

# Newsletter



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had such a wonderful week in school! The school disco was a huge success - staff and pupils had a great time and I hear over 100 songs were played across the evening, with lots of requests from the children themselves!

It has been lovely to see the children in their Red Nose accessories this year. Thank you to all who have donated for this cause - the cakes have been particularly amazing!

Thank you to all who donated towards the Easter Egg challenge - more information will follow next week about which class built the longest line!

Our parents' evening booking system is now live. This has been shared on Class Dojo, by email and can also be accessed on this newsletter.



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:

### **March**

- 19<sup>th</sup> March: No school crossing patrol all day  
20<sup>th</sup> March: Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo  
Coffee Morning – Mental Health Team (see further information below)  
21<sup>st</sup> March: Rainbow visit to Haverhill library  
Reading Café for 1ES - 9:00-9:30 in school hall  
25<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' Evening (see further information below)  
26<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' Evening (see further information below)  
27<sup>th</sup> March: Year 5 trip to Museum of Zoology  
Easter Bonnet competition (see further information below)  
28<sup>th</sup> March: 1ED visit to Haverhill library  
Reading Café for 2LA - 9:00-9:30 in school hall  
**29<sup>th</sup> March: Start of Easter Holidays**

### **April**

- 15<sup>th</sup> April: Start of the summer term**  
18<sup>th</sup> April: 2SA Reading Café  
25<sup>th</sup> April: 3SJ Reading Café  
4RG visit to Haverhill library

### **May**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> May: 3KM Reading Café  
3<sup>rd</sup> May: Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle  
8<sup>th</sup> May: EYFS trip to Boydells Farm  
9<sup>th</sup> May: 4RG Reading Café  
13<sup>th</sup> May: Start of Y6 SATs (Monday to Thursday)  
23<sup>rd</sup> May: Class photos  
**27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half term break**



## Events and Trips this week

# World Book Day 2024

WOW! What an amazing day. It was brilliant to see so many children dressed up as their favourite character from a book. The children took part in lots of different activities throughout the day including:

- Reading Buddies where they met up with their buddy class and shared stories.
- Completing a shared write in year groups. These can be found in the library.
- Having a surprise visit from another teacher in the school and being read a story.
- Immersing the children in a picture book and completing activities linked to it.
- Listened to audio books and watched teachers reading us stories.
- They Year 5 Librarians read stories to all the classes.
- Virtual and in person author visits.
- Most classes visited the in school library.
- Rainbow class has their Reading Café.
- Every child received a WBD book!





## 1ED Reading Café

On Thursday, we held a Reading Café for 1ED. The children loved sharing books with their families, we even had some younger siblings joining us! We are trying something new this year, and giving the children a question or statement to think about when they are sharing stories. We had some lovely responses to "Name one book everyone in this room should read before the end of the year." I hope you enjoy reading their thoughts.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Reading Cafes, and we look forward to seeing more of you very soon 😊



## 1ES Library Visit

On Thursday 1ES visited Haverhill Library. They enjoyed looking at the selection of books on offer and listening to a story read by the librarian.



## EYFS Parent Share Session

What lovely morning we had on Wednesday. The children enjoyed sharing their learning and different activities with their family members. We hope that everyone who came along found it beneficial and liked spending time with the children.





## Celebration Assembly

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



We are also continuing to celebrate maths achievements on tt rockstars. We have six tt rockstars certificates that are presented each week, three for increase in times table recall speed and three for most coins gained (number of correct answers).



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.

## Parents' Evening

Good morning everyone,

Bookings for parents' evenings are now live and the information is below.

The dates for the two parents evenings are Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/7c44v>

## Coffee Morning

Do you or your child suffer with anxiety?

We will be holding a coffee morning with the Mental Health Support Team on:  
20<sup>th</sup> March 9-10am.

*Anxiety is part of life: it is something that we all experience – but sometimes it can become problematic and can negatively impact on home and school life. The Mental Health Support Team will be here to discuss anxiety in general – what keeps it going and how we can support children who struggle with anxiety and worry – but also to talk through specific examples of difficulties that you and your family may be experiencing.*

*West Suffolk Mental Health Support Team*

We look forward to seeing you, if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Bavester.



## Easter Bonnet Competition

We holding a Place Farm Easter Bonnet Competition. The children will need to make their bonnet at home and then come into school on

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** wearing their bonnet.

Mrs Downes and Mrs Bavester will judge the competition and there will be one winner per class.

We are looking forward to seeing all of your lovely creations.




