THE EARSHAM RAINBOW

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"Light brings every kind of goodness, right living and truth" Ephesians 5:9

Executive Head's message;

This weekend in many churches will be the celebration of Candlemas. Candlemas, or Candlemas Day, is also known as 'The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus', it commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem, referring to him as the light of the people of Israel. The name Candlemas means festival or 'mass' of the candles and comes from the tradition of blessing all the candles used in the church for the upcoming year. In school each day, I am always struck by the children's enthusiasm to take part in the lighting of the candle as part of their class or whole school worship and their understanding of why we do so.

Over the past few weeks, we have had a variety of visitors into school, such as governors, student teachers or colleagues from the trust. It has been wonderful to hear them sing the praises of our children, how well they speak about their school and their positive attitudes to learning. Well done everyone!

School Prayer:

Sorry for not always telling the truth. Sorry for the times we forget to be kind.

Thank you for all those who show compassion to us, and for the lovely things in the world that shine.

We will try to treat others how we would like to be treated, help us to respect and take care of others.

Please Lord, help us shine and show compassion, to the sick and the needy, to our sisters and brothers.

Amen.

Class updates;

This week in Willow Class the children have been learning about an artist called Anthony Frost and they created their own abstract artwork thinking about colour and shape. In History this week the children were detectives and looking at sources to prove the statements about Mary Seacole are true. The children have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum- Well done Willow class! We also have Miss Doy, a PGCE student from the UEA, supporting and teaching in Willow class until the Easter Holidays. ☺

This week we have been very busy in mathematics learning all about how to add and subtract fractions. In English, we have begun exploring a balanced argument all about whether or not mobile phones should be allowed in school - this created quite a discussion! We have continued our gymnastics lessons, using an increasing variety of apparatus. In RE we have been learning all about Sikhism and their core beliefs. In Science we have begun to explore magnets and have been introduced to vocabulary such as 'repel', 'attract' and 'pole'. In History we researched a variety of Egyptian gods and goddesses.

Silver Birch class have continued their study of light in Science. During our lesson, we investigated light and the reflection of light. We discovered that light from the sun or a light bulb travels in straight waves. When the light hits an object, they bounce off it. This action is called reflection. For most objects, we discovered that the light bounces in different directions at the same time. When the light bounces off an object, it allows us to see it. In Geography, we have continued our study of volcanoes. For this lesson, we learnt about some of the most famous volcanoes around the world before plotting them on a map to find out where they are located on our planet. In Art, we focused our attention on the famous artist Henri Matisse. We looked at some of his paintings and tried to replicate his painting known as, 'The Green Stripe'.

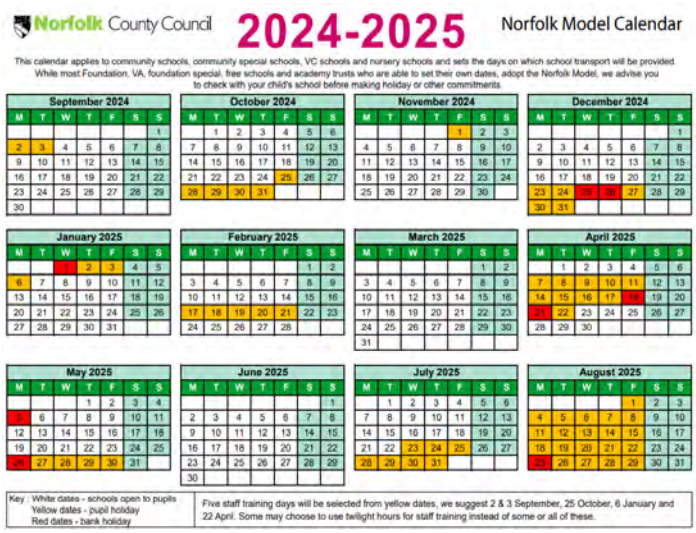
TERM DATES

Spring Term 1 Tuesday 7th January—Friday 14th February

Half Term Monday 17th— Friday 21st February

Spring Term 2 Monday 24th February—Friday 4th April

Easter Holidays Monday 7th—Tuesday 22nd April



Our School Day:

8:45 Gates Open

9:00 Registration closes

3:15 End of Day

Please ensure your child arrives/ is collected promptly each day.

