

# Newsletter



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all who managed to attend our two parents' evenings over the last couple of weeks. The sessions were incredibly well intended and it was lovely to welcome you into school. We hope you found the evenings helpful in terms of updating you on your child's progress and how to support them further at home.

If you missed these events, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the school office or Class Dojo. They would be happy to arrange an appointment with you.

Alongside parents' evenings we also welcomed the parents of pupils in OKS for their Reading Café. This was another well-attended event - thank you to all who managed to make it.

We have enjoyed a wonderful Red Nose Day in school today - thank you to all those parents who donated money and/or cakes for our stall at the end of the day. Look out for some delicious contributions, including these homemade cakes - thank you to Mrs Eagle for the donation!

Wishing you all a very lovely weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

Lisa McConnell  
Head of School



## Calendar:

### March:

23<sup>rd</sup> March – OLP Reading Café  
4KM trip to library

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Rainbow Reading Café  
4RG Library trip

31<sup>st</sup> March – Break up for Easter holidays

### April:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Easter holidays  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – first day back at school (summer term)  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April - 3DG Visit to the library  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April - 3SJ Visit to the library

### May:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Purple Day and the King's Coronation Day – details to follow  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday to celebrate the King's Coronation  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATs Week

## Uniform Expectations

We value the importance of school uniform at Place Farm. We believe that it promotes pride, respect, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging amongst our pupils as it prevents competition between children over branded clothing.

We thank you in advance for supporting your child to wear the appropriate school uniform, including wearing black school shoes.

*Please note that trainers are not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn to school – thank you for support with this.*

### Foundation Stage

*Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo*

White polo shirt

Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore (Girls may wear trousers)

Black school shoes/black, white or grey socks/ black or grey tights



### Year 1 – 6

*Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo*

White collared shirt (Not polo shirt)

Tie

Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore (Girls may wear trousers)

Black school shoes/white or grey socks

### Summer Uniform

Children may continue to wear their shirts and ties, skirts and trousers for the summer months, or alternatively, they may wear the summer uniform:

*White polo shirt with logo*

Grey tailored shorts/trousers Blue/white check summer dress or grey skirt

Black school shoes/white or grey socks

### PE Kit – All Stages

*White polo with logo*

Blue shorts

Blue jogging bottoms (optional)

Trainers

Blue socks (optional)

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## COMPUTING AT PLACE FARM

Computing is a very popular subject at Place Farm and this term has been no exception! All classes have been very busy taking part in a wide range of activities. Children have Computing lessons every third week. Key Stage One has two lessons and Key Stage Two three lessons.

Skills start in EYFS with identifying uses of IT that they might recognise in their own experiences, through to Year Six where children learn how to design and code a game.

Each year group will have a different unit to focus on each term and the work is all based around the same theme.

Here are some work examples from across the school;

In Year One children have been learning how to use a paint program.



Year Two have been busy taking photographs.



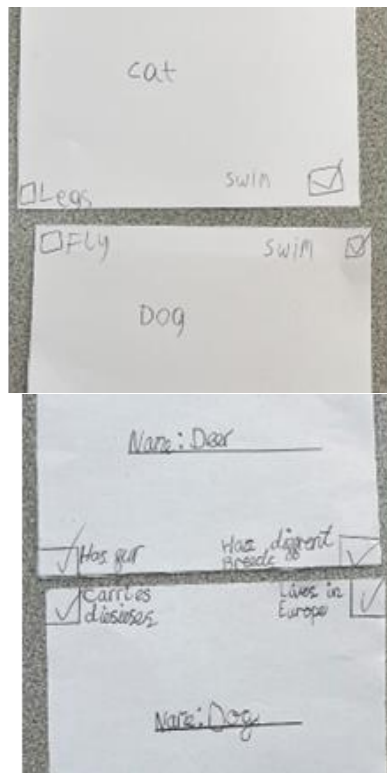
Year Three are now looking at Desktop publishing, having worked on animation.



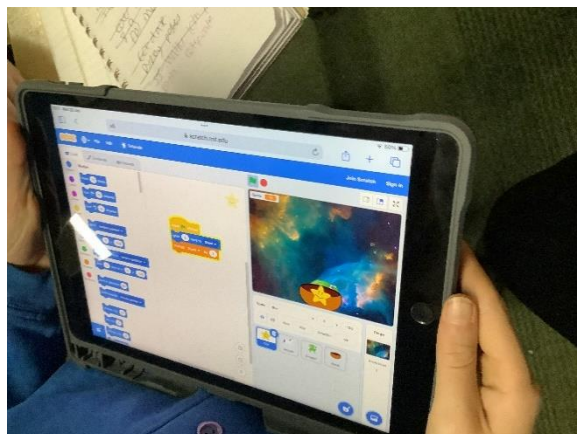
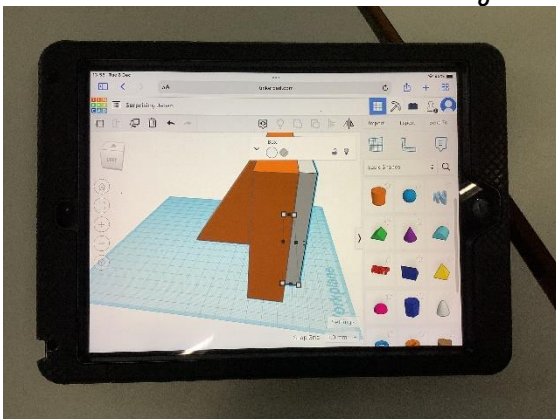
Year Four have been photo editing.



