

Newsletter



Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

My goodness, this is an information-filled newsletter this week! If you are ever unsure of what your child is learning at Place Farm, these newsletters are intended to both keep you informed and bring the learning and achievements to life!

This week's newsletter also includes a wide variety of information relation to upcoming community events - please do take a look!

On Monday of this week we had an opportunity to come together and reflect on what makes Place Farm great, and where we want to take our school in the next three years - our vision for 2026! A similar exercise was undertaken at Coupals Primary Academy, the aim being that collectively we can work collaboratively as a larger community. This was incredibly exciting and it was wonderful to hear the voice of our pupils coming through loud and clear, talking about what they are proud of at Place Farm and where they would like us to go next.



This will form the basis of our school development plan for next year, together with the feedback from our parent, pupil and staff questionnaires - watch this space for more information!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Lisa McConnell
Head of School

Calendar:

May:

Tuesday 23rd May – Skills Escalator Visit for Year 2

June:

Monday 5th June – PD Day – school closed to pupils

Week commencing 12th June – sports days:

- **Years 3 & 4:** Monday 12th June, 8.55-10.15
- **Years 5 & 6:** Tuesday 13th June, 8.55-10.15
- **Years 1 & 2:** Wednesday 14th June, 8.55-10.15
- **EYFS:** Thursday 15th June, 8.55-10.15

22nd June – School Discos – more info to follow:

- **EYFS:** 2.00-3pm;
- **Years 1, 2 & 3:** 3.30-4.45pm
- **Years 4 & 5:** 5.00-6.15pm

27th & 28th June: Kip on a Ship residential (Year 5)

30th June - Trust-wide PD day (school closed)

July:

5th-7th July: Year 6 Mersea Residential

Thursday 13th July – Year 6 Disco: 4.45-6.15pm

Friday 14th July – Year 6 Graduation 2pm

Week commencing 17th July: Transition days – more details to follow

Outside Contributions and Achievements:

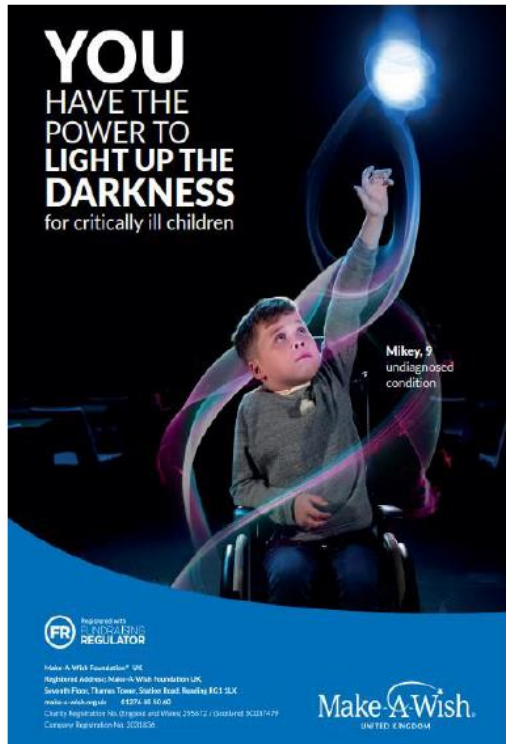
Huge well done to Dougie, Archie and Carter for their contribution to the Haverhill Rovers Team! Last weekend they finished the season unbeaten in the top division in the Cambridge leagues!

This is also the 4th season that they gone unbeaten in the leagues as they have progressed to the top level since first forming. What a fantastic achievement and a fabulous demonstration of our PROUD values.

Fantastic ambassadors for our school! Well done, boys!



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Please bring in £1.00 to donate to Make a Wish.

Celebration Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies are a wonderful way of celebrating the achievements of our pupils in and outside of school. If your child has any outside achievements or interests that they would like to share, please do send them in with your child!

We always end our celebration assemblies with an opportunity for you to take a photo of your child. Please hold off filming or taking photographs of your child during assembly until this is invited at the end – thank you 😊



Unity Schools Partnership Art Festival 26th June - 29th June

Theme: Celebrating togetherness through art

We are incredibly excited to announce that there will be an art festival held across the trust after half term, during curriculum time. The festival will launch with a live assembly and will then include live art workshops, guided digital exhibition tours and pupil exhibitions and all year groups will be involved in producing some fabulous pieces of art.

The guided digital exhibition tours will consist of the following themes:

- EYFS: Horses
- Year 1: Surprised!
- Year 2: Suffolk Landscapes
 - Year 3: Pointillism
- Year 4: Leonardo Da Vinci
 - Year 5: Renoir
 - Year 6: Rembrandt

These weeks provide wonderful opportunities to the pupils of Place Farm and are heavily subsidised by school funds. To support the success of this week, we are asking that parents please consider providing a donation of £1 (more if you feel able) to go towards the resources used to create the artistic pieces - we thank you hugely in advance for your support with this! This could be provided through ParentPay (payment has been set up), or through cash handed to the class teacher.

