

# Newsletter



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has been a whirlwind and it is hard to believe that we are almost in the final week of the spring term! The children and staff at Place Farm have been working so incredibly hard and the sheer volume of information in our newsletters demonstrates just how much we have achieved!

We are incredibly proud to announce that we have been successfully selected to become a Jigsaw Flagship School for our Personal, Social and Health curriculum. This is recognition of the hard work of the school and the strength of the curriculum as identified through our Ofsted inspection.



Thank you so much to all those parents who donated cakes last week for our Red Nose Day - we had so many wonderful donations, some of which were home-made.



We have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to invite you in to school this term, be it through parents' evenings, reading cafes or curriculum sessions to support Year 6 SATs and Phonics. We look forward to offering more of these opportunities in the summer term.

Wishing you all a very lovely weekend. Let's hope spring makes an appearance soon!

Thank you for your continued support.

Lisa McConnell  
Head of School

## Calendar:

### March:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Church Visit  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Year 6 Tiny Plays  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Rainbow Reading Café  
4RG Library trip  
31<sup>st</sup> March – Last day of term - 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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## RE newsletter

Year 1 has been learning about Psalm Sunday, during Christianity lessons. Here are some photos of them showing how they would greet a king!



Year 2 Have been learning about Judaism. Here are some examples of their fantastic work!



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Next week, Year 4 will be visiting St Mary's Church to take part in some Easter activities!



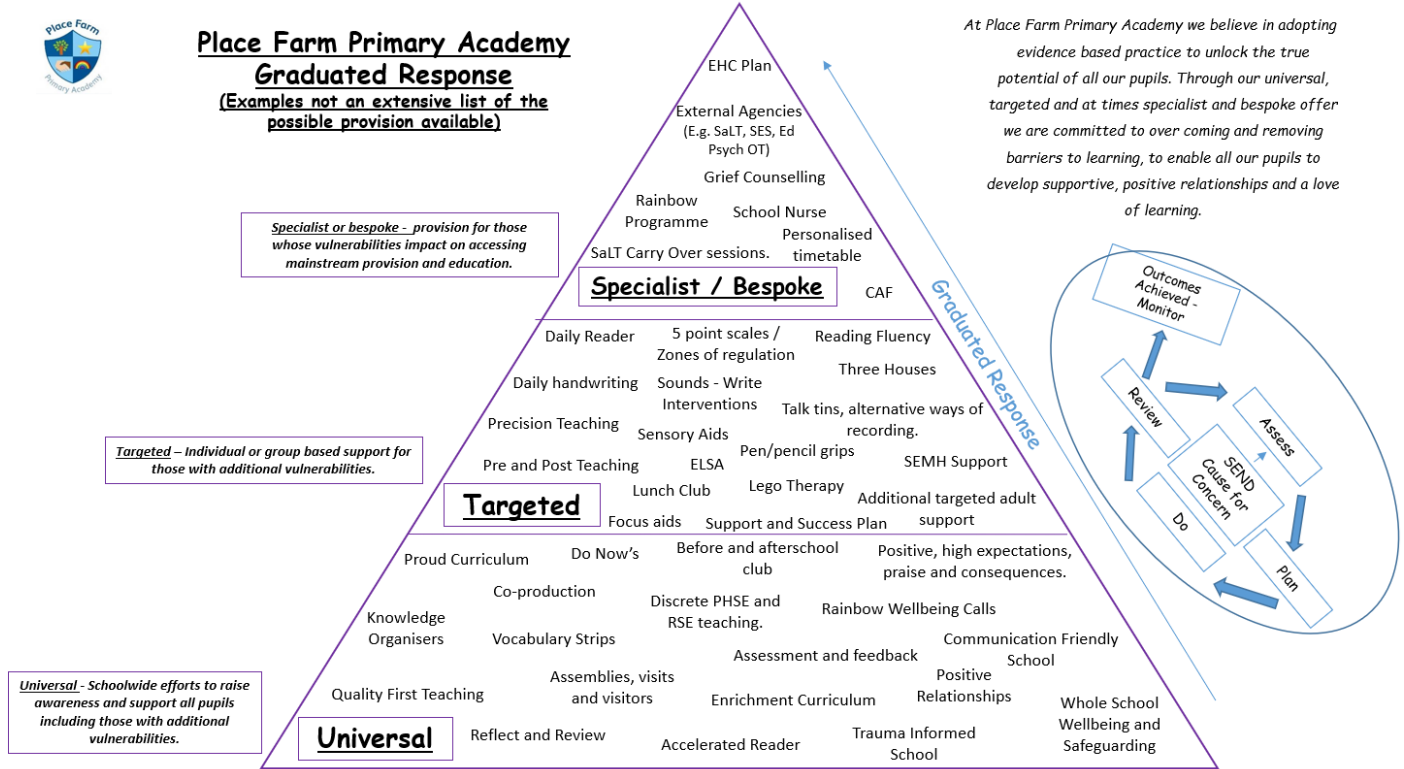
# Art and Design

Rainbow class have been exploring the technique - Printing. They used different fruits, vegetables and natural items for prints and then made their own prints! They testing them out on different types of papers to see if that had an affect on the print they made.