## Parent Communication

As you may be aware we are currently updating our systems.



Please complete the form below, as soon as possible, to ensure that we hold the most up to date information.

<https://forms.office.com/e/q4W9Dbwi9a>

Please also see the poster below regarding the upcoming changes - further information will follow. Please await a confirmation email before trying to log onto Arbor.



# We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App



**We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.**

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

## How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic  
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

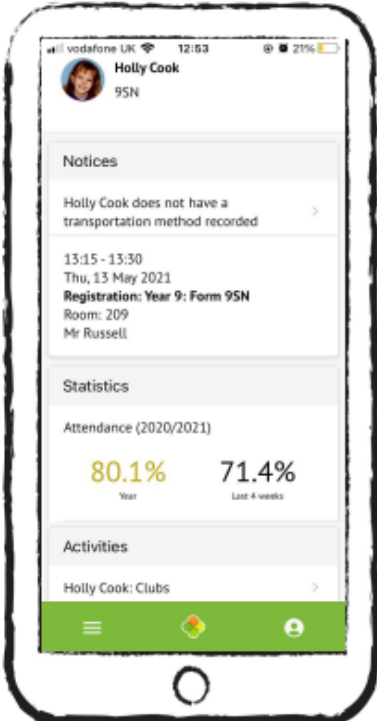
## Need help using Arbor?

**Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal.** Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

**Some tips to try:**

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.





# **Bloom Festival 2024 – Free Workshops and Youth Theatre Performances**

Please see the message below with links to the free workshops:

This Easter holidays we are really excited to be launching our BRAND NEW community festival 'Bloom'. The festival will feature 16 workshops focused on a range of different art forms from Arts and Crafts, Storytelling, Dance, Choir, Directing, Playwriting and SENSory play. We have a fantastic mix of local artists from our Artistic Director Owen Calvert-Lyons to Tom Appleton and Rosy May. The festival will take place between the 25<sup>th</sup> March and the 6<sup>th</sup> April.

These workshops are all available as pay what you can and are available for all ages of our community.

For the whole list of workshops, please see below:

## THE LINE-UP:

- Arts and Crafts (3+), 25 March: <https://bit.ly/3wEiE9R>
- An Introduction To Directing with Owen Calvert-Lyons (18+), 25 March: <https://bit.ly/3TnfRun>
- An Introduction to Playwriting (18+), 25 March: <https://bit.ly/3T5tM6T>
- Story Time With Hatty Ashton (ages 2-6), 26 March: <https://bit.ly/49TtczW>
- Act Your Age: Open Session (55+), 26 March: <https://bit.ly/48AOQYZ>
- How To Develop A Character (18+), 28 March: <https://bit.ly/43k9Pyh>
- SENSory Creative Play (ages 6-12), 2 April: <https://bit.ly/3P3VwI7>
- SENSory Creative Play (ages 13-18), 2 April: <https://bit.ly/3v4mBUz>
- Spoken Word Masterclass (18+), 2 April: <https://theatroyal.org/shows/spoken-word-masterclass-with-alice-dlumiere/>
- Children's Theatre Tour, 3 April: <https://bit.ly/3V3Lmer>
- An Introduction to Playwriting For Young People (12+), 3 April: <https://bit.ly/3TnK2ll>
- Choir Masterclass with Tom Appleton (8+), 4 April: <https://bit.ly/3T2iHUq>
- Improvisation Masterclass with Michael Lambourne (12+), 4 April: <https://bit.ly/3lka6aJ>
- An Introduction to Directing For Young People (12+), 5 April: <https://bit.ly/3P7ox5y>
- Youth Voice: Have Your Say (ages 10-18), 6 April: <https://bit.ly/3wNAIU9>
- Dance Masterclass With Rosy May (8+), 6 April: <https://bit.ly/49Z6Vkl>

Our Youth Theatre groups will also be performing two plays as part of the festival. These will take place in the second week of the festival. These performances will take place 'In the Round' as we magically transforming our auditorium to this staging format for the Spring In House production.

Our Youth Theatre's will be performing:

8-11: Kaspar the Wild by Tim Crouch

12-16: Second Person Narrative by Jemma Kennedy

For tickets to the shows, please visit this link: <https://theatroyal.org/shows/kaspar-the-wild-second-person-narrative/>

We are so excited to welcome our communities to the Bloom Festival! Please do come and join us!

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the theatre through [engagement@theatroyal.org](mailto:engagement@theatroyal.org)