



# THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

On our PD day, 4th November, our staff team worked with Vicky Eyles from Suffolk Wildlife Trust. We spent a lot of the day outdoors, looking at our school environment and discussing activities that we could do with the children to develop their awareness of our wildlife area, as well as using the outdoors for our learning, when possible. As a school, we are working towards becoming a 'Wilder School' and strengthening our link with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

On Sunday 10th November, I was incredibly proud to see so many pupils (including ex pupils) and their families respectfully marking Remembrance Day by attending the service and parade held in Beccles. I saw many pupils representing various organisations, including from local Guiding and Scouting groups, and some children even carried the flags. Thank you to the two children who helped to present the poppy wreath on behalf of the school.

Once again, the Friends of School have kindly offered to enter a school Christmas tree into the Hungate Church Christmas Tree Festival. This will take place during the weekend of 29th November and all the entries will be available to view. This week all children have made a decoration which will be displayed on our school Christmas Tree at this event. We are looking forward to you seeing the finished tree.

Kind regards, Holly Marchand, Headteacher

## Parent/Carer Lunches

We are inviting all children to have a special adult (parent, grandparent, other special adult) to join them for lunch. We will send each class a letter nearer the time for you to inform us who the special adult will be, and to book and pay for your chosen lunch. To make this safe and manageable, we have allocated each class a different date and time to arrive, as follows.

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| Owls – 15th January 12.20pm          | Swallows – 5th March 12.20pm      |
| Blackbirds – 22nd January 12.20pm    | Robins – 12th March 11.45am       |
| Eagles – 29th January 12.20pm        | Wrens – 19th March 11.45am        |
| Swifts – 5th February 12.20pm        | Wagtails – 26th March 11.45am     |
| Songthrushes – 12th February 12.20pm | Kingfishers – 2nd April 11.45am   |
| Skylarks – 26th February 12.20pm     | Greenfinches – 23rd April 11.45am |

When you have finished eating, your child will then go outside with their friends for the rest of the lunchtime. We envisage that most adults will be in school for around 30 minutes to help you plan for this event.



Applying for a  
Reception Year  
School Place

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, you must apply for a full-time Reception Year school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. You must make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub.



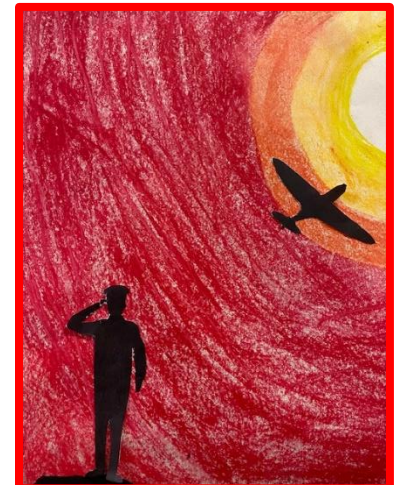
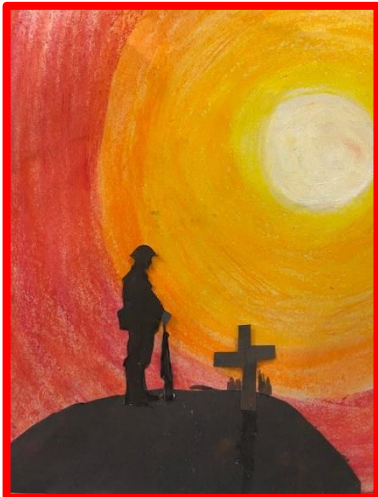
Salvation  
Army Toy  
Appeal

Thank you to all the families who have generously donated a new toy for the Salvation Army Christmas appeal. If you still wish to donate, please could you do so by Friday 29th November.



## Remembrance Service

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, two Worlingham CEVC Primary school children represented the school by presenting a wreath at the Remembrance Service in Beccles.



The children marked Remembrance Day on Monday morning, with a thought-provoking assembly, in which all the children participated in some way. This included artwork, poems, hymns, reflection and prayer. Questions considered were: Why do we celebrate Remembrance Day?; Why do we wear poppies?; What do the different coloured poppies represent?; and Is Remembrance just about the past?.

Some examples of artwork, from across the key stages, are shown here.



## Panathlon Event



On Friday 8th November, eight children in Year 5 and 6 took part in a swimming event at Waterlane Leisure Centre. The children were incredibly well behaved and demonstrated great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout. They all worked really hard and came first in the mini competition, winning a gold medal and towel each, as well as a trophy for the school! Well done!

## Correspondence for School

Please could we remind you that the black post box on the wall outside the school office is emptied daily. This is ideal for any letters or correspondence to be returned back to school, and saves parents having to queue at the office.

## Cross Country Event



On Thursday 14th November, Worlingham hosted their annual Cross Country tournament, and 16 of our Key Stage 2 children participated in the event. The children showed great positivity and enjoyment for their running, and also encouraged others from other schools brilliantly. We had a 1st place winner, out of 40 runners, with Louis in Y4, and a 3rd place result with Savannah in Year 4. Well done to all involved, and a special thank you to the Y6 Sports Leaders who helped organise and run their first event!

## Diary Dates

Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Nov Crucial Crew Visit – Y6  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15  
 Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec FOS Meeting – 1.30  
 Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Y3/4 Christmas Production – 2.00/5.30  
 Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Y1/2 Christmas Production – 2.00/5.30  
 Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec EYFS Christmas Production – 10.00/2.00  
 Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Y5/6 Christmas Production – 2.00/5.30  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec FOS/Squirrels Christmas Fete – 3.15  
 Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Christingle Service  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Party Day  
 Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Pantomime – Whole School  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Last day of Autumn term  
 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan PD Day  
 Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Jan First day of Spring term  
 Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15  
 Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Feb Safer Internet Day  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb FOS Non School Uniform  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15  
 Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Half term week  
 Thu 6<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> March FOS AGM – 3.30 – School Library  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> March FOS Easter Bingo Night  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15  
 Tue 1<sup>st</sup> April Parents' Evening  
 Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> April Parents' Evening

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April Last day of Spring term  
 Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> April PD Day  
 Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> April First day of Summer term  
 Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday  
 W/c 12<sup>th</sup> May Y6 SATS week  
 W/c 19<sup>th</sup> May Science Week  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May FOS Non School Uniform  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15  
 Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May Half term week  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June FOS Non School Uniform  
 Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June FOS Summer Fete  
 Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June FOS Meeting – 1.30  
 Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day  
 Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> July Y6 Leavers' Disco  
 Mon 7<sup>th</sup> July Reserve Sports Day  
 Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July Reports out to Parents  
 Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July FOS Non School Uniform  
 Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July FOS Meeting – 1.30 / Cake Sale 3.15  
 Tue 15<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Production Evening  
 Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Production Evening  
 Thu 17<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Leavers' Assembly (+ Parents)  
 Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July Y6 at SJLHS  
 Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July Y6 at SJLHS  
 Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> July Y6 at SJLHS  
 Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> July Last day of Summer term