

Newsletter



10th January, 2025

Dear families,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a wonderful break over the festive period. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school this week - focused, demonstrating politeness and a readiness to learn.



Thank you once again for your patience and understanding earlier this week, when we were required to close at short notice due to unforeseen



circumstances. We recognise that this was an inconvenience, but worked hard to get the information out as quickly as possible.

It has been great to see the vast majority of children returning to school wearing the correct uniform - looking smart and wearing their uniform with pride. We are having a focus on this over the next term in school, and welcome your support. Wearing our uniform with pride is something that all families buy into when children join our school - we firmly believe that it is central to our identity: it creates a sense of belonging to the school and also prevents competitiveness in relation to what children wear in school, ensuring that no one feels 'singled out'. Thank you for your support with this.



Please visit our website for information about uniform expectations: <https://placefarm.org.uk/uniform>

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs McConnell

Upcoming dates:

January

Thur 16th Jan: OAP Reading Café 9:00-9:30
6EJ library visit 1:30-2:30

Thur 23rd Jan: OCS Reading Café 9:00-9:30
Rainbow library visit 9:30-10:30

Thur 30th Jan: Rainbow Reading Café 9:00-9:30
4KM library visit 9:30-10:30
5ML library visit 1:30-2:30

Fri 31st Jan: Place Farm and Coupals Got Talent

February

Thur 6th Feb: 3SA Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Thur 13th Feb: 3KM Reading Café 9:00-9:30
Michael Rosen workshop Yrs 5&6

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb is half term

Thur 27th Feb: 4KM Reading Café 9:00-9:30

March

Thur 6th Mar: 4RG Reading Café 9:00-9:30
World Book Day

Thur 13th Mar: 5JG Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Thur 20th Mar: 6SL Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Mon 24th Mar: Parents evening (further information to follow)

Tues 25th Mar: Parents evening (further information to follow)

Thur 27th Mar: 6EJ Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Fri 28th Mar: Y4 Trip to West Stow

April

Thur 3rd Apr: 5ML Reading Café 9:00-9:30
Y6 Visit to Mosque

Friday 4th April: School term ends

Tue 22nd April: New school term begins

May

Mon 12th May: Y6 SATS week (Mon-Thurs)

Thur 22nd May: Class photos

Tesco Stronger Start Grant

An application that we made to Tesco for funding the development of our outdoor learning provision was successful and from next week there will be the option to vote for our school to receive the funding. If you shop at Tesco, and you get given the blue plastic tokens, could you please put these in the box with our school information on which will say:

Place Farm Primary Academy
Outdoor Learning Enhancement
Haverhill

The grant will be used in an after-school club to create new wildlife habitats around our school site. This will enhance science learning that takes place inside the classroom.

Water Bottles

We kindly ask that children bring in plastic water bottles, rather than the metal versions. This is for health and safety reasons to avoid injuries related to any knocks or drops. Thank you for your support with this! 😊

SEND Parent Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/lkidd11/parenting-padlet-hgdrprcnhjl3ene5>

Please use this link to have an explore of our new SEND Parent Padlet, which contains lots of information resources and links to provide you with support and advice. There are links to local groups, SEND resources and parenting tips.

School Census Day 16th January – Lunch Menu



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feeding the imagination

Build Your Own Burger Day!

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100% Beef Burger or Plant Burger
–with various toppings in a bun!
Chips
Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
~
'Old School Chocolate Crunch'

Jacket potatoes, cold lunches and the salad bar are also available

Census Day
Thursday 16th January 2025

Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate in celebration assembly this week. We had lots of children receiving their coloured certificates today.

The AR Word count champions for this week were 6EJ, the AR Quiz champions for this week were 5ML and the most improved readers were 4KM.



We are also continuing to celebrate maths achievements on tt rockstars. This term, we are presenting certificates to the child in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who achieved the most coins in their year group, as well as certificates for the three children who had the biggest increase in their times table recall speed. We also celebrated the problem-solvers of the week in Year 1 and Rainbow class.

Times table knowledge and fluency are so important in many areas of maths. Please continue to encourage your children to use tt rockstars at home. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Attendance

In celebration assembly each week, we also celebrate the classes with the best attendance of the previous week. Attendance is vitally important to a child's success both in school and in later life.

In 3rd place we had 3KM with 95%
In 2nd place we had 2LP with 96.7%
In 1st place we had OCS with 97.%
Whole school attendance was 89.9%





Eco Warriors Jumble Sale



Thank you
Thank you

to everyone who donated, attended and purchased something to help us raise funds for our cause!

Thank you to all the Eco Warriors who helped me to sort out all the donations and make posters for the sale!

A special thank you to Jake Eagle and Dorothy Kokodinskij who volunteered their time after school too!



We raised...

£50!



Look out for our **next** event!



PSHE

Spring 1 – Dreams and Goals

PSHE at Place Farm is taught on a weekly basis. There are six puzzle pieces which are split across the year. This terms puzzle piece is all about their Dreams and goals. In this Puzzle, the children will talk about their dreams and goals. It also discusses how they might need money to help them achieve them. They explore different types of jobs that people they know do and that some jobs pay more money than others. They will use this knowledge to reflect on what type of job they might like to do when they are older. The children look at the similarities and differences between themselves (and their dreams and goals) and someone from a different culture.

Below is a link to a parent version of our PSHE sessions that we teach at Place Farm. You will need to click on the link and type in the code for the year group that your child is in. Then it should take you to the resources we use in our lessons.

Year 1 – 28707-06551

Year 2 – 28707-01949

Year 3 – 28707-00013

Year 4 – 28707-06034

Year 5 – 28707-07996

Year 6 – 28707-01920

<https://jigsawpshe.online/parent>

**If your child was born between
1 September 2020 and
31 August 2021,
you must apply for a full-time
Reception Year school place by
15 January 2025**



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Information is also available from:

•The Admissions Team on **0345 600 0981**

•Your local school

JOIN THE FAMILY NUMERACY PROGRAMME

-  **Starts: February 2025**
-  **12 engaging classroom & home learning sessions**
-  **Contribute to an England-wide research trial into adult numeracy**

The trial is a family learning numeracy programme for adults and children (Year 2 or Year 3) to build maths confidence and understanding together.

The programme is designed to introduce concepts, build skills and confidence in maths for parents and carers to support children's maths learning.

This approach is a series of structured, in-person group, learning sessions designed for adults and their children to bolster both numeracy learning and family learning.

The sessions align learning outcomes from KS1 children (Yr2) with Level 1 functional skills.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, SPEAK
TO YOUR SCHOOL ADMIN TEAM**