[Thank you so much to those who have already donated!](#)

DOORSTEP

THEATRE FESTIVAL

As a result of the funds raised from the school disco, we have been able to book performances by the Doorstep Theatre Festival, from Bury St. Edmund's.

Pupils in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 (including Rainbow Class) will be watching the "Tap-Dancing Mermaid" on Friday 23rd June 2023:

Gather round for the Moon's magical story about a tippety-top tap dancer who has been watching at night. Marina Skippett creeps out of her house every night to shuffle and stomp on the boardwalk to the sounds of the sea. She can't tap dance at home any more since her evil, tractor-sized aunty banned it! But then, one moonlit night, Marina meets a mysterious, watery boy swimming in the sea, and her life is never the same again. Based on the critically acclaimed book.

Pupils in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 (including Rainbow Class) will watch "The Not So Grimm Twins":

Hear the fabulous Grimm Brothers' fairytales like never before! Meet world-famous twins Jake and Will Grimm as they tumble from their magical wagon brim-full of stories collected from every inch of the world - from Rapunzel to Red Riding Hood. Behold as your favourite tales are re-spun by the storytelling duo (oh, and their little sister Lottie too!). But sometimes even familiar fairytales can take a turn for the unexpected, our heroes will need all the help they can get to defeat the creatures of their own creation and save the world! Performed by three actor-musicians, featuring original live music and puppetry.

Pupils in Y3 and Y4 will watch it on Tuesday 27th June 2023.

Pupils in Y5 and Y6 will watch on Thursday 22nd June 2023.

Thank you for all your support with our fundraising events which we use to enrich our curriculum and provide amazing opportunities like this one to our pupils.

EYFS Tennis Session

This week, we were lucky enough to have professional tennis coaches from the LTA come in and teach our EYFS classes. They got to experience specialised coaching using some fantastic equipment and have had their first steps into playing tennis. All of the children loved the opportunity and wished they could do it every week!

Both coaches mentioned how brilliant the children's attitude were towards the session and they are looking forward to returning next week to teach Year 1 & 2.





**£18
per day**



May 1/2 Term Holiday Camps in Haverhill

**Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st May
Coupals Primary Academy, Haverhill
8.30am-5.30pm**



**Sibling
discounts**

**Activities include sports, team games,
board games, quizzes, arts & crafts, lego
and lots more.**

Ages 4-12 years old.

Booking essential at www.slsportanded.co.uk



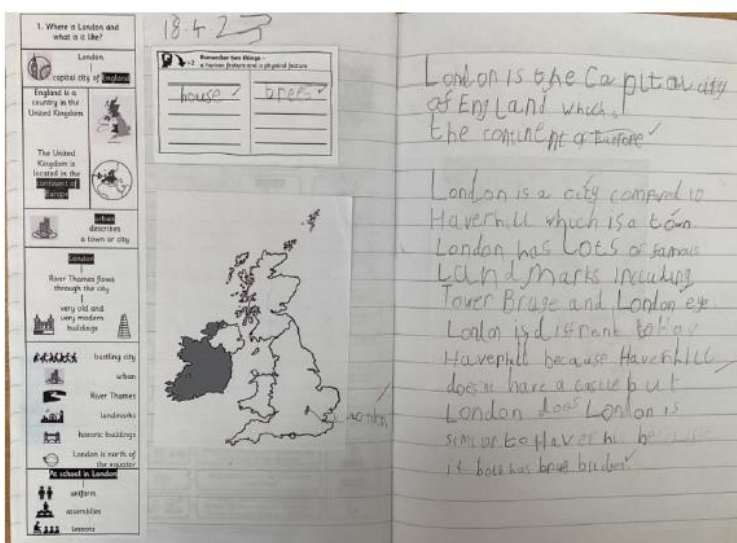
Geography



Geography continues to be an important part of the school's curriculum offer all the way from EYFS through to Year 6. Geography allows the children to not only explore their local area but the wider world and how our planet works. Here's what we have been up to so far this term...

EYFS

EYFS have been exploring penguins and polar bears and the habitat they live in.



Year 1

In Year One the children have been exploring what London is like before they compare it to the city of Nairobi.

Year 5

In Year Five, the children were looking at the push and pull factors of Jamaica and what life is like in the Caribbean.

