



THE ACORN NEWSLETTER

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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been great to see so many parents and carers in this week to meet with their child's class teacher and look at their work. We hope that you have found this useful and enjoyed the opportunity to find out how your child is progressing.

This half term has flown by and next week is the last one before our Easter break. It is lovely that the weather has been warming up, allowing us to go on the field this week. On Friday, we will be walking to the church for our Easter service, so please ensure that your child has an appropriate coat in school on this day.

As this will be the last Acorn before the holiday, we hope that you all have an enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 13th April.

Kind regards
Holly Marchand, Headteacher

Arbor Update

A massive thank you to those of you who have signed up to Arbor. If you are experiencing any issues with logging in for the first time, please contact the school office who will do their best to help you.

Walk or Cycle to School

We appreciate that the roadworks in Garden Lane have had an impact on parking in recent weeks, but please may we remind you to be mindful of the safety of children and to show consideration and respect to the local residents. Please can we encourage families to walk or cycle on days when the weather is warmer.

Government Tax-Free Scheme (Support with Squirrels payments)

The Tax-Free Childcare scheme is a UK government initiative that provides a 20% top-up on childcare costs for eligible working parents, and can help with the cost of paying for childcare. For every £8 a parent pays into the account, the government will top it up by £2. The total top up available for each child is £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year).

The scheme can be used to pay for breakfast and after school clubs. Worlingham CEVC Primary is signed up to the scheme, and payments can be used towards Squirrels breakfast and afterschool club fees.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

We would encourage all parents to click on the link below to check whether they are entitled to free school meals.

<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.

Year 6 'This Girl Can' Festival

On Tuesday 10th March, Mr Eden and Mrs Vaughan took 16 Year 6 girls to the 'This Girl Can' sports collaboration at Water Lane in Lowestoft. There were many local schools represented, with the aim of providing an afternoon where Year 6 girls could come together, try new activities and possibly meet some new friends before joining high school in the Autumn.

Our pupils were involved in a mixture of activities such as: dodge-ball, drama, tennis, football, pickle-ball, badminton and dance.



As always, our pupils were all kind, polite, engaged and a joy to spend the afternoon with.



The children were invited to come to school in red today (as little or as much as they liked) to raise money for Comic Relief. Thank you for all the donations towards this worthy cause.

Friends of School and the Easter Bingo

Thank you to all those who attended the Easter Bingo event last Friday, which was organised by the Friends of School. They raised an amazing £727.58.



Thank you to the FOS for organising this and for all the donations towards the raffle and prizes.

We would also like to thank the FOS for all their hard work with events and activities during the school year – they donated £5,674 last year towards enrichment activities for our pupils.

Uniform Reminders

Please may we remind you of our uniform policy, in particular ensuring that socks and shoes are plain and the correct colour.

Boys – Grey trousers/shorts, grey or black socks (no logo), V necked navy blue sweater with or without a school logo, pale blue polo shirt.

Girls – Grey skirt or trousers, V necked navy blue sweater or cardigan with or without a school logo, pale blue polo shirt, grey or black socks/tights (winter), blue checked dress and white socks (summer).

Shoes – Black shoes must be sensible and appropriate. Shoes with heels are discouraged and should be low. We prefer children not to wear trainers.

Indoor PE – Navy nylon PE shorts, white PE t-shirt, plimsolls (preferably slip-on for the younger children).

Outdoor PE – Trainers, navy or dark tracksuit/jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt top. Please do not use tops with zips or drawstrings as these can cause injury.

PE kits worn to school should be plain coloured (no logos or pictures).

Calendar Dates

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