

# Newsletter



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great week at Place Farm this week! It was wonderful welcoming more parents to our Maths share session yesterday - thank you to all those Year 1 parents who attended. We have shared a questionnaire with you, on the relevant Class Dojo stories, to seek your feedback on these events and how we may help you further to support your child in maths.



Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful enrichment day yesterday to support their learning about The Great Fire of London. It was great to see so many children in costumes, and the children were bubbling with excitement about all they had learnt that day. Please see a selection of photographs enclosed.

We have shared today the booking information for EYFS parents to select tickets for the nativity - this is via a link shared on Class Dojo and by email. We also have our Christmas in a Day and Carols on the playground coming up in the next few weeks - please see information enclosed. We have already shared information about Christmas dinner - please do check Class Dojo and your emails for a link to request a school dinner for your child.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. If you have any questions relating to your child, or key messages for your class teacher, please do contact them via a message on Class Dojo, or using [admin@placefarm.org.uk](mailto:admin@placefarm.org.uk).

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs McConnell  
Head of School



## Upcoming Dates:

### **December**

- 4<sup>th</sup> December: Year 1 Church visit  
No school crossing patrol all week
- 6<sup>th</sup> December: Flu vaccinations
- 7<sup>th</sup> December: Reading Café for 4RG - 9:00-9:30 in school hall  
1ES Haverhill library visit
- 13<sup>th</sup> December: Year 3 Stone Age experience day
- 14<sup>th</sup> December: No school crossing patrol at the start of the school day  
Reading Café for 4KM - 9:00-9:30 in school hall  
Rainbow Haverhill library visit
- 15<sup>th</sup> December: Carols on the playground and Christmas in Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity  
No school crossing patrol all day
- 20<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS and Year 1 Christmas Nativity
- 21<sup>st</sup> December: Class Christmas parties
- School term ends 21<sup>st</sup> December**

### **January**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> January: PD Day – school closed
- 4<sup>th</sup> January: Spring terms starts – (Thursday)**
- 11<sup>th</sup> January: Reading Café for 5JG - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
- 18<sup>th</sup> January: Reading Café for 5CM - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
- 24<sup>th</sup> January: Year 6 Residential to Manor Adventure (until 26<sup>th</sup> January)

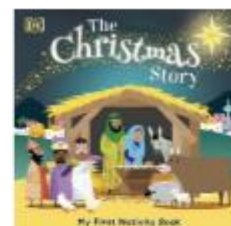
### **February**

- 1<sup>st</sup> February: Reading Café for OAP - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
- 8<sup>th</sup> February: Reading Café for OLP - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
- 15<sup>th</sup> February: Reading Café for 6EJ - 9:00-9:30 in school hall
- Half term: 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February**
- 29<sup>th</sup> February: Reading Café for 6SL - 9:00-9:30 in school hall

## Christmas at Place Farm



# EYFS and Y1 Christmas Nativity



The Christmas Story

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

or

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

2 tickets per family

Here is the link to the tickets

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/8fnta>

The link is also on the EYFS and Y1 Class Dojo stories

# merry christmas

## Christmas in a Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Pupils are invited to wear school uniform + a Christmas accessory on this day. This could be: a Christmas Jumper, hat, headband or tie.

For lunch, pupils will have their Christmas Dinner in the Hall, with Christmas songs and crackers to get them in the festive spirit!



## Carols on the Playground

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

On the same day, parents are invited to join us for our annual Carols on the Playground performance. **Gates will open at 2:55pm**. Please come to the back gate on Crowland Road if you would like to watch us sing Christmas Carols.

Parents and Carers are invited to join in with the singing!

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## Class Christmas Parties

Class Christmas parties will take place on the last afternoon before we break up for Christmas (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December).

Pupils in Years 1 - 6 should attend school in full school uniform and bring party clothes to get dressed into the afternoon. Pupils in EYFS can come to school in their party clothes.

## Science at Place Farm



The children at Place Farm are working hard during their science lessons.

In Early Years they have carried out an experiment, using bread. All the children touched the bread with dirty hand and then touched another piece with clean hands. They have been observing over time what the bread looks like! They couldn't believe it...



Year one have been looking at the different parts of a plant and learning about different trees. The children have enjoyed walking around the school to see what trees we have and taking a closer look at leaves. They have been finding out the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees.



Year two have been looking at animals. The children have particularly enjoyed looking into life cycles and what animals are vertebrates and what are invertebrates.



Year three have been focusing on the different types of muscles found in their bodies and how a balanced diet is good for the body. They have particularly enjoyed learning about the functions of the muscles and how they work.



Year four have been focusing on the States of Matter, this includes; solids, liquids and gases.



Year five have just started learning about 'animals including humans'. Pupils are learning about the human life cycle. They've enjoyed integrating their iPads into their lessons.



Year six have been continuing their learning on the circulatory system. They have been learning all about the heart and how it works. The children enjoyed drawing diagrams of the heart and labelling these. They have just finished looking at the scientists who influenced what they know about the circulatory system! The children enjoyed researching information either about William Harvey or Aelius Galen.



