



# THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy start to the Summer term with some exciting visitors to the school. Last week, children in KS1 took part in an RE workshop on Easter symbols, which was led by the Ministry Team. On Monday, we welcomed the Ministry Team back into school to deliver a collective worship on our new school value for the half term of perseverance.

This week, the children in Early Years had an exciting visit from the Bee Keeping Team. We were also delighted to be approached by the Bohemian Choir who came and performed to the children. We are passionate about enriching our curriculum with additional visitors and practical opportunities for the children.

Over the coming weeks, Vicky from Suffolk Wildlife Trust will be returning to school to complete some longer workshop sessions with all age groups across the school. The first of these visits will be for Reception children today.

Over the last two weeks, we have also enjoyed inviting parents and carers from Reception in to school to share lunch with their child. We have had lots of positive feedback across the school about this experience. We have our final class lunch next week for the Swallows class. Thank you for supporting these class lunches so well, I know that the children have also really enjoyed these experiences.

Kind regards, Holly Marchand, Headteacher



## *Beekeeper Visit to the Early Years*

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the children in Early Years were very lucky to be visited by beekeepers John and Carol, to listen to a talk about bees. The children loved exploring a hive and honeycomb and also loved tasting honey and trying on bee suits. The children asked lots of great questions and enjoyed learning bee keeping facts.



If you are interested in learning about and seeing bees, the Waveney Beekeepers Group are holding two open days on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 12pm-4pm for anyone to attend.

[www.waveneybeekeepers.co.uk](http://www.waveneybeekeepers.co.uk)



## Visit by the Bohemian Choir



On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, we welcomed the 'Bohemian Choir' to our school. The choir consisted of a group of undergraduate students studying a 5-year primary teacher training course from Liberec University in the Czech Republic. They are a university choir who sing at official university and city functions. This was their fourth trip to England. The teaching students had a tour of our school and an opportunity to see how children are taught here.

Following this, we were treated to an amazing performance. The choir performed to children from Year 1 to Year 6 and mesmerized us with their beautiful voices. In addition to visiting our school, the Bohemian Choir were due to visit a couple of other schools and perform to the public at a number of local churches. We all thoroughly enjoyed the performance and I am sure many children were inspired by this unique visit.

## THE SOURCE

### Supporting students with planning and coping with exams

The Source website for young people in Suffolk, has gathered useful information, advice, and support for students to help them prepare and cope with exam pressure

[Visit TheSource website](#)

**Kooth** are running free zoom student webinars throughout April and May, to give tips on managing exam stress:

[Student webinar: Tips for managing exam stress and how Kooth can support you booking form](#)

Kooth also have a parent and carer webinar to **help parents and carers with children sitting exams**:

[KoothTalk: How can you support your child to manage exam stress Thursday 25 April. 6-7pm](#)

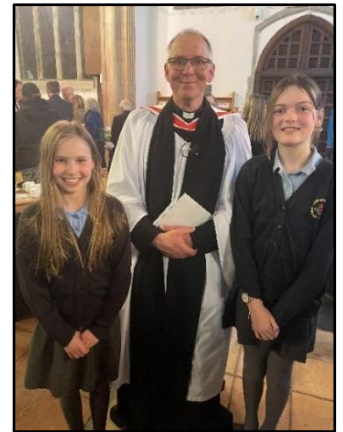
Young people can access online emotional well-being support from Kooth at any time, by registering on their website:

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

**Contact:** [Fran.russo@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Fran.russo@suffolk.gov.uk)

## Welcome to Rev Dimitri

On Monday evening, representatives from our school attended the Institution, Induction and Installation Service at St Michael's Church in Beccles to welcome the new Rector, Rev Dimitri. We look forward to working with Rev Dimitri as he settles into his new role as Rector of Beccles with Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby.



## Goodbye

We are sad to be saying farewell to Mrs Lesley Bickers, who will be leaving us on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, to take up a new role as a dental receptionist. Lesley has worked at Worlingham CEVC Primary school for almost 20 years, as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant and Computing Subject Lead.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Lucy Reavil, who joined us this year as a Clerical Assistant, but who is leaving to take up a new role in the medical profession.

We wish Lesley and Lucy every success and best wishes in their new roles.

## Thank You

We would like to thank Kate Garwood, who has stepped down as Chairperson of the Friends of School. Kate has worked tirelessly to promote school events and raise funds for the school, and has been an integral part of the Worlingham Primary school family. Kate will remain on the FOS, and our new Co-Chairs are Charlotte Searle and Julie Hartnell.



## Bicycles and Scooters on the School Grounds

We have been notified of some careless riding of bicycles and scooters on the school grounds. If your child rides a scooter or bicycle to school, please could you remind them to walk with their bike or scooter on school grounds, and of the need to be mindful of other people and their safety.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



## Threadworm

We have been made aware of a number of cases of threadworm in the school. The NHS advice is to:

- Treat everyone over 2 years old in your household, even if they do not have symptoms, as it is common in children and can spread easily. You can purchase the medication from a pharmacy, so there is no need to visit the GP.
- Ensure good hygiene such as washing hands and scrubbing under fingernails, particularly before eating and after using the toilet. In addition, change and wash clothes and bedding regularly.

Further information can be found on the NHS website.



The Norfolk Community Safety Partnership and Suffolk County Council are running some online training sessions for parents, carers and youth workers, who might be worried about a young person involved in racism and extremism. To book a place on one of the online training sessions, please follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/families-against-racism-and-extremism-norfolk-suffolk-virtual-sessions-tickets-865603612707>



## SENDIASS Sessions for Parents and Carers

There's still time for parents and carers to book on the following online sessions:

**SEN support in schools**  
1 May 2024 (6pm – 7:30pm)

[Visit the Eventbrite website to register](#)

**Working with schools**  
8 May 2024 (10am – 12 noon)

[Visit the Eventbrite website to register](#)

**SEN support in early years settings**  
10 May 2024 (10am – 11:30am)

[Visit the Eventbrite website to register](#)

Helpline: 01473 265210

Email: [enquiries@suffolksendiass.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@suffolksendiass.co.uk)

Text: ADVICE4ME to 87007

Web: [www.suffolksendiass.co.uk](http://www.suffolksendiass.co.uk)

BECCLES FOREST SCHOOLS  
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, BARSHAM, BECCLES, SUFFOLK, NR22 5HA  
COMPANY NUMBER: 11747933 OFSTED URN: 2610910 SETTING REF: 2610909



# AFTER SCHOOL FOREST SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR SUMMER FOREST SCHOOL FUN, INCLUDING COOKING FIRESIDE SNACKS, SCALING TREES, NATURAL CRAFTS, DEN-BUILDING!  
**for children aged 5-11 years old**  
Thursdays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm  
on The Wild Meadow, by Beccles Common  
starts Thursday 18th April

Ofsted registered childcare:  
for eligible families, costs  
can be claimed back.

**6 WEEK BLOCK: £76**  
**taster session: £15**

visit [bookwhen.com/becclesforestschoools](http://bookwhen.com/becclesforestschoools) to book



## Diary Dates

1<sup>st</sup> May – Swallows Parent Lunch

2<sup>nd</sup> May – Polling Day

6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATS Week

20<sup>th</sup> May – Science Week

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Music Concert 6.00

24<sup>th</sup> May – FOS Non School Uniform

24<sup>th</sup> May – FOS Meeting 1.30

24<sup>th</sup> May – FOS Cake Sale 3.15

27<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term Week

5<sup>th</sup> June – Class and Leavers' Photos

19<sup>th</sup> June – Dance Festival 6.30

21<sup>st</sup> June – FOS Meeting 1.30

21<sup>st</sup> June – FOS Cake Sale 3.15

27<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day

3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Disco 6.00-7.30

4<sup>th</sup> July – Reserve Sports Day

9<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Production

10<sup>th</sup> July – SJLHS Awards Evening

11<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Production

12<sup>th</sup> July – FOS Non School Uniform

12<sup>th</sup> July – FOS Meeting 1.30

12<sup>th</sup> July – FOS Cake Sale 3.15

16<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Last Day

16<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Assembly

17<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Transition Day - SJLHS

18<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Transition Day - SJLHS

19<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Transition Day - SJLHS

19<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term