



Gemstones Club- January Newsletter

Welcome to our January Gemstones newsletter. We've already accomplished a lot this month, with plenty of celebrations to share. We began with Epiphany, where pupils enjoyed making and decorating star biscuits. Our craft activities have been a big hit, especially bubble painting, which the children found lots of fun. For Burns Night, we designed and coloured in patterns, adding a festive touch to our learning. Our pizza event was a great success, with children getting involved in choosing toppings and trying different combinations, as well as designing pizzas via cut-and-stick activities or playdough creations. It was wonderful to see everyone engaged and enjoying the experience. Please look at our upcoming events, and we look forward to welcoming you and your children to more enriching activities.

Breakfast and Afterschool club Session times;

Breakfast club

7:30-08.45am & 8.00-08.45am

Afterschool Club

3.15pm-4.15pm/3.15pm-5.15pm & 3.15pm-6pm

We would appreciate all parents to stick to these drop off and pick up times.

Just to remind you of a few important procedures concerning session management and payments for our club. Please ensure you update your sessions on ParentMail promptly. All payments for sessions must be made through ParentMail. For us to accurately prepare the required staffing ratios and meals, sessions need to be booked for the entire term. We also require that your account balance is at zero at the end of each month. Accounts that are not up to date will incur an additional £30.00 late fee charge. Finally, please note that our club closes strictly at 6:00 PM. If you are late collecting your child, a late fee will be applied via ParentMail. Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

Gemstones January photos:



We have space available for your event:

We are pleased to offer our school hall for all lettings, including parties, clubs, and meeting groups. Availability is in the evenings and weekends, as well as during school holidays.

For enquiries and bookings, please email office@dereham.norfolk.sch.uk

Gemstone Event:

Cupcake Decorating: Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Easter Egg Hunt: Monday 23rd March 2026

£9.00 per child per event

3.15pm-5.15pm

please email office@dereham.norfolk.sch.uk to book your space.

Gem of the month:



Our "Gem" of the month goes to
Alfie W- Nursery
Lots more confidence with joining in with all aged children.

Helpful websites: <http://www.dereham.norfolk.sch.uk/>
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare>

If you have any queries about the contents of this newsletter then do not hesitate to contact us.

Everything is possible for one who believes. Mark 9:23