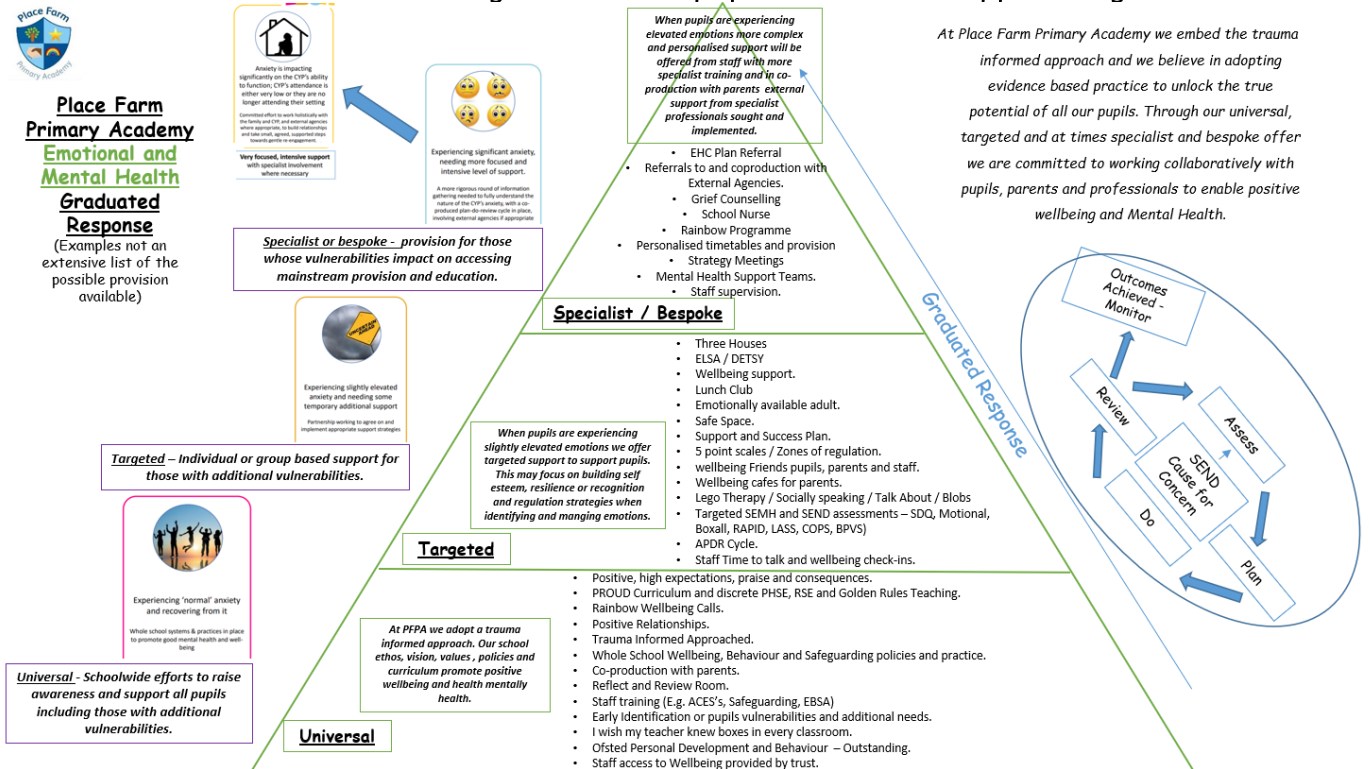


# SEND

At Place Farm Primary we follow the Graduated Response to ensure all our learners receive the support they require to achieve and succeed. Examples of our Universal, Targeted and Specialist scaffolding is outlined below as well as the assess, plan, do and review cycle we implemented when supporting pupils with additional needs.



Where pupils need support with their wellbeing, we also follow a Graduated Response and the same Assess, Plan, do and Review Cycle to ensure pupils receive the support they need.



If you would like to talk about your child's needs in school our SENCo Miss Brown is always happy to hear from you and can be contacted through the school office.  
Last week we celebrated British Sign Language Week.





British Deaf Association  
**SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK**

*Protecting BSL*

13 - 19 March **2023**

Here are our Year 2's learning some British Sign Language being taught by one of our pupils Bernice.



To Learn more about Sign Language check out <https://signlanguageweek.org.uk/>

## Year Two

This week has been deaf awareness week so we have been thinking about how we can be Deaf Aware and remove barriers to communication. We have been learning some sign language, we are excited to show you!



In our Writing lessons we are focussing on recount writing. We have used time conjunctions to show chronological order and personal pronouns as we are writing about ourselves. Look below to see some of the amazing writing so far.

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I had a wonderful time at school last week. We did lots of activities and it was the best morning but the weather was rainy.

First we had Sounds-write, I love Sound-write. I didn't get picked but my friend Jorge mine got picked so I still had fun watching her move the sounds.

Next, we had English we read a huge text called the clover's tea. Miss Weston couldn't help us with our text so I did my best. I love English because you get to hear stories.