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please ring the school office each day by 9am to advise.

The School office is closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Class PE Days:

Tuesdays—Maple and Silver Birch

Wednesdays—Willow

Thursdays—Maple

Fridays—Willow and Silver Birch

Children to come in to school in their PE kits on their PE days.

School Attendance Dog

Congratulations to Silver Birch Class who won this weeks award!!



Our whole school attendance this year to date is 96.69%

FORTHCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

10th February—Maple Class Trip to Castle Museum

10th February—Silver Birch Wider Curriculum Parent Drop in 9.05am

11th February—Willow Class Wider Curriculum Parent Drop in 9.05am

12th February—Maple Class Wider Curriculum Parent Drop in 9.05am

14th February—NSPCC Number Day Number themed Non Uniform

25th February—Willow Class Trip to Sea Life Centre

27th February—PTA School Disco 5pm

(more details coming soon!)

5th March—Ash Wednesday Service 9am—Parents Welcome

Please note, dates are accurate at time of Printing but may be subject to change.

Does your employer offer Match Funding? If so, Earsham PTA may be able to benefit!



Match giving, or match funding, is a simple way to maximise the fundraising efforts of PTA's. It is an informal, albeit corporate, arrangement between a company and an employee. Usually, a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has either raised or donated to a charity.

If you think you may be eligible please speak to Alisha Harman or email the school office with information for the PTA.

Community News









JOIN OUR CLUB SWIM ACADEMY

Are you nearing the end or have completed Learn to Swim Level 7?

FREE TASTER SESSIONS

Monday 10th February 2025
Waterlane Leisure Centre Lowestoft, NR32 2NH

Session 1	Session 2
6:00pm - 6.30pm	6:30pm - 7:00pm
Meet us: at our pull up banners at 5.50pm	Meet us: at our pull up banner at 6.20pm

Monday 10th February 2025
Waveney Valley Leisure Centre, Bungay, NR35 1FB

Session 1	Session 2
7:00pm - 7:30pm	7:30pm - 8:00pm
Meet us: at our pull up banners at 6.50pm	Meet us: at our pull up banners at 7.20pm

Important information on reverse →

Team WAVENEY Swimming Club

Important information

What is a taster session:
The taster session is designed to show both the swimmer(s) and parent(s) what Team Waveney has to offer. Swimmers will be required to swim lengths in different strokes and complete a few tasks.

What to bring:
Costume, goggles and water bottle filled with water. Training equipment will be provided.

Our coaches:
We have a team of qualified and experienced coaches at Team Waveney. One of our senior coaches will run these sessions with support from our other qualified coaches and senior swimmers.

After your taster session:
Once your child has completed their free taster session, we will provide feedback and then discuss with you about joining the Team Waveney Swim Academy. Should your child be invited to join, he or she will receive a Free Team Waveney swim hat once a member.

How to sign up your child:

Simply email us at info@teamwaveney.co.uk and provide the following information:

- Your name
- Your child's name and age
- Learn to swim level
- Your preferred session time
- Your mobile no.

Team WAVENEY Swimming Club
www.teamwaveney.co.uk
Team Waveney Swimming Club
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Quick overview:

- No waiting lists
- Free swim hat once a member
- Competitive prices
- Friendly, qualified teachers
- 2 venues in Bungay & Lowestoft
- Happy Swimmers!


Hobart High School's
production of
SHREK THE MUSICAL JR
12th, 13th and 14th
February 2025
7:30pm in the school hall. Doors open at 7pm for refreshments.
Tickets available at:
https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hobarthighschool
Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig
Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire
Music by
Jeanine Tesori
Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions
Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford. "I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
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Year 6s
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DATE
Thursday 20th February 2025
11am - 12pm
VENUE
Sports Hall
City Academy Norwich
299 Bluebell Road
Norwich NR4 7LP
RSVP & INFO
jake@improtechsoccer.com
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BECCLES TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
WILDCATS!
Fun football sessions for girls aged 5-11!
Saturday mornings 9am - 10am!
Please get in touch for more details!
The chance to move into one of our many girls sides in the NWGFL!
Lots of other brilliant things to look forward to, including, an end of season water fight, summer beach sessions and matchday mascot opportunities with Beccles Town Ladies!
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