



Attleborough Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the Spring term already! It has been an incredibly busy term, and I would like to thank all the staff and children for their hard work. All the educational visits have been a great success and have enriched the curriculum for the children. These visits also contribute to the children's personal development. Thank you to all the staff and parents who accompanied the children on the visits. We have more educational visits planned for the summer term.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete the parent survey. We went from 7 responses to 161! After the Easter holidays, we will analyse the results and take on board the feedback we have received.

This week, on Wednesday 1st April, we officially joined Sapientia. We have been working with the Trust for a while now and look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with other schools within the Trust. I would like to thank all our Governors who have been so supportive during this process. We are in the process of developing a new website and a photographer visited the school yesterday. We will let parents know when the new website is live.

We would like to wish all our families a peaceful Easter break and thank you to parents for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Wednesday 23rd April**.

Best wishes
Fiona Milne
Headteacher

Year 3 visit to Thetford Forest

This term, Year 3 has been studying The Rainforest as part of their geography lessons. We visited Thetford Forest to compare what a forest in the UK was like with the Amazon Rainforest. Whilst we were there, we learnt a little about the history of Thetford Forest and then looked at the different plants and animals that could be found whilst completing one of the trail walks. We had a picnic lunch in the sunshine and even squeezed in the Gruffalo Trail and some fun time at the High Lodge play park. A great day was had by all! **(Mrs Coppard)**



Year 1 visit to Africa Alive

We were so lucky to have wall-to-wall blue skies and sunshine for our Y1 trip to Africa Alive this week. Spring has officially sprung! After an hour-long coach journey (on a super cool double decker coach!) the children were over the moon to spot some of the animals that we have been learning about as part of our geography topic on Africa. The 'savannah' area was a particular favourite as the children got to see a variety of animals co-habiting. These included rhinos, zebra and antelope. All of the children were super brave when learning about carnivores and herbivores- they all had the opportunity to touch a beautiful python named Sylvester. Needless to say, there were a few drooping eyelids upon our return journey; we had a thoroughly enjoyable and thoroughly exhausting day. As expected, the Y1 children behaved impeccably from start to finish on their second-ever school trip and we now can't wait for our summer term trip to the beach! **(Mrs Banks)**



Mornings – KS2 playground gate

Key Stage 2 children will need to be dropped off at the Key Stage 2 playground gate in the morning and parents will be unable to go through the gate. This is for safeguarding reasons. A member of staff will be on this gate. In addition, teachers are not available to have conversations with parents in the mornings as they are busy with the children. If you have a message for the teacher in the mornings, please phone or email the office or pop in and leave a message with the office staff. You can also email the teacher directly. In the afternoons, parents are welcome to come onto the playground, as usual, at the end of the school day. The teacher is also available at the end of the day for an informal chat.

Royal British Legion

A massive thank you to Mrs Stevens, Mrs Todd and Mrs Thelwell who have been working together to strengthen our links with the Royal British Legion – we are now formally affiliated with the RBL. We will be working with the RBL on various exciting events.

A message from Mrs Thelwell:

It is VE Day 80 this May. As it coinciding with SATs we will be having a postponed commemoration on the first week back after May half term. On the Monday we will be having an informative assembly delivered by the RBL and hopefully the heritage group will be coming in with artefacts and photos for the children to view. On the Friday we will have another assembly, much like the one for D Day, where some members of the RBL who were children during WW2 will come in for a "question time". More events may be added to this week...watch this space. Also, the RBL are running a poetry competition in regard to VE Day, the winner of which will read their poem at the lighting of the beacon in town on the day of VE Day. Lastly, and possibly most exciting, is that we are attempting to set a Guinness World Record in November. We are hoping to create the biggest poppy made out of handprints! On Remembrance Day we will unveil the poppy and take a picture of the whole school around it using a drone.

Mrs Thelwell, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Todd were interviewed this week on BBC Radio Norfolk. Please click on the following link: [BBC Sounds - Kayleigh Poacher - Available Episodes](#) (Wednesday 2nd April – around 1 hour and 35 minutes in)

Please find attached the poetry competition flyer attached to the email you received. Please also find attached the flyers for the VE 80th celebration street party which will be held at our school, the VJ 80 Summer Ball and the information about our Guinness World Record attempt.

