



# THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow  
**HAPPY★NEW★YEAR**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays, we hope that you all had a lovely break. The children really enjoyed exploring the snow on the field on their return to school! Thank you for sending your child with extra clothing and footwear to allow them to be able to do this. It was great to see the children building snowmen and making footprints in the snow as we don't get it very often! We also appreciate that travelling to school was difficult for families and staff and I wanted to thank everyone for their support with this. In addition, a special thank you to Kevin, our caretaker, for all the pathways that he gritted around school to make it as safe as possible.

This term our parent lunches have begun and it has been lovely to welcome so many of you to school to enjoy lunch with your child. These have been very well attended and we have passed on the positive comments about the standard of food served to the kitchen staff.

This week, for our staff meeting, our teachers met up with other local teachers to enjoy a cluster meeting to talk about writing. This is a project that we are starting, to enable us to work more closely with some other local schools on a shared project. We have chosen writing as this is an area that all the schools involved are currently working on.

We wish you a happy and healthy 2026.

Yours sincerely, Holly Marchand, Headteacher

## *Y3/4 Stone Age Day*

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, the children in Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a brilliant Stone Age day experience. They completed some research, finding out facts about the Stone Age, and about animals that lived during this time. The children also completed some Stone Age artwork, involving lots of paint, and even went under the tables to complete some cave inspired paintings.

We had some Stone Age visitors, who had built a cave for us to explore on the school field. Some of us tried some fish that was cooked on the fire in the cave, and we explored the Stone Age timeline.



## Boccia Tournament



On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, we took two teams of KS2 children to compete in a local Boccia Tournament in Lowestoft. This was great fun and the children took part in several games against 12 other schools, with one of our teams finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. This sport requires great skill to aim and throw the soft leather balls as close as possible to a white target ball (the "jack"), testing the player's accuracy and strategy skills. The teams were great role models for our school, displaying excellent behaviour and teamwork at all times. Well done to all the children who took part.

## Parent/Carer Lunches

This week, we invited our second set of parents, from the Owls class, into school to enjoy lunch with their child.

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. These can be seen below.

Swifts – 28<sup>th</sup> January 12.20pm  
 Songthrushes – 4<sup>th</sup> February 12.20pm  
 Skylarks – 11<sup>th</sup> February 12.20pm  
 Swallows – 25<sup>th</sup> February 12.20pm  
 Wrens – 4<sup>th</sup> March 11.45am  
 Wagtails – 11<sup>th</sup> March 11.45am  
 Robins – 18<sup>th</sup> March 11.45am  
 Kingfishers – 25<sup>th</sup> March 11.45am  
 Greenfinches – 15<sup>th</sup> April 11.45am  
 Eagles – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 12.20pm

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.



## Carols by Candlelight



Thank you to two of our Y5 pupils, Olivia and Gaby, who volunteered to do a reading at the Carols by Candlelight service at St Michael's Church on 21<sup>st</sup> December. They read beautifully and were a credit to the school.

## Thank You

Thank you to our Sports Leaders, who supported the Waveney Valley Leisure Centre in promoting the two-week free pass scheme for Worlingham Primary School families. Please see email sent on 12<sup>th</sup> January for further information about the scheme.



## Diary Dates



|                            |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | SATs Meeting for Y6 Parents–3.30 |
| Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Safer Internet Day               |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | FOS Non School Uniform Day       |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | FOS Meeting–1.30/Cake Sale 3.15  |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Half term week                   |
| Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> March  | World Book Day                   |
| Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Parents' Evening                 |
| Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Parents' Evening                 |
| Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Parents' Evening                 |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March | FOS Meeting–1.30/Cake Sale 3.15  |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March | FOS Non School Uniform Day       |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March | Visit to Church                  |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March | Last day of Spring term          |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April | First day of Summer term         |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May    | Bank Holiday                     |
| W/c 11 <sup>th</sup> May   | Y6 SATS week                     |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May   | FOS Meeting–1.30                 |
| W/c 18 <sup>th</sup> May   | Science week                     |
| Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May   | Half term week                   |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June   | Sports Day                       |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June  | FOS Non School Uniform Day       |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June  | FOS Cake Sale–3.15               |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June  | Summer Fete                      |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> June  | Reserve Sports Day               |
| Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July   | Y6 Leavers' Disco                |
| Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> July   | Y6 Production Evening            |
| Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> July   | Y6 Production Evening            |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> July  | Reports out to Parents           |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> July  | FOS Non School Uniform           |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> July  | FOS Meeting–1.30                 |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> July  | Y6 Leavers' Assembly (+ Parents) |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July  | Visit to Church                  |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July  | Last day of Summer term          |