Thursday 20th April 2023

5. The Caribbean and Jamaica what do we know?
What's the terrain like?

North America
continent

United States of America (USA)
country within the continent of North America

Caribbean
region of islands located within the continent of North America

13 countries, including Bahamas, Cuba, Haiti, Dominica, **Jamaica**, Trinidad and Tobago

Jamaica

Tourism
sandy beaches, coral reefs and a tropical climate

formed by volcanic eruptions about 75 - 100 million years ago

18° north of the Earth's Equator
lies just below Tropic of Cancer (23.5° north of the Equator)

capital city **Kingston**

climate tropical, hot and humid

Blue Mountain Peak
(2,256 metres or 7,402 feet)
mist at altitude gives the mountain a blue shade

world famous **Blue Mountain** coffee grown on the steep slopes

Reggae Music
Bob Marley

North Atlantic currents carry warm water to Europe and Britain

GIVE ONE	GET ONE
The Tatra Mountains have fast flowing streams and rivers.	chamois are half goat half antelope.
Katow is the closest big city to the Tatra Mountains.	Warsaw is the capital of Poland.
Two roman roads can be found in the Lake District.	The size of the UK is 244,000 km ² .

Jamaica is a small island in the Caribbean.

Jamaica can be found in the Caribbean.

The Caribbean's tectonic plate is under the Earth's crust because of where it is earthquakes may occur.

The Caribbean (Jamaica) is in North America.

There is 13 countries in the Caribbean.

Year 6

In Year Six, they have been exploring mountains and volcanoes and how they are formed.

Monday 20th March 2023

5. How are mountains formed?

mountains
formed when blocks of rock are pushed together

fold mountains
formed when rock rises and pushes layers of rock up

block mountains
formed when blocks of rock drop or sink down compared to other blocks

volcanic mountains
formed when magma erupts from the Earth's crust as lava and builds up from new layers

orogeny
mountains (are) produced (e.g. rocks uplifting)

orogeny

Orogeny means mountain building / produced

Explain the word connection. Why do they connect?

epicentre

They work around because the magnitude increases to generate the earthquake.

Explain and Expand

Matching

Match the mountain type to the method of formation.	Explaining Why
fold	Blocks of rock drop down.
fold	Continental plates collide.
block	Magma rock pushes up layers of rock.
volcanic	

1. Identify the type of mountain that is not included. Explain how it is formed.

Attempt

Volcanic mountains - formed when magma spills out lava and cools to the harden new layers

Apply

Identifying 5. Justifying 5

1. This is a dome mountain because it is sort of a dome.
2. This is a fold mountain because it is sort of pointed.
3. This is a block mountain because it is flat on top.
4. This is a volcanic mountain because it is smoking.

Quiz

2C ✓	22B ✓	27D ✓	W2A ✓	53B ✓	11E ✓
27A ✓	87B ✓	90W ✓	117D ✓	117B ✓	127E ✓
37C ✓	127B ✓	157A ✓	167D ✓	177D ✓	187E ✓
197A ✓				19 ✓	



LDN Wrestling

26th May 7:30PM
Ticket Price £17.00 | Concessions £13.00
Family-friendly entertainment back by popular demand.



The Super Mario Bros Movie

27th May 11:00AM & 2:30PM
Ticket Price £5.50
Join Mario and crew on their debut movie adventure.



The Spectacular Science Show

30th May 3:00PM
Ticket Price £18.00 | Concessions £16.00
See science in a new way, fun and entertaining.



The Giant's Loo Roll

1st June 2:00PM
Ticket Price £12.50
The famous book brought to life on stage.



West End Magic

2nd June 7:30PM
Ticket Price £16.00 | Concessions £11.00
A family-friendly show of magic and comedy.



Rapunzel

4th June 1:00PM & 4:30PM
Ticket Price £16.50 | Concessions £14.50
Can you help save Rapunzel for the evil Mother Gothel.

May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the May half term. The grant will be ordered by your child(ren)'s school and will be issued as a £15 Edenred supermarket voucher for each eligible child. The grant is to help families with their essential living costs during the school holiday.

Please note that this grant will be issued to you via the email address that the school holds for you so please ensure that this address is up to date.

The voucher must be spent before the expiry date as failure to redeem by that date will mean you cannot be reissued, and you will lose the grant.

We hope that this discretionary grant goes some way to help in supporting your family during the school holiday, whether buying food or freeing up some income to go towards energy and water bills or other essential living costs.

If you are financial struggling and require additional support, further information can be found at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/cost-of-living-support/.

