

Newsletter

24th January 2025



Dear families,

It's been another great week in school. On Tuesday Key Stage Two children enjoyed an assembly from a climate expert, who spoke to them about a Net Zero project that we are about to start. This will focus on looking at ways to reduce our carbon footprint and become more eco-friendly as a school. The Eco Warriors were involved with this and represented the school brilliantly in a Climate action board meeting, where they voiced ideas about what we could do to help make our school greener. We look forward to updating you as the project progresses!



We know that the current Churchill building work is causing some disruption to the start and end of the school day, and are working hard with the company to reduce this as much as possible.

Being in such close proximity to this work, and our neighbours in Weavers Lodge - we strive to maintain positive relationships with both parties. We kindly ask once again that all parents respect this relationship and work equally hard to maintain the safety of our pupils - by not parking on the private road running up to the school gates, and particularly in front of our school. Parking in front of our school, and on the zig-zag lines, creates safety issues for families coming to school and also for our staff to enter the site. Thank you for your support with this.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs McConnell

Upcoming dates:

January

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

Fri 14th Feb: NSPCC Number Day (see further information below)

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

Fri 14th Mar: Red Nose Day

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-hgdrprcnhj13ene5>

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.

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 6SL and the most improved readers were Rainbow.



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 OAP with 98.8%
In 2nd place we had a tie between OCS and 1ES with 99.26%
In 1st place we had 2LP with 99.29%

Whole school attendance was 97.2%



Year 5 Sustainability Workshop

Sustainability and Power Day

This week Year Five were very lucky to have a workshop on sustainability and ecological awareness with Mr Bryant, an architect. He split us into groups and each group went around the school completing readings to test the light levels, temperature and power usage. He also used a thermal imaging camera to see where heat was escaping out of the building.

We spoke about how we could conserve energy both at school and at home.



In assembly, we had learnt about how we can reduce energy consumption to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Later in the day, the Eco Warriors and Eco committee met with Mr Bryant to have a board meeting about how to action the ideas raised. There was a real buzz around school on Tuesday, but no energy was wasted!



Reading Café OCS

Our Reading Cafes are off to a great start this year! The children and their siblings are enjoying the squash and biscuits, served in our cosy setting. We have some new book related activities, that are proving very popular!



Our children love inviting you in to share stories with them. Thank you to everyone that has joined us so far, and we look forward to seeing more of you each week.



NSPCC Number Day

Dear Parents/Carers

As a school we will be celebrating **NSPCC Number Day on Friday 14th February 2025.**

It's the perfect way to celebrate Maths and raise awareness of this wonderful charity.

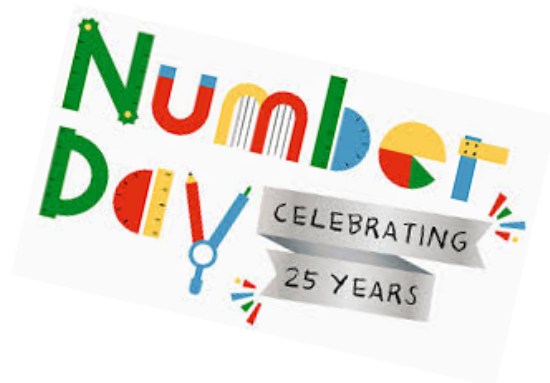
The theme for this year is '**Dress up as digits**' so the children can come in wearing something numbered such as a football shirt or something you can count e.g. spots or stripes – be creative!

Throughout the day children will take part in lots of fun curriculum-based activities and work as team to solve Maths based problems. There will also be a TTRS competition which all children can take part in and race to win against other classes.

We hope to see lots of children taking part in a fun-filled day!

Many thanks for your support with this,

Mrs Griffiths & Miss Lister



On Thursday, Rainbow visited Haverhill library



We walked professionally to the library and were greeted warmly by the staff who read the children a story, which they loved. It was great to see the children so engaged in the story and staff commented how polite the children were.

We learnt about the clubs the library run and were excited to join some. We found some graphic novels and identified the audio CDs. We also practiced our scanning and stamping skills once again!

The children navigated the shelves well, choosing their books, and found some books on Henry VIII (our history unit) and Japan (our writing unit)! We all remembered the rules of the library and did ourselves proud leaving the library as neat and tidy as we found it!

As always, we loved our visit to Haverhill library and can't wait for the next one!



Road Safety Competition



The Junior Road Safety Officers would like to announce the winners of the Road Safety Competition!



Well, done!

Thank you to all the children that entered the competition. It was a difficult decision for the JRSOs to choose four winners!

The winning posters will be displayed outside of the school gates to remind the drivers to drive carefully along Crowland Road.

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025

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This year, children can come to school dressed as a **character from their favourite book**. Please find some easy costume ideas below.

If your child does not want to dress up, please send them to school in their usual school uniform.

We would like every child to bring in their favourite book so they can share it in class.



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.



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February Half-Term

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Kind Regards

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS!

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- Ickworth Park
- Linton
- Radwinter/Great Easton
- Sudbury
- Stetchworth
- Soham
- Great Yeldham

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