



Tuesday 13th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Although this is a very short term, it has also been very busy! Year 5 went to London and then visited Strangers' Hall. Year 2 visited Norwich Castle and Years 4- 6 took part in a tag Rugby event. More visits are planned for after half-term. These visits enhance the curriculum and contribute to children's personal development. Thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied the children on these recent visits. We do rely on parent contributions to cover the cost of trips, as the school budget will not sustain running trips at a loss. If children are eligible for Pupil Premium funding, we are able to offer a discount. If we are in the position where the contributions don't cover the cost of a trip, the trip may not be able to go ahead.

The Royal British Legion's Street Party to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day was a great success! In addition, Mrs Steven's brought a special visitor into school last Thursday for a special VE day assembly. More details are below.

As the weather is getting hotter, please send children into school with suncream applied, a hat and a water bottle. Thank you for your support with this.

This week is a very important week for Year 6 as they are sitting their SATS tests. The children have worked very hard all year, and we are very proud of them!

Best wishes
Fiona Milne
Headteacher

Year 5 visit to Strangers' Hall Norwich

Last Friday, Year 5 had a brilliant day out at Strangers' Hall in Norwich, all themed around Robert Kett and the Rebellion. The children were transported back to Tudor times and met *Master Leech*, who told them all about the household and what life was like during that period. The morning was packed with fun, hands-on activities that helped the children understand how people lived and what they might have done to prepare for the rebellion. There was plenty of role play, and everyone got stuck in! In the afternoon, the group took part in a lively debate, deciding what the household should do now that the rebellion had reached the city walls. It was a great way to bring history to life, and the children came back full of enthusiasm and new knowledge.



Year 5 visit to London – children's report

On Friday 25th April, Year 5 went on a school trip to London's Houses of Parliament and The Sea Life Centre. At 7:15am, we prepared for the best trip in the world!!!

The coach we rode on was a double decker bus. On the coach ride to London everyone was excited for the trip so inside the coach was very loud. The journey was really something. Everyone was singing nursery rhymes that nobody has sung for a very long time. We were playing games and having fun to pass the time until we arrived at London. The tunnels were fun because everyone was holding their breath until we drove to the other side.

When we got into London, through the coach window we saw The London Eye, Big Ben and The Shard (The Shard is the tallest building in the UK).

The first place that we went to was the Houses Of Parliament where there was lots of security to get in! In the Houses Of Parliament, the first room we went into was the House of Commons where we saw the speaker's chair. Then then we went to The House of Lords and learnt about how they ping pong the laws from house to house to decide if the law is good enough to become true to the UK. We even saw live debates going on and they were both on TV!

We learnt that there are three parts to parliament. The monarch, which is represented by gold, the Lords, which are represented by red, and the commons, which are represented by green. We found out that there is an important order. We thought it went Monarch, Lords, Commons but it actually went Commons, Lords, Monarch. Then, we played a game where we put our hand in a bag, and we had to guess what was in the bag.

Once we had been in the Houses of Parliament, we went outside into the beautiful gardens and had a scrummy lunch. One of my favourite parts of this trip was going over Westminster Bridge on the way to the Sea Life Centre because it crossed the River Thames.

We went to Sea Life Center where we saw sharks, lots of different fish and some REALLY big turtles. There was a glass floor we walked over with the sharks swimming underneath and a tunnel we walked in with the sharks above us. We were watching the sharks and suddenly a big shark came right in front of us and ATE THE FISH! It only ate the head and the rest of the body floated to the bottom. It was so disgusting but cool!

After the Sea Life Centre, we went back on the coach to go home. It took us a bit longer because there was lots of traffic. I had SO much fun in London, and I would definitely go again.

By Charlotte, Maylie, Kate, Oskar, Faun, Ebony, Hudson, Denis and Eddie of Otter Class.



Royal British Legion – street party to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day

On Bank Holiday Monday (5th May), the Attleborough Branch of the RBL held a fantastic street party on our school grounds! This community event was organised to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day and it was extremely well-attended. Many thanks to our caretaker, Mr Leigh, who came into school to support with this event.



VE Day 80th anniversary – special assembly

On Thursday 8th May, Mrs Stevens (from the Royal British Legion) came into school to lead a special whole school assembly. Louis (Yr 4) also read a very moving poem to the whole school. Mrs Stevens was accompanied by a very special visitor. Lionel Robinson, who is 92, spoke to the children about his memories of the war. He was 6 years old when it started and 12 years old when it finished. We were very privileged to be able to hear his first-hand account of what it was like to live through the war and the children had the opportunity to ask some questions. Some of our Year 4 children have made a special thank you card for him. Thank you to Mrs Stevens for organising such a special assembly!



Year 2 Trip to Norwich Cathedral

On Tuesday 6th May, Year 2 had an exciting trip out to Norwich Cathedral. The day was split into two parts to link with both the History and R.E. Curriculum. Children had a guided tour from volunteers around the cathedral and learnt about parts of the cathedral, baptisms and communion. They enjoyed looking out for special symbols in the church including the cross, candles and prayer. We were also very lucky to 'meet' Edith Cavell at the cathedral who told us all about her life growing up in Swardeston, being a nurse during World War I and the values which were important to her. The children also visited Edith's grave site in the cathedral grounds. Another fantastic trip to bring our learning to life! Thank you to Mrs Coppard, Mrs Buckle, Miss Applegate, Miss Yallop, Mrs Ashman, Mrs Hall and Mrs Andrews for their help on the trip.

Tag Rugby Report by Thomas (Year 6)

On the 30th April Years 4-6 went to a tag rugby tournament. The pupils who took part were: Year 6 Thomas, Cody, Year 5: Lorelei, Rosalie, Dexter and Year 4: Amber, Leo and Albie. It was not competitive. We played 5 games, 3 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon. They were 10-minute games, one child could not play more than 50 minutes altogether through the whole games. In one game 7 players were on the pitch, 2 on the bench.

