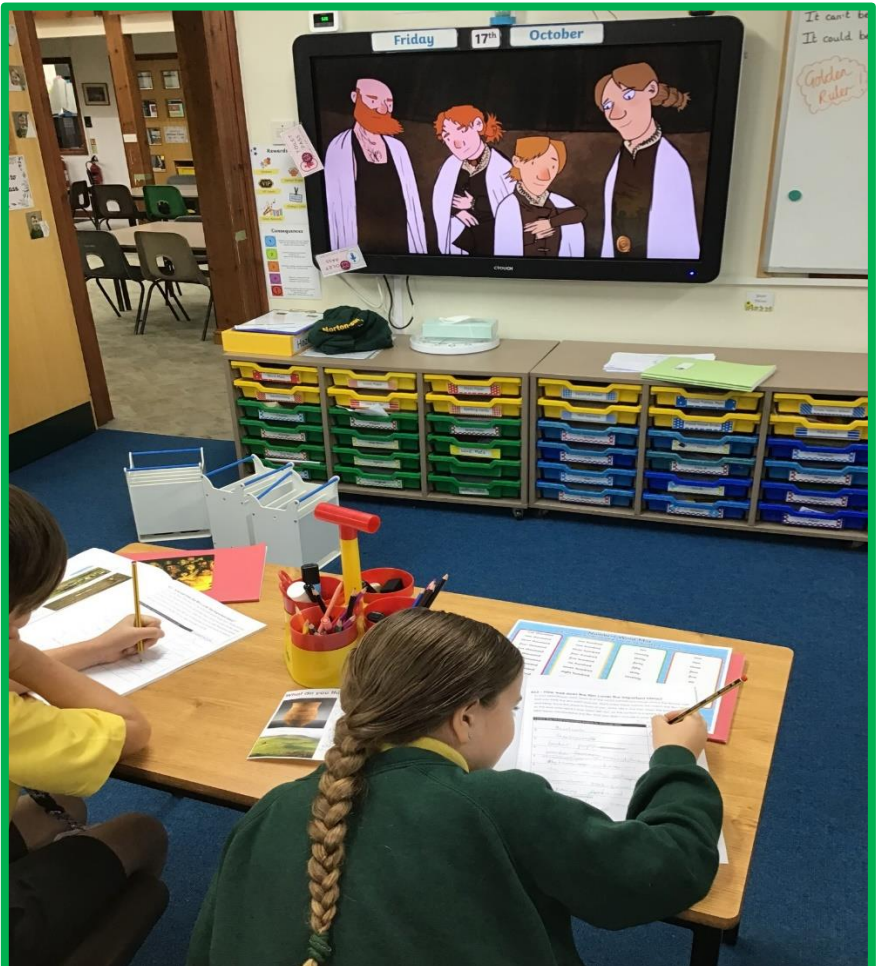
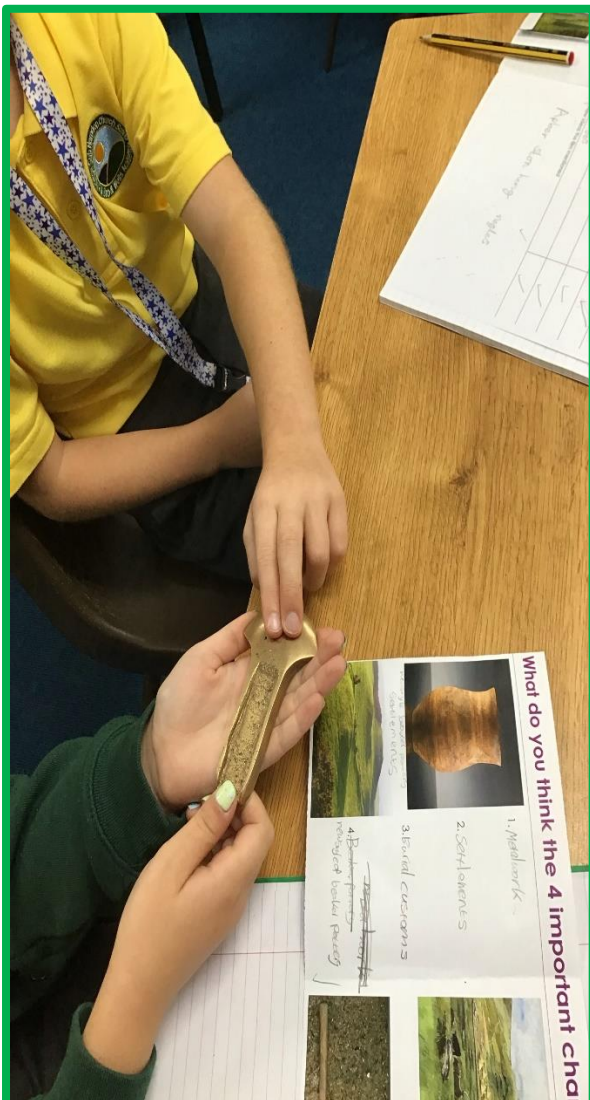
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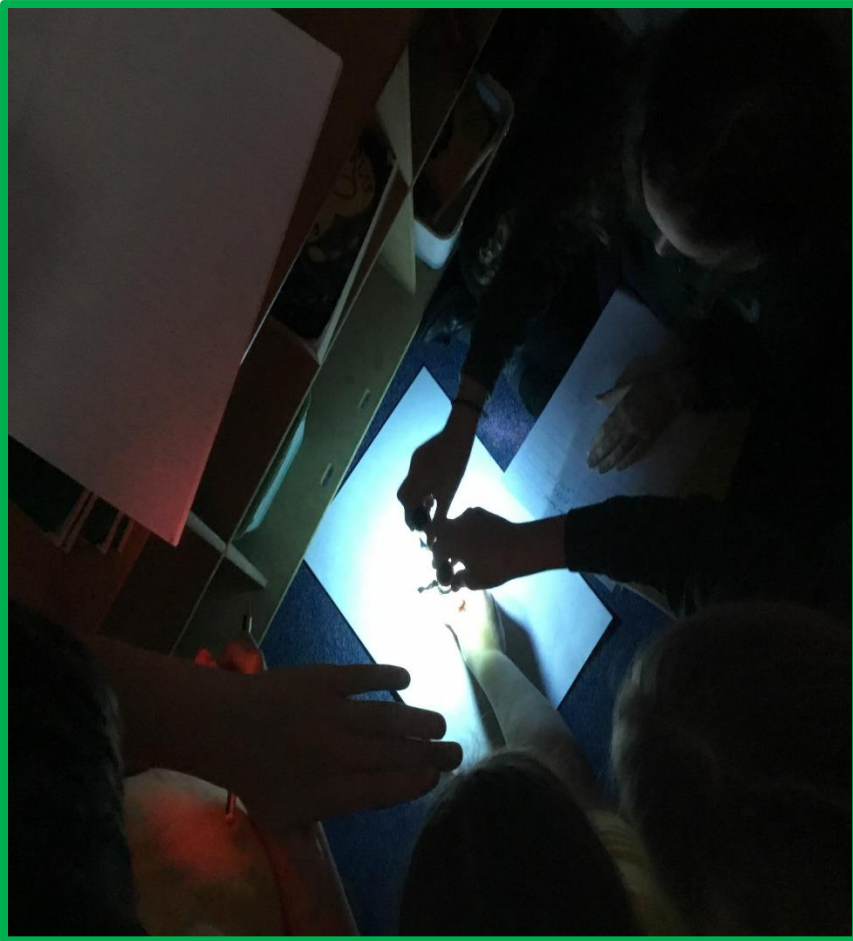
**Freddie Archer Sophie
Headteacher Awards
Vinny Jacob James**