Message from Mrs Stringer - Circle of Security parenting course

Circle of Security is a parenting course that will be held at our school. It is an 8-week course which starts on **Thursday 24th April 10.00am – 11.30am**. It is about how parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Year 6 parents

A reminder that Year 6 will sit the end of Key Stage 2 tests (SATs) during the week beginning Monday 12th May. These are statutory national assessments. All Year 6 children need to be in school on time during this week, please. Mrs Bartram will send further details about the arrangements for SATS week after the Easter holidays.

Staffing Updates

After Easter, Miss Swatman will be teaching Hedgehogs class. Mrs Faulkner will be supporting with the transition. I would like to thank Mrs Banks and Mrs Faulkner for stepping into Hedgehogs for the Spring term.

Miss Welch will be staying with Ladybirds until the 30th April. Ladybirds will have a consistent supply teacher for just over two weeks. We are interviewing for a teacher who will take Ladybirds for the rest of the summer term.

Also after Easter, Miss Martin will no longer be working Friday afternoons. Mrs Faulkner will be teaching Badgers on Friday afternoons starting from the second week back after Easter.

Mrs Birch, one of our MSAs, is retiring on the 23rd May after many years at the school. We will be sad to say goodbye and thank her very much for all her work looking after the children at lunchtime.

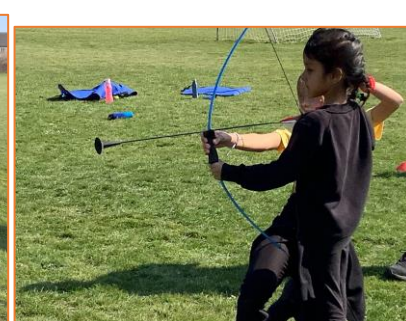
New Archery Set – message from Miss Martin

The Friends of Attleborough Primary School have very kindly bought an archery set for the school using funds they have raised. The set includes 3 targets, 6 bows and 18 arrows. The children are really excited to try them out. In the summer term, each class will be given the opportunity to have a go at lunchtime. There will also be an after-school club. Thank you to the Friends from everyone at school! We love it!



House Treat – message from Miss Martin

This half term was a very close competition for house point proving every house point really does count. Fire won by just 5 points! As a treat, Fire got to try out the new archery set bought for school by the Friends of Attleborough Primary School. All children learnt how to hold the bow and fire the arrows. Then, they had chance to practise hitting the targets and playing some games. Finally, they had a mini competition with the winning team getting a small prize. The children had a great time! Thank you to Mr Howard for running the activity. *(Thanks to Miss Martin for pitching this idea to The Friends and for organising the House Treat)*



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:

Freddie, Amara, James, Isabella, Erin, Alfie, Maise, Kizzie, Toby, Teddy, Gianna, Freddie, Ebony, Jack, Orlagh, Ezra, Maisie, George, Razvan, Victoria, Sarah, Mila, Austin, Alfie, Lily, Oskar, Lydia, Craig, Samuel, Maisie, Rose, Jett, Daniel, Roman, Ronnie, Alexandra, Jenson, Jake, Maksas, Jasper, Thomas, Charlie, Lyle, Sophia, Jonte, Nevaeh

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:

21/3/25: Belle-Rose, Maisie, Poppy S, Ava, Charlotte, Oskar, Noah

28/3/25 : Ellie, Madison, Yusuf, Amber, Chloe, Diya, Saffron

4/4/25 : Maddox, Joshith, Rory, Forrest, Jake, Hudson, Sophia

House Points

AIR	FIRE	WATER	EARTH
2621	2626	2583	2557

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>
94.3%	94.4%	95.6%	92.3%	95.3%	95.5%	92.4%
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>
94.1%	94.2%	95.5%	93.3%	96.9%	95.1%	94.9%
				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

Monday 2nd September 2024	Staff training (Children not in school)
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	Staff training (Children not in school)
Wednesday 4th September 2024 to Thursday 24th October	Autumn Term 1
Friday 25th October 2024	Staff training (Children not in school)
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	Half- term
Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December	Autumn Term 2
Monday 23rd December 2024 to Monday 6th January 2025	Christmas Holidays (including a staff training day on Monday 6 th January)
Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Friday 14th February 2025	Spring Term 1
Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025	Half term
Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April 2025	Spring Term 2
Monday 7th April – Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Easter Holidays (including a staff training day on Tuesday 22nd April)
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday (school closed)
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)