It was time for play. I played with Jorge as usual. I played Okaly's at game it was so much fun. I ate a huge juicy apple.

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adj: I had a extremely bad lesson in math last week!

adv: First we did Sounds-write, which was a very interesting time because we were learning really interesting words it was very good!

adv: Next we did History we were learning about Great Britain and it was a really interesting lesson.

adv: There was a lot of fun with it my favourite time of the day is my play on the playground when I was playing with my friend we love to play together and have fun and the teacher just...

adv: After we were reading the really we read...



In Computing this week we have been editing images using Pixlr and the edit tool on the iPads. These are some of our colourful creations.



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In our Science lesson in British Science week we explored connections and how to make slime using cornflour and water!



**Norfolk and Suffolk**  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Supporting young people's mental health Parent/Carer workshops April – May 2023

These free virtual workshops (Zoom) are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are live and 60 minutes long.

### **Emotional Regulation**

Supporting your child to regulate their emotions

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – 13:00**

[Book a place](#)

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[Book a place](#)

### **Supporting our Young People with Anxiety**

For parents to understand anxiety and how to support their child with worry

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – 18:00** [Book a](#)

[place](#)

### **Supporting our Young People with Self-Harm**

A workshop to offer guidance for parents around self-harm and young people

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – 19:15** [Book a](#)

[place](#)

### **Supporting our Young People Manage Big Feelings**

A workshop aimed at parents of young people aged up to 11 to help support our children manage difficult emotions

**15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 13:00** [Book a place](#)

### **Supporting our Young People with Low Mood**

For parents to understand low mood and how to support their child/teenager

**15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 18:00** [Book a place](#)

### **Building Understanding and Supporting your Child with Tourette's/Tics**

This workshop is delivered by clinicians experienced in working with young people with Tourette's/Tic Disorder

**16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 18:00** [Book a place](#)

### **Social Media and Impact on Teenagers' Mental Health**

The impact on our teenagers' mental health



16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 19:15 [Book a place](#)

Scan the QR code to find out more and book a place on a workshop or visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for Psychology in Schools Team - NSFT

**EXPLORE OUTDOOR**

# ADVENTURE

*Days* For children aged 8-12

**FREE**  
For those who are eligible for free school meals or meet eligibility criteria

**ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED**  
Days with additional SEND support listed below:

Bury	4th, 6th April
Sudbury	5th April
Haverhill	4th April
Stowmarket	11th April
Newmarket	11th April
Mildenhall	14th April

Archery  
Geocaching  
Birdbox Building  
Fire Lighting  
Shelter Building  
Bottle Rockets  
Team Games  
**AND MANY MORE!**

[www.acleisure.com/HAF](http://www.acleisure.com/HAF)

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram icons

West Suffolk Council, Ipswich City Council, Department for Education, Suffolk County Council, Ipswich Partnership, Abbeycroft Leisure



# FAMILY *Park* COOKING



**3RD - 14TH APRIL**  
**Across Suffolk**

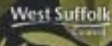


**FREE**  
For those who are eligible for  
free school meals or meet  
eligibility criteria

Join us for:  
A free family day out  
A cooking masterclass  
Fire lighting & outdoor  
activities

Plus receive a 5 day  
ingredients box to take home!

[www.acleisure.com/HAF](http://www.acleisure.com/HAF)



# TEEN CHALLENGE

For young people aged 11 -16

3RD - 14TH APRIL

Depending on location

Example activities such as

Axe Throwing  
Combat Archery

Snorkeling

Cooking

Cinema Trip

Hot lunch and snacks included

BOOK NOW



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**FREE**  
For those eligible for free  
school meals or meet eligibility  
criteria





# FREE SWIM & LUNCH

Swim & lunch will run in the school holidays providing a FREE swim and nutritious meal for those eligible for free school meals in the holidays  
\* those in other hardships.

## 3rd - 14th APRIL

\* Subject date applied

Bury Leisure Centre  
Haverhill Leisure Centre  
Mildenhall Hub  
Newmarket Leisure Centre  
Kingfisher Leisure Centre  
Hadleigh Pool & Leisure

To book:  
Email: [HAF@acleisure.com](mailto:HAF@acleisure.com)  
Call: 01284 757473

For more info, visit  
[www.acleisure.com/HAF](http://www.acleisure.com/HAF)





# **HAVERHILL BASKETBALL CLUB EASTER HT CAMP**

**3RD & 4TH OF APRIL**

**9am - 3pm both days**

**For Boys &  
Girls**

**PRIZES**  
skill games,  
shooting games

**LOCATION**  
SAMUEL WARD ACADEMY,  
CHALKSTONE WAY,  
CB9 0LD

**8 -13 YEAR OLDS**  
**£10 PER DAY OR £20 FOR BOTH**

To Register pls email:  
[wswolvesheadcoach@gmail.com](mailto:wswolvesheadcoach@gmail.com)



March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the Easter holiday. The grant will be ordered by your child(ren)'s school and will be issued as a £30 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/](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/cost-of-living-support/).

Yours faithfully

Suffolk County Council