THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

A Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was wonderful to see so many creative ideas for World Book Day yesterday. The children all looked amazing and they seemed to really enjoy the day. Our attendance rate for the day was also really impressive, and hopefully the children were inspired to enjoy reading new texts.

We have really enjoyed having adults in to share lunch with their child each week. We have received compliments on the standards of food and lunch-time experience. This week, we once again had a full house of adults joining us for lunch with the Wrens class. One parent commented to me what a 'heart-warming experience it had been' and a grandparent also passed on that the school had a very 'special feel' from his visit. It is great to hear these lovely comments and clear to see that the children also really enjoy this special experience.

Thank you for supporting these events so well.

Yours sincerely
Holly Marchand
Headteacher

Parents' Evenings

A reminder that our ParentMail system is open for booking parents' evening consultations with your child's class teacher on Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th or Thursday 19th March.
Please see the email sent on 27th February for which days apply to which classes.

Healthy Eating

Please can we remind parents and carers that we have requested that children don't bring chocolate products, sweets or crisps in for snack time. Plain biscuits or cereal bars are acceptable providing they don't contain chocolate. Children in KS1 are provided with free fruit and we encourage older children to also bring fruit, dried fruit, or salad snacks such as carrot, cucumber or tomatoes in. Please remember to send your child with water in their drinks bottle each day.
In addition, a reminder that our school is a nut-free environment. Please ensure that no nuts or nut-based snacks are brought in for snack and lunch times. This is to protect our students and staff who have severe nut allergies.

Arbor

We will be moving our parent communications from ParentMail to Arbor in the coming weeks, Thank you to those of you who have already registered with the Arbor parent portal. If you have yet to do so, please scan the QR code below to download the Arbor parent app, and use your email address to log in.

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Attendance

Once you have registered for the Arbor parent portal, you will be able to see your child's current attendance percentage.
Please note that anything below 90% is considered PA (persistent absence) and is identified and discussed by the Education Welfare Officer during our half termly meetings.
Thank you for striving to maintain excellent attendance for your child.

World Book Day 2026

On Thursday 5th March, our school was transformed into a world of book characters as we celebrated World Book Day. The day began with the staff sharing their favourite books, followed by the children completing a range of book related activities throughout the day, including a book character themed lunch. Every child received a book token which can be redeemed for a free book.

Thank you for your support in preparing such a range of fantastic costumes, as well as for fostering a love of books and reading with your child.

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

We would encourage all parents to click on the link below to check whether their child is entitled to free school meals, even if they are currently receiving free meals under the Government Universal Free Meals scheme.

https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals

In addition to the free school meals, eligible families currently receive a supermarket voucher to help fund meals during school holidays.

Suffolk County Council also run a Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) scheme where eligible families can sign their child up for subsidised or free holiday clubs and activities. As a school we fund music tuition and subsidise school trips for eligible families.

Friends of Worlingham Primary School

Easter Family Bingo Night

Friday 13th March
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Bingo, Games, Refreshments, Raffle
£3 per person

Y3 Kwik Cricket Tournament

On Tuesday 3rd March, two teams of Y3 children attended a Kwik Cricket tournament at the Sir John Leman High School. The event included 10 teams, and both Worlingham teams played 4 competitive games each. Team 2 played fantastically with great sportsmanship, and Team 1 ended up winning with the most runs! Well done to both teams.

National Pizza Day

On Thursday 12th February, the school kitchen served an Italian themed pizza lunch to celebrate National Pizza Day.

Thank you to Jennie and her team for bringing a taste of Italy to the menu.

On Friday 20th March, we will be supporting this worthwhile cause by inviting the children to dress from red-to-toe in as much or as little red clothing as they wish.
Please feel free to keep it simple - this could mean wearing red socks or a red hair bobble. We are suggesting a voluntary donation of £1 per child.

Panathlon Bowling Event

On Friday 27th February, six children took part in a bowling tournament at Richardsons, in Lowestoft. They all worked incredibly well as a team, and showed lots of great sportsmanship. They also all behaved beautifully, and were a credit to our school.

Community Help Hub

Advice is available from East Suffolk Council's Community Help Hub for families needing support with health, wellbeing, financial help, and with accessing services.

Please use the following link:
http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/help-hub
or call Customer Services on 0333 016 2000 and ask for the Community Help Hub.

Calendar Dates

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