



Friday 6th June 2025

School Newsletter #15

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the final half term of what has been a fantastic school year! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for a busy and exciting time ahead.

We have lots to look forward to this half term, including the much anticipated Year 5 and 6 residential trip, where the children will have the chance to build independence, take on new challenges and make lasting memories with their friends. Other year groups also have exciting trips planned. Children in Year 2 are looking forward to visiting the Cambridge Botanical Gardens where they'll explore the wonders of nature and plant life. Year 4 will also be investigating pollution and its effect on marine life at the Sealife Centre in Great Yarmouth.

A huge thank you to all the families who attended our Online Safety Coffee Morning with Mrs Asker and Gemma Theobald. We really appreciate your time and engagement in such an important topic. As a school community, we are continuing to learn new things every day about how to stay safe online, and we are committed to working together to support our children in navigating the digital world confidently and safely.

We'd also like to extend our appreciation to the PTA for generously funding a new portable sound system for the school. This will make a big difference during whole-school events and will provide our choir and drama club with the perfect platform to shine in their upcoming performances.

Sports Day was another fantastic highlight recently, and we want to thank all of you who came along for a picnic lunch and to support and cheer on the children. It was a fantastic day full of teamwork, encouragement and effort from every pupil. Even the weather was kind to us! Congratulations to Saturn (Orange) House who were our overall winners, and did so with grace and respect. Well done to all the children for making it such a special event.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Let's make the last half term of the school year a memorable one.

Best wishes,

Mrs Reynolds

Diary Dates Summer Term 2025

- **Mon 19th May** – Year 1 Parents Phonics session 3.40-4pm
- **Tues 20th May** – Parent Café Internet Safety Coffee Morning
- **Tues 20th May** – Year 1 Parents Phonics session 8.15-8.40am
- **Fri 23rd May** – Sports Day
 - **26th – 30th May – Half term**
- **2nd to 6th June** – Year 4 Multiplication Check
- **Tues 3rd June** – Year 3 trip to Wandlebury
- **Wed 11th June** – New Intake evening
- **9th – 13th June** – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- **Fri 13th June** – Reserve Sports Day and Wear Yellow Day (Cystic Fibrosis)
- **18th to 20th June** - Yr5&6 residential
- **Thurs 19th June** – Stay and play for New intake (times to TBC)
- **Thurs 26th June** – WCET festival at the APEX for Yr 4,5&6
- **Thurs 26th June** – Stay & play for new intake (times to TBC)
- **Thursday 3rd July** – Meet the teacher (transition) 3:30pm
- **14th to 18th July** – Transition week for Yr6 to high school (Dates TBC)
- **Tues 22nd July** – PTA Be Yourself Day
- **Tues 22nd July** – Year 6 Leavers Lunch & assembly & End of term
 - **23rd July – Summer Holiday starts**
 - **Mon & Tues 1st and 2nd Sept PD Day**
 - **Wednesday 3rd Sept school starts**

What have we been up to in school?



Elm Class were visited by our local fire service this week. The children were learning Makaton songs during Deaf Awareness week which sparked an interest in our emergency services. The children enjoyed finding out about the fire engine, squirting the hose and listening to the sirens. Thank you to Mr Skillings and his colleagues for the visit!



Phoebe and Daniel from Willow Class competed in Book Mastermind at County High. Mr Grimwood was incredibly proud of their effort and determination. Well done to Phoebe who won the whole competition!

Subject Leader Spotlight – Religious Education

Shalom! Peace be with you! Namaste!

I'm Kristen Jolley, the Religious Education Lead at Ickworth Park and this is a subject I feel very passionate about. We follow the curriculum *The Emmanuel Project* which offers a breadth of worldviews, religious and non-religious, that pupils will encounter in life. RE as a subject underpins our British values by learning to think critically and learn to appreciate and respect diverse perspectives. This year, every class visited our local church at least once in support of our Christian units and/or the 'Stars and Lights Festival' in December. Several times throughout the year we have had in religious visitors to support our assemblies and RE lessons including those from Bury Christian Youth and the Ipswich Buddhist Centre. I'm proud that we have offered additional lunch and afterschool clubs this year supported by Bury Christian Youth for KS2. This has provided children with a safe space where they can come to build friendships, play games and make crafts. I have enjoyed getting to talk to the children about their learning in RE this year. It really shines through that they are proud of what they are learning and they can see the importance of this subject in modern Britain. We are always looking for visitors of different faiths to come in and support our learning throughout the school. If this could be you or know someone who could help, please let me know. I look forward to seeing how we can continue to develop the children's understanding of such an importance subject in the academic year to come.



Introducing our new Year 6 House Captains

Total House Points for the term

Saturn - 266

Earth - 244

Mars - 262

Mercury - 243

Our value this term is –

Confidence



Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 06/06/2025

EYFS Elm Class –96.28%
Year 1 Beech Class – 97.26%
Year 2 Oak Class – 97.56%
Year 3 Lime Class – 95.3%
Year 4 Hazel Class – 97.6%
Year 5 Willow Class –97.84%
Year 6 Larch Class – 96.39%

Whole School 96.89%
National average 94.5%

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