Year Five have been creating their own databases.



Year Six have been using Tinkercad and Scratch for coding.



## PE

PE at Place Farm is a huge hit with the children and this term has been no different. The children are always excited to be taught by the brilliant and enthusiastic sports coaches from Prestige Sports.

This half term Early Years have been looking at different types of movement through the medium of Gymnastics and Dance. Year 1's have also been looking at a dance which has been based on their favourite animals at the zoo! In Year's 3 and 4, team invasion games have been a focus where they have all had the chance to play football and tag rugby and basketball. In upper KS2 the children have been playing both dodgeball and taken part in some team building games which are always a Place Farm favourite throughout all year groups.

Alongside the PE lessons, we look forward to our first school sports event next Wednesday, where 20 Year 5/6 students will head to Castle Manor Academy to take part in Cross Country competition! Stay tuned for the results in the next newsletter 😊

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### Year 1

#### **Maths**

This week in Maths the children have started to look at a new unit – measurement. They started by measuring different things around the classroom in hands and feet. They then went on to look at measuring with objects, like cubes, paper clips and straws. In the following lesson, the children used a metre stick to see which items in the classroom were longer/shorter than a metre and which were around a half or quarter of a metre long.



## Science

In Science this week the children have been looking at the 5 senses. They had a go at using their 5 senses with different objects. They had a go at labelling the senses on the body and what these senses do (ears to hear). They then had a go at ordering the senses from which one they thought was the most important to which one they thought was the least important.



## English

The children have been working hard to prepare for their story writing. They have looked at using conjunction 'and' and using adjectives to describe a setting. They then went on to plan their story by thinking of a setting, their characters, their problem and their solution. The children wrote a draft of the first part of their story, then worked with an adult to make any improvements before writing up their final draft. They went on to write the rest of their story independently. We are so proud of their writing!

In a land far far away there was  
a creepy house in a gloomy  
forest and it had muddy steps and  
2 birds on a branch.  
A tornado came from the  
sky and a lightning is with the  
tornado and a girl got  
suck up!  
and the tornado stopped  
for a time when  
the king from my  
house.

Early one morning me and my  
little brother Mac went into  
beautiful space to see the different  
planets.  
All of a sudden our big comical  
space rocket braces down and we  
crashed on a planet we did not  
know what to do. We were scared and  
hungry. We screamed for help finally  
a green alien helps us to fix it and  
we got home and had a hot chocolate  
and went to bed.

One sunny day a  
big dragon was  
out the beach.  
The dragon was  
mad and destroys  
the beach. Dragon

# Easter Bonnet Competition!!!



On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March children can come into school in non-uniform.

We are running an Easter Bonnet Competition. There will be a prize for the best Easter bonnet from each class. Can children bring their bonnets in on the morning of the competition.

Thank you!

**WE ARE OPEN!**

**FAMILY CAFÉ**  
ST MARY'S  
HAVERHILL

**ALL FAMILIES WELCOME**

**EVERY FRIDAY FROM 4PM, KIDS PLAY AND STORIES AND REFRESHMENTS**

**FOOD FROM 5PM**

Come with a child under 18 for a free hot meal and a warm welcome. No need to book, but arrive at 4pm for guaranteed space

St Mary's church  
Community area,  
High Street,  
Haverhill

[Stmaryshaverhill.org.uk](http://Stmaryshaverhill.org.uk)  
[Revwendygm.com@](mailto:Revwendygm.com@)

# Haverhill

**22nd March 1pm to 3pm**

**Haverhill Library**

**Camps Rd, Haverhill CB9 8HB**

## Wednesdays with Wellbeing

**Are you feeling low, overwhelmed and or isolated?**

**Come and talk to us at our Wednesday event to find out about what we do.**

**As well as meeting other support organisations on the day.**



Venue details available on the  
'Community Events' page  
on our website



For queries email on  
**Suffolk.communityteam**  
**@nsft.nhs.uk**



# Are you feeling stressed or worried due to the recent cost of living increases?

If you are, we're here to help you with free and easy to access support

## Coping with Financial Stress

Is one of our free online workshops available for you to join. Presented live by our experts, they will share strategies and techniques to help you cope

Scan the QR code to book your free place.



with stress and worry, calm the mind and improve how you feel during these challenging times.



## Self-refer for individual support

You don't need a diagnosis and you don't need to see your GP.

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Self-refer for one-to-one support and we'll arrange for you to talk to one of our friendly and experienced therapists who can help you make changes and feel better.



**0300 123 1503** [wellbeingnands.co.uk](https://www.wellbeingnands.co.uk)

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