Hazel Class are in the Bronze Age!

Hazel Class have spent some time in the Bronze Age! The children discovered how bronze first came to Britain and explored how people's lives changed during this fascinating period. They have all handled a replica Bronze Age axe head and used their historical skills to analyse an information film, checking whether it included all the key facts they'd learned.

Next stop on their history journey — the Iron Age!





Rowan Class - Light Experiments

Rowan class have been experimenting with light. They have been mixing the primary colours of light to create Magenta, Yellow, Cyan and White light.

Our children were amazed by the lightbox... so were our teachers!



Our Latest Cross Country Heroes at Yeovil Town Football Club (Rain/Wind/ Mud!!!)

Pupils from Norton and West Chinnock Schools participated in a cross-country event at Yeovil Town Football Club on Monday. Despite challenging weather conditions, all pupils displayed commendable resilience and sportsmanship. For several children, this was their first experience of competitive cross-country running, and they approached the event with determination and perseverance. We are extremely proud of their positive attitudes and achievements.

Our Willow Class Artisans

Willow class have enjoyed learning about Diwali and making their clay diva lamps.

They also finished making clay hedgehogs, following the visit from the RSPCA last week.

Be prepared, our children are looking for hedgehogs!!!



Diary Dates:

- Mondays – Miss Vaux's Lego Club 3.15 - 4pm
- Tuesdays – Mrs Bank's TT Rockstars Club 3.15 – 4pm
- Thursdays – Mrs Halletts Music Club
- Mon – Weds After School Bookings Premier Sports until 5pm
- Friday 24th October last day of term 1
- Sunday 26th October T@4 at Norton Jubilee Gardens
- Monday 3rd November first day of term 2

The school calendar for 2025 to 2026 can be found at
www.nortonandwestchinnockschools.co.uk/key-information/term-dates.htm



You're amazing!

YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**
FRIDAY 10 OCT

This is to certify that

**Norton Sub Hamdon Church
School**

has helped show young people they're
not alone with their mental health by raising:

£ 73.00

Date:



Nas Morley, Director of Income Generation

YoungMinds, registered charity in
England (1010068) and Scotland (SC039700).

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FAMILY T@4

**Sunday 26th October
@ 4.00pm**

Chiselborough Church

Can singing help Paul & Silus?



Fun Craft Activities

Prayers for loved ones

Juice,
afternoon tea &
Cake

Bible
Stories

Songs and Music

Family Friendly Worship

Next time: November 23rd @ 4.00pm Montacute Village Hall

More details contact: Karen on hhv.keep@outlook.com / 0735 4621416