Yours faithfully

Suffolk County Council



**THEATRE
ROYAL**
BURY ST EDMUNDS

SENsory

Youth Theatre

For young people who are learning disabled, neurodivergent or identify as having SEN to participate in creative play that is inclusive and accessible.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

AGES 4-7: SATURDAYS 10:00-10:40

AGES 8-12: TUESDAYS 16:15 -16:50

AGES 13-18: TUESDAYS 17:00-17:40

**COST: £60 per term
(Bursary places are available)**

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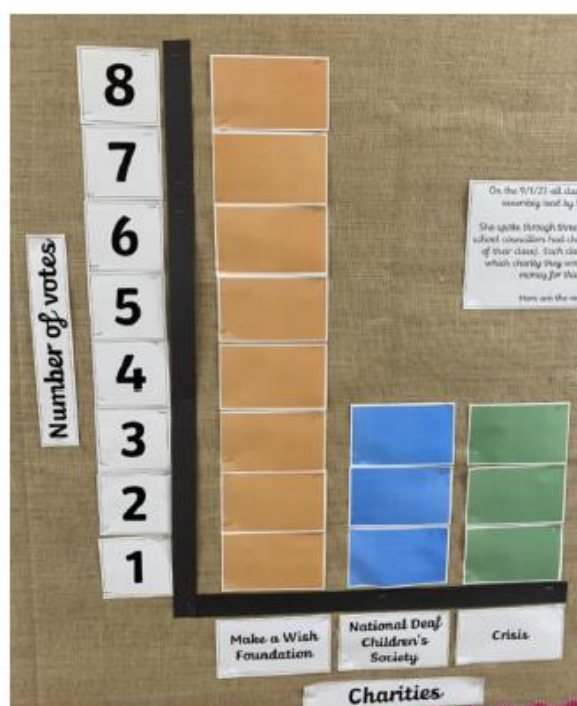
MAKING REMARKABLE CHANGE HAPPEN

Unity Schools Partnership are Hiring!

Unity Schools Partnership is currently hiring. Please visit www.unitysp-careers.co.uk for our vacancies and to sign up to our job alerts.

Pupil Voice:

The School Councillors are excited to see that we have a date in the diary to fundraise for their chosen charity. Miss Jenkins also created a display so the children could see how many classes voted for Make a Wish in comparison to the other charities.



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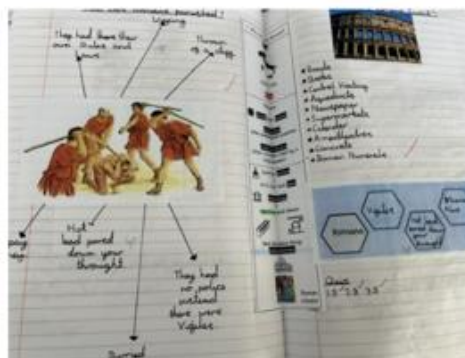
Start collecting coppers!

At home time, on Friday 9th June, there will be collection pots on the gate to put any coppers you have at home.

Every penny counts!



In History, the children are enjoying learning all about the Romans. They have learned about Roman life and Iron age Britain and are excited about visiting Colchester Castle to enhance their learning.



In Art, the children have learned about traditional designs of Kente cloth. They have been creating a range of surfaces, combining colour, texture and pattern.



Well done Year 4!

Miss Mason and Mrs Griffiths

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tennis coaching

 Haverhill
tennis club 
 Ehringshausen Way
Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 0ER



MAY HALF TERM TENNIS CAMPS HAVERHILL

4-14 year olds

May Half Term camps week: Tue 30th May - Thurs 1st June

• 4-8yrs - 9:00am - 11:00am

• 9-14yrs - 11:00am - 1:00pm

fun tennis activities

learn all key shots

make new friends

equipment provided

• Per Day:

• £12 members

• £14 non-members


• Full Week:

• £30 members

• £36 non-members

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Do you have lived experience of having, or caring for someone with, special or additional needs and/or disabilities?
Do you live in Suffolk or use Suffolk based services?
If so, we want to hear from you.

Suffolk Parent Carer Forum's aim is to ensure that every parent carer or young person's voice, views and experience matter. We use these insights towards developing and improving services through participation, consultation and co-production.

We are reaching out to those with lived experience to be involved in the forum in any way they can. This can be by joining our free membership, interacting with our social media channels, sharing feedback or experiences with the Forum, attending focus groups or by becoming an Expert by Experience and sharing your expertise with strategic partners, service leads and decision-makers during meetings.

We can't do this without you!



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Working towards a
brighter future for
Suffolk's children
and young people!

Who are Suffolk Parent Carer Forum?

We are a group of parent carers who have come together to build the forum so that we can help shape the provisions and services our children and young people with special/additional needs and/or disabilities access. We do this through participation, consultation and co-production.

What are our aims & objectives?

- To be the strategic consultative body within Suffolk and represent the voices of families with children and young people with special/additional needs and/or disabilities.
- Providing a liaison point for Statutory and Voluntary Agencies within Suffolk, by using Experts by Experience to work in co-production with local services.
- To consult with and inform our membership with a view to ensuring that all children and young people in Suffolk with special/additional needs and/or disabilities meet their full potential and achieve the best possible outcomes.

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