

Newsletter ~ May 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy half-term, I would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown throughout the year and during the tests themselves.

Across the school, the children have continued to enjoy a wide range of learning opportunities across the curriculum this half-term. From exciting Science investigations to Art, Music, Sports and Computing - it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, curiosity and confidence growing in the classroom each day.

This half-term has also seen the completion of both Round One and Round Two of our Spelling Bee competition in school. We wish the finalists the very best of luck for the final, which will take place at Heacham Junior School after half-term.

We are also looking forward to a number of exciting events taking place after the break, including the WNAT Photographic Competition Final, the Soroptimists International Public Speaking Competition at the College of West Anglia, the Vocal Celebration Evening at Springwood and the Dance Festival at Springwood.

Thank you for your continued support this half-term. We wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on 1st June.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hunt & Mrs Davies
Executive Headteacher & Head of School

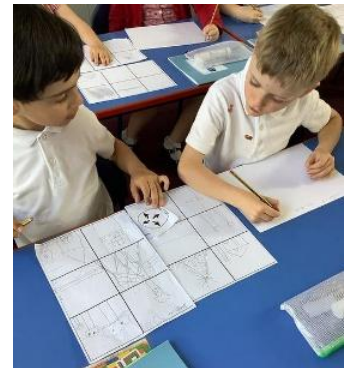
Ducklings Class

As we reflect on this half term, it's heartwarming to celebrate the many achievements of our Ducklings. From mastering new skills in literacy and numeracy to showcasing their creativity in art projects and provision - every child has made significant progress. We believe that recognising these accomplishments is vital in building confidence and encouraging a love for learning.



In Reception, we have been embracing the wonders of nature! This half term, our focus has been on the importance of bees, trees, and the fascinating life cycles of frogs and caterpillars. Through these topics, the children are not only learning about the environment but also developing a sense of responsibility towards it.

Ducklings have been buzzing with excitement learning about electricity! Through a variety of engaging Science experiments, the children have been learning how to build circuits and investigate whether various materials are conductors or insulators. The hands-on nature of these activities has not only made learning enjoyable but has also sparked curiosity and a scientific mindset among our young learners.



Ducklings Year 1 and 2 took their learning a step further in computing, by creating their own themed grids that beautifully combine their Geography skills with Computing. As they worked on these grids, the children developed their coding abilities, learning to instruct their bots on how to navigate through their designs.

In Geography, they have started to gain an understanding of Northern Europe and the remarkable journeys of famous explorers who ventured to the Arctic and South Pole. In addition to exploring the journeys of explorers, our Ducklings have been learning about how both animals and humans adapt to the harsh conditions of cold climates. This learning is particularly significant as it encourages students to understand the diversity of life and the unique adaptations that are vital for survival.

Kingfishers

We are incredibly proud of all the Year 6 children for the mature, determined and positive attitude they showed during their SATs week. They approached each test with resilience and confidence, and they should all feel extremely proud of themselves for the hard work and effort they have put in throughout the year. Well done, Year 6!

This half term, Year 6 also visited Crucial Crew, where they took part in a range of valuable multi-agency workshops. The children learnt about important topics including fire safety, internet awareness, first aid, road safety and anti-social behaviour. They represented the school brilliantly and engaged thoughtfully in all activities.

In Science, we have been learning about the human body, including the skeleton, muscles, nervous system, digestion and how our ears work. In Art, the children have explored impressionist painting techniques and used these skills to create their own figure-inspired works of art.



In Geography, we have been studying Australia and learning about the journeys and discoveries of Captain James Cook. In History, we have been focusing on World War One, exploring its causes, life for soldiers on the Western Front, life on the Home Front and the consequences of the war.

After half term, Year 4 children will complete their Multiplication Tables Check. Please continue practising times tables regularly over the holiday to help build confidence and fluency.

Things to Remember

- Choir Club restarts after the half term.
- **No Parking** on the yellow zig zags by any vehicle, especially between **8:30-9:00** and **14:45-15:30**. Adults waiting must also be aware of keeping the road clear for passing vehicles.
- Timely and accurate reporting of absences, this is a legal document/requirement.



AGM June 19th @ Marshland Hall and Tea Room.

If FOSA doesn't gain new members it is in danger of closing so please attend if you can.

Prom July 17th information sent to parents any questions or to make payments please see Staci Nelson-Davey.

TBD extra treats/fundraising on Sports Day.

Families in hardship and needing wider support.

There is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support. Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Client Hardship Service (CHS) and the Crisis Support Fund, which may be able to provide financial support including essential household items to families experiencing hardship.

Families may get in touch with CHS via their dedicated website at Client Hardship Service – Norfolk County Council, which includes an online application form (here: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/41970/How-to-get-help-from-the-Client-Hardship-Service>) or if you cannot access the internet, you can call 0344 800 8020.

Diary Dates



COMING SOON

James Wild MP Visit
Friday 5th June

Spelling Bee Final
Monday 15th June

Public Speaking
Thursday 18th June

Hilltop Residential
Monday 22nd June

Dance Performance
Wednesday 1st July

Maths Challenge
Friday 3rd July - AM

Sports Day
Friday 3rd July - PM

Last Day & Prom
Friday 17th July

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance.

missed minutes =
missed learning
= missed opportunities!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

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