School Photographer – Tuesday 20th May

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 20th May for class photos and for the Year 6 individual photos. Please can you ensure that all children are wearing smart school uniform. Thank you.



Gold Awards

A child from each class is awarded a Gold Award every Friday in Celebration Assembly. The certificates are awarded for good work or behaviour. Congratulations to the following children who have received a certificate recently:

Craig, Amber, Lorelei, Ashton, Lyle, Ivie, Eleanor, Sienna, Freddie, Maggie, Maylie, Olive, Joshith, Rokas, Tasmiyah, Aron, Arthur, Amelia, Leonie, Spencer, Cody, Rosie, Gabriella, Amber, Jake, Zachary, Amelia, Grace, Isla, Danielle and William.

Top Table Awards

Each week, the MSAs choose one child who has shown excellent behaviour to have lunch at the special Top Table. Congratulations to Top Table children:

2/5/25: Zarah, Leo, Brody, Jaycee, Matilda, Deimante, Jacob

9/5/25: Alexander, Eliza, Freya, Oscar, Molli-Rose, Kate, Amelia

House Points

AIR	FIRE	WATER	EARTH
1087	957	1096	1101

Attendance

A reminder that the gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Children who arrive after 8.50am need to go through the office and will be marked as late. If your child is absent from school, please let the school office know as soon as possible on the morning of the absence. If we do not hear from parents by 9.20am, we will start our first day calling procedures. If we cannot contact parents, we will make a home visit.

Reception <i>Caterpillar</i>	Year 1 <i>Red Squirrel</i>	Year 2 <i>Ladybirds</i>	Year 3 <i>Fox</i>	Year 4 <i>Red Deer</i>	Year 5 <i>Barn Owl</i>	Year 6 <i>Seal</i>
94.5%	94.5%	95.8%	92.4%	95.3%	94.5%	92.5%
Reception <i>Dragonfly</i>	Year 1 <i>Hedgehog</i>	Year 2 <i>Bumblebees</i>	Year 3 <i>Badger</i>	Year 4 <i>Kingfisher</i>	Year 5 <i>Otter</i>	Year 6 <i>Heron</i>
94%	94.3%	95.5%	93.3%	97.4%	95.1%	95%
				Year 4 <i>Red Kite</i>		
				94.2%		

Attendance – late arrival and late collection

The gates open at **8.40am** and close at **8.50am**. Children arriving after the gates have closed need to go through the office. We ask that parents ensure children arrive at school before the gates close, so they are not marked as late. We also have several children who are late being collected. Children need to be collected at **3.25pm** please. Teachers often have meetings to attend as soon as school finishes. Many thanks for your support with this.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Toys and cards

Please do not allow your child to bring in toys or cards to school (e.g. football/Pokémon cards). They cause arguments and children get upset if they are lost or broken. If they are brought in to school, teachers will keep hold of them until the end of the school day and return them to parents. Thank you for your support with this. The only exception is for children who have an SEN plan and a fidget toy is listed as a strategy.

Scooters and bikes

It is very busy at the school gates, and on the school site, during drop off and pick up. Children have been reminded that they are not to ride their bikes and scooters in the school grounds. We ask that parents support us with this. If children repeatedly ignore reminders, then they will not be able to bring their bike or scooter into school.

Uniform

Please ensure children come to school in the correct uniform. Long hair needs to be tied back. The only jewellery children should be wearing are earring studs and a watch. However, smart watches are not allowed in school. Children need to be able to take their earrings out for PE.

Smoking/Vaping

We are a non-smoking site. We also request that parents move away from the gates if they wish to smoke or vape, while waiting for the gates to open. This is to prevent other parents and children from being affected by smoking in the queue. We would really appreciate parents' support with this.

Club attendance

If your child is not attending a club that they are normally booked into, please let the office know. This is so our records can be updated. A register is taken at each club, and we do need to know in advance if children are not attending.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns for the safety or welfare of a child at any time, but particularly during the holidays, please share your concern by calling either of the following numbers: NSPCC – 0808 800 5000 Child Advice and Duty Service: 0344 800 8020
Calls can be anonymous.

Online payments

We are now a cashless school and we ask that all parents pay online via the Pupil Asset Payment Portal. To access this, please use your browser to search for the Pupil Asset log in page. If you have not used the system before, please select 'First time logging in' and use the email address we have on record for you. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the office.

Concerns or queries

If you have a concern or query, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. The next step is to speak to the Phase Leader:

EYFS: Mrs Wisken, **Key Stage 1:** Mrs Shingfield, **Year 3 and 4:** Mrs Faulkner **Year 5 and 6:** Mrs Bartram
If you still feel your concern has not been addressed, then please arrange a time, via the school office, to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

2024/2025 TERM DATES

Wednesday 23rd April – Friday 23rd May 2025	Summer Term 1
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025	Half term
Monday 2nd June – Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Summer Term 2 (Last day of term Tuesday 22 nd July)

KEY DATES – more will be added as events are confirmed

Year 3 visit to Pensthorpe and Year 4 visit to West Stow – once the dates have been finalised, a letter will be sent to parents.

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 20th May	Class photos – <i>smart school uniform please</i>
Monday 26th – Friday 30th May	Half-term
Monday 2nd – Friday 13th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check window
Thursday 5th June- Friday 6th June	Year 2 residential to Hautbois
Week beginning Monday 9th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Friday 20th June	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 1st July	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day: 9.30am – 11.00am Year 5 / 6 Sports Day: 1.30am – 3.00pm
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 3 / 4 Sports Day: 9.30am – 11.00am
Friday 11th July	Reports sent to parents.
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of term