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Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends of school did an amazing job at organising our recent summer fete and we would like to say a big thank you to them for all they do to support the school. Thank you to all the staff who stayed to help with the running of the fete and also to all our families that attended and supported this exciting fundraising event, that raised an incredible £956.

Thank you to all our parents, carers and wider family members who came to support sports day on Monday. We were so pleased that we were able to go ahead and the children all did really well. We hope that you enjoyed watching your child take part in this special event.

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed their Leavers' disco, which ended up having an England football match theme! We would like to thank the Friends of School for organising and supporting this. Special thanks also to Neil Miller for providing the disco, and also to the staff who stayed and helped with this event.

Kind regards,
Holly Marchand,
Headteacher

Mixed Year Group Panathlon Event



On Monday 22nd June, 8 children went to East Point Academy for a Panathlon event. The children worked in two teams and took part in various sporting activities. They all worked really hard, and ended up finishing in 2nd place, which was amazing.

All of the children behaved beautifully, and were a credit to our school.

Free School Meals Important Update for all Parents

The Department for Education (DfE) has updated its guidance on **Free School Meals (FSM)**, with important changes coming into effect from **September 2026**. From September, there will be two types of FSM eligibility:

- **Targeted FSM** - this continues to be based on the current eligibility threshold. It applies to pupils in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. Pupils in this group will attract Pupil Premium funding for their school and will qualify for additional support, such as the Holiday and Activities Food Programme.

- **Expanded FSM** - This is a new category for pupils whose households receive Universal Credit but do not meet the criteria for Targeted FSM. Pupils in this group will be eligible for free school meals only.

Applying for FSM: If you have not previously applied for Free School Meals and believe you may be eligible under the new criteria, please submit an online application via the Suffolk County Council website:

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

We would encourage you to apply as soon as possible so that, if eligible, FSM provision will be in place for the start of term in September.

EYFS Trip to Carlton Marshes



On Wednesday 24th June, the children in Early Years went on a school trip to Carlton Marshes. They took part in a range of activities in the forest, and enjoyed looking for invertebrates, and exploring the world around them using their senses.

Farewell and Good Luck

Mrs Copeman-Lamoureux will sadly be leaving at the end of the term. We wish her all the best in her new role at Holton Primary from September.

Y1/2 and Y3/4 Athletics

On Wednesday 1st July, a team of children from KS1 and another from LKS2 took part in an athletics tournament at the Sir John Leman High School in Beccles.

The children had 8 activities to compete in, such as the 400m, 75m sprint, obstacle course, long jump, shot put and speed bounce. We had a range of winners across the groups, and all of the children showed great athleticism and determination, well done all!



Year 1/2



Year 3/4

Y5/6 Trip to Norwich Castle

On Monday 22nd June, Years 5 and 6 visited Norwich Castle to take part in a range of Ancient Egyptian themed activities to support their learning in class. The children engaged with tasks which included handling original artefacts, exploring the daily life of an Ancient Egyptian, learning about the processes of mummification and creating an Ancient Egyptian collar. The children were given the task of coming up with an answer to the question: 'Should the artefacts remain in the place where they were found, or should they be taken to museums around the world?' At the end of the session the children shared their thoughts and ideas to this difficult question.



Calendar Dates

Mon 6 th July	Y3/4 Trip to Bewilderwood
Tue 7 th July	Y6 Production Evening
Thu 9 th July	Y6 Production Evening
Fri 10 th July	Reports out to Parents
Fri 10 th July	FOS Non School Uniform
Fri 10 th July	KS1 Beach & Circus Fun Day/Parents Invited from 2.30
Fri 10 th July	FOS Meeting-1.30
Mon 13 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly (+Parents)
Tue 14 th July	SJLHS Transition Day
Wed 15 th July	SJLHS Transition Day
Thu 16 th July	SJLHS Transition Day
Fri 17 th July	Visit to Church
Fri 17 th July	Last day of Summer term
Thu 3 rd Sept	First day of Autumn term