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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 13th 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 15th 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 4th 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 – 28th January 12.20pm
Songthrushes – 4th February 12.20pm
Skylarks – 11th February 12.20pm
Swallows – 25th February 12.20pm
Wrens – 4th March 11.45am
Wagtails – 11th March 11.45am
Robins – 18th March 11.45am
Kingfishers – 25th March 11.45am
Greenfinches – 15th April 11.45am
Eagles – 22nd 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 21st 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 12th January for further information about the scheme.



Diary Dates

Mon 19th Jan
Tue 10th Feb
Fri 13th Feb
Fri 13th Feb
Mon 16th Feb
Thu 5th March
Mon 16th Mar
Tue 17th Mar
Thu 19th Mar
Fri 27th March
Fri 27th March
Fri 27th March
Fri 27th March
Mon 13th April
Mon 4th May
W/c 11th May
Fri 15th May
W/c 18th May
Mon 25th May
Mon 8th June
Fri 19th June
Fri 19th June
Fri 19th June
Mon 29th June
Wed 1st July
Tue 7th July
Thu 9th July
Fri 10th July
Fri 10th July
Mon 13th July
Fri 17th July
Fri 17th July

SATs Meeting for Y6 Parents–3.30
Safer Internet Day
FOS Non School Uniform Day
FOS Meeting–1.30/Cake Sale 3.15
Half term week
World Book Day
Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening
FOS Meeting–1.30/Cake Sale 3.15
FOS Non School Uniform Day
Visit to Church
Last day of Spring term
First day of Summer term
Bank Holiday
Y6 SATS week
FOS Meeting–1.30
Science week
Half term week
Sports Day
FOS Non School Uniform Day
FOS Cake Sale–3.15
Summer Fete
Reserve Sports Day
Y6 Leavers' Disco
Y6 Production Evening
Y6 Production Evening
Reports out to Parents
FOS Non School Uniform
FOS Meeting–1.30
Y6 Leavers' Assembly (+ Parents)
Visit to Church
Last day of Summer term