

Newsletter

March 2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

A very short term, but absolutely jam packed with things going on! As well as trips, charity days and extra sporting activities, the children have been working hard!

Have a read through the below to see what they've been up to.

Have a wonderful break.

Oak Class

This half term has been very busy, with World Book Day celebrations, preparations for our Easter service and our trip to the gymnastics centre - Piper's Vale in Ipswich. The trip is an amazing experience for the children. A real opportunity to see and use the full size equipment there. From leaping into the gigantic foam pit to walking backwards along the beam, all the children impressed us with their bravery and perseverance. It is wonderful to see them overcome their initial fears and see the pride in their faces when they accomplish something that at first they never dreamed they could do. Thank you for all your support in encouraging your children to celebrate World Book Day. There were so many incredible potatoes! We hope you have had the opportunity to use the book token handed out and are continuing to enjoy reading books together at home.

Birch Class

It has been a short half term but we have packed a lot in. In history we have been learning about the Mayans and have found this very interesting. In Literacy we have been writing newspaper reports and in computing we have been coding. We have also been learning about our bodies in PSHE. On Fridays, year 6 continue to work hard as they prepare for the SATs and year 5 have been swimming. Finally, we had a great trip to Pipers Vale and have been doing OAA in PE. Well done to everybody for their hard work.

Chestnut Class

This half term we have enjoyed two wonderful trips. The first was at Piper's Vale where the children explored the specialist equipment and demonstrated their gymnastics skills. The second was to the Longshed in Woodbridge where we got to see the gigantic (27 metre long!) replica of the Sutton Hoo ship they are building. We also took part in some fantastic workshops which allowed the children to do lots of brilliant activities and to feel "like an actual Anglo Saxon" (as Violet in Y3 told us). Thank you to parents and the PSA for funding the trip. As well as the trips, we have also finished our cushions in DT, explored Sound in Science and learnt more about Drawing in Art.

Sports and Teams

Two teams from Birch and Chestnut Class competed in the Gipping Valley Hockey tournament. We did brilliantly and finished first and second. Well done everybody.

The whole school has visited Pipers Vale to develop their gymnastics skills and this was funded by the school PE fund.

Finally we had an orienteering enrichment day to develop our OAA skills.

Swimming

Well done to all our swimmers this term! We have seen so much improvement and progress from those we have worked with in the shallow end, with 3 moving up to the deep end and completing their 25 metres! Fab work. Keep going, keep swimming, and enjoy the water! Miss Knights & Mrs Icke

Ash Class

Ash Class have had another very busy half term! In addition to our daily Phonics, Reading and Number work, we have made Mother's Day cards and clay pots, we had a lot of fun learning gymnastics on our trip to Piper's Vale and we worked so well in pairs doing an orienteering activity for our P.E. Enrichment. On Values morning, we visited every classroom and took part in activities with each teacher focussing on the values of love and respect. Since then we have been learning about Spring and the Easter story, making daffodils and an Easter Garden for our Church service. The children continue to work hard, have fun and make friends. I hope the children and their families all have a safe and restful Easter break. Mrs Mitchell

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| Mon Apr 15 th | Back to School |
| Mon May 6 th | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Tues May 7 th | P.E Enrichment day – Musical Theatre |
| Thurs May 9 th | Class photos |
| Mon May 13 th | SATS WEEK |
| Fri May 17 th | SATS treat |
| Mon May 20 th | Walk to School Week |
| Tues May 21 st | Eucharist Service in Church (9.15) |
| Fri May 24 th | End of Term |
| Fri May 24 th | Sports Day |
| Fri May 24 th | KS1 Sleepover at school |
| Mon May 27 th – Fri May 31 st | Half Term |
| Mon Jun 3 rd | Back to school |
| Fri Jun 28 th | P.E Enrichment – Ultimate Frisbee |
| Tues Jul 2 nd | KS2 Performance 9.30 / 6.30 |
| Wed Jul 10 th | Values Morning / DHS Induction day |
| Fri Jul 12 th | Funday Friday |
| Thurs Jul 18 th | 9.15 Leavers Service |
| Fri Jul 19 th | Parents Leavers Service / All parents assembly |
| Fri Jul 19 th | END OF TERM! |

Comic relief

As a school we raised just over £90! Well done everyone and thank you for your generosity.



Our school value next half term is LOVE. We will also spend some time reflecting on this Bible verse found in the book of Matthew, chapter 19 verse 26: "With God, anything is possible" as it links to our school motto.

Reading at home

Please never underestimate the enormous difference you can make to your child's education and self-esteem by reading with them every day.

Every half term children who have read with an adult at home 4 times a week or more, receive a certificate. We would always love to see more certificates handed out, celebrating this achievement!

Have you seen the resources available for families on the NSPCC website? <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>



Some of our donations for the Stowmarket Food Bank this year.

Absence

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. Students who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Research suggests that students who attend school regularly could also be at less risk of getting involved in antisocial behaviour or crime.

Just 17 days absent from school a year could mean a drop in a GCSE grade in all subjects.

Attendance & Lates from 01/09/23 – 22/3/24

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| Ash | 96.6% |
| Oak | 96.9% |
| Chestnut | 96.3% |
| Birch | 95.1% |
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| Ash | 38 lates |
| Oak | 49 lates |
| Chestnut | 12 lates |
| Birch | 54 lates |

Remember, the DFE expects all children to attend unless they are too ill to do so.

BACK TO SCHOOL

MONDAY APRIL 15TH