Rainbow class - Rainbow are learning about The Water Cycle this half term. They have enjoyed making leaflets to show all 4 stages of the cycle and are looking forward to making their own water cycle model.

## Events and Trips at Place Farm

### Year 6 Mosque Trip

On 24/11/23 Year 6 went and visited Cambridge Mosque. They were incredibly respectful as they were given a tour around. They learnt lots of different facts and enjoyed the whole experience.



## Year 2 Great Fire of London day

Year 2 had a visitor into school, where they learnt more about the Great Fire of London. They had an amazing day, where they transported back in time to 1666.



### What we liked best:

"making a button"

"the sewing"

"making the clay"

"making the ink"



"looking at the old medical tools"

"making the medicine"

"making a leather book mark"

"writing with a feather and ink"



"learning about how the fire was put out"

"digging for the artefacts"

"looking at the deeds in London"

"playing role play with the rats and the well"

"EVERYTHING!"

## 1ED Library Trip

1ED really enjoyed their visit to the library. They enjoyed scanning their books and stamping in the date. Some even renewed their cards.



## Year 1 parent/carer maths workshop

Year 1  
Autumn Term

**Parent workshop**  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023



**M** Mathematics  
Mastery



On Thursday, we held a maths parent workshop for Year 1 parents and carers. Thank you so much to all those who attended. During this session, we covered: what the children have been learning this term, how they are taught these concepts and ideas in class and how to support and reinforce this learning at home.





## Celebration Assembly



A huge congratulations to all of the children who received a certificate in celebration assembly.

We also celebrated those children who had achieved the most points in the recent Times Table Rockstars Competition. Awards were given to the individual winners as well as class winners.



## Other notices

### School Crossing Patrol

Due to staff sickness, there will again be no school crossing patrol for all of next week. We apologise for any inconvenience that this causes. As the usual patrol point will be unsupervised, please ensure that extra vigilance is taken when crossing and that children who walk to and from school without an adult are aware of this.

### Haverhill Newt Pond

A message has been sent to all schools in the area to report that the newt pond in Haverhill is frozen over and they have had some issues with school pupils throwing logs onto the ice. Please remind your children to take care, act safely and act responsibly if near this area and around the frozen water.

## Christmas Holiday Activities

1. **Abbeycroft Leisure:** Please see the document that was posted on the school story this week with the activities that Abbeycroft Leisure will be providing.
2. **Prestige Sports:** Over the Xmas Holiday Period Prestige Sports have 3 days of Sports & Activity Camps in Haverhill on the 27th, 28th and 29th December.

They have 32 FREE spaces available for children who are eligible for free school meals through the HAF programme.

Parents can book using the following link:

<https://prestige-sports.classforkids.io/camp/128>

After booking online, parents will be asked to provide us with their 16 digit HAF code.

Holiday Camps will involve Sport Activities, Nerf, Laser Tag and a chill out zone with Arts and Crafts, games and much more. The camps for HAF run from 9am - 3.30pm and a packed lunch is provided by Prestige Sports.



**Christmas Tree  
Switch On &  
Fireworks**  
Saturday 2 December

**12.00pm – 4.30pm**  
Charity & trade stalls, vintage steam rally attractions, street performers and more!  
Queen Street/High Street & Market Square  
**From 4.30pm (approx)**  
Christmas Lights Switch-on with performances and the star of 2023 HAC pantomime **Scott Wright** (Coronation Street) Market Square  
**5.30pm**  
**FREE fireworks display Recreation Ground**

**Plus, don't miss!**  
**The Makers Market**  
**Santa's Grotto** in Queen Square  
**Walking Nativity** at Haverhill Methodist Church, 12pm  
**The Get Suffolk Reading Town Trail**  
**PLUS have your photo taken** with Santa's Sleigh & Reindeer!  
Various times & locations

Thanks to Haverhill and District Family History Group for the vintage images. The organisers reserve the right to change the programme at late notice.

 **HAVERHILL**  
TOWN COUNCIL

 CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FEEDS FOR UPDATES  
**@haverhilltowncouncil**

## Flu Immunisation information – deadline 4<sup>th</sup> December to consent to this

This is the link for giving consent for your child to have the flu vaccine (mentioned in the poster below):

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/suffolk>

# Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

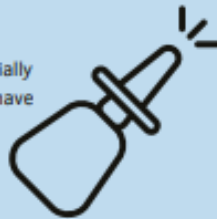
To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/suffolk>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

### THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu.
- ✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions).
- ✓ Is painless, quick and effective.
- ✓ Is free



### THE IM FLU VACCINE



We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**. This *may* also be the vaccine of choice for vegans. Please go to our website where you can find out more about the manufacturing of the flu injection, and then decide if the injection is more suited to your child.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you **MUST** inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQ's, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQ's enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,  
*Your Local Immunisation Team*  
Vaccination UK



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### USEFUL INFO



We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.



**PLEASE NOTE** the flu vaccine will **NOT** be available to otherwise healthy children after **December 15th** at all, and so we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.



Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

### USEFUL LINKS



[www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu](http://www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu)

[www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk](http://www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk)



### PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2023/24 policy can be viewed here:

[www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy](http://www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy)

For data protection queries, please contact:  
[dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk](mailto:dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk)