

Newsletter



Friday 6th December 2024

Dear families,

Thank you to all who attended our Celebration Assembly this morning - it was great to bring everyone together to celebrate the wider personal development of our pupils - commending not only their hard work in school, their demonstration of our PROUD values, but also their interests and passions outside of school life.



The next couple of weeks are busy ones in school - we have our Christmas in a Day next week (Friday 13th), whereby children can wear a Christmas jumper alongside their school uniform (whilst they enjoy Christmas dinner); followed by our annual Carols on the Playground. Please read on for further information on this.

Please come along and support this community event -this is an opportunity to come together to sing, rather than only a performance by the children. We ask that you are also patient and considerate of other families on the playground - there will be a lot of people on the playground at once, so viewing may be limited at times. There are also sometimes difficulties in the children's voices carrying outside - but we will certainly do our best!

Unity Schools Partnership are currently accepting donations towards their Happy Hamper appeal - running until 12th December. Please find enclosed further information on how families can help. We would be happy to transport any donations, if needed - please bring these in by Tuesday, 10th December if this is the case, otherwise they can be dropped off at the Unity offices directly. Thank you for your support with this.

Uniform: We place great significance on school uniform at Place Farm - we wear it with pride and all that it stands for in terms of being professional, smart and belonging to our school. This is part of our culture and one that is highlighted to families on entry to our school. Please could all parents support this priority by sending children into school wearing the correct uniform and plain shoes/trainers - if you are unsure, please check the information on our website: <https://placefarm.org.uk/uniform> For health and safety purposes, this includes wearing a single small stud earring in each ear, rather than hoops or drops. Thank you for your support with this.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact us directly by email: admin@placefarm.org.uk, or via our school office on: 01440 702836.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,
Mrs McConnell
Head of School

Upcoming dates:

December

- Mon 9th Dec: Carol Concert at St Marys Church – Y5/6 choir
Tue 10th Dec: Y3 Stone Age Experience Day
Thur 12th Dec: 2LP library visit 9:30-10:30
2LA library visit 1:30-2:30
1ES Reading Café 9:00-9:30
Fri 13th Dec: Christmas in a day (more information below)
Mon 16th Dec: Y5 Visit to St Mary's Church
Tue 17th Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)
Wed 18th Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)
Fri 20th Dec: Jumble Sale on the playground 3:20-3:40pm (see poster below)
Class Christmas Parties – non-uniform day

Fri 20th Dec: School term ends

January

- Mon 6th Jan: **School closed PD Day**
Tue 7th Jan: First day of Spring Term – all children back in school
Thur 16th Jan: OAP Reading Café 9:00-9:30
6EJ library visit 1:30-2:30
Thur 23rd Jan: OCS Reading Café 9:00-9:30
Rainbow library visit 9:30-10:30
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 Coups Got Talent

February

- Thur 6th Feb: 3SA Reading Café 9:00-9:30
Thur 13th Feb: 3KM Reading Café 9:00-9:30

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
Thur 13th Mar: 5JG Reading Café 9:00-9:30
Thur 20th Mar: 6SL Reading Café 9:00-9:30
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

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! 😊



Safeguarding Information for parents

Moving forward, each month, we will aim to share a safeguarding newsletter with families, called 'Safeguarding Spotlight'. The first edition will be shared today, separate to this newsletter. Please do take time to read this. We will also add these to the safeguarding page of our website.

Christmas in a Day – Friday 13th December 2024



On Friday 13th December, we will be celebrating 'Christmas in a Day'.

This day coincides with our Christmas dinner day. Pupils can come to can wear a Christmas jumper alongside their school uniform.

We will also be opening the back gate (Crowland Road) at 2:30pm for you to join us in our annual 'Carols on the Playground' celebration. We will be aiming to start this at approximately 2:40pm and we should be finished by 3:15pm. The children will then go back to their classes to collect their belongings and get ready to leave school at the usual time of 3:25pm.

Prior to the 'Carols on the Playground' event, a message will be shared on class dojo about where your child's class will be positioned so that you can position yourselves accordingly to be able to see them. The song lyrics that we will be singing will also be shared on class dojo so that you can join in with the singing alongside the children.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

Celebration Assembly



their PROUD certificates.

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



We also had several pupils who were celebrated for their outside of school achievements and two pupils who achieved their pen licenses.



The AR Word count champions for this week were 6EJ, the AR Quiz champions for this week were 3SA and the most improved readers were 4KM.



celebrated the problem-solvers of the week in Year 1 and Rainbow class.

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

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 5ML with 97.1%
In 2nd place we had 4RG with 97.3%
In 1st place we had 2LP with 97.5%
Whole school attendance was 93.4%



3KM and 6SL Library Visit

On Thursday, 3KM and 6SL visited Haverhill Library. The children all walked sensibly and modelled our PROUD values while we were there. They read and shared books with each other. At the end of the visit, they were read a story by Jenny, the librarian. The children all had a wonderful time.



1ED Reading Café

Our new style reading cafés are going down very well! The children and their siblings are enjoying the squash and biscuits, served in our cosy setting.

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.





Jumble sale



As part of the Eco warriors long term goal we are raising money to aid with recycling at Place Farm Academy.

Friday 20th December
Place Farm playground

Instead of donating any unwanted items, or throwing them away, would you please keep them for us so that we can try and *reuse* them and *recycle* them and raise funds for this great cause. Donations can be brought into class. Many thanks.



Junior Road Safety Poster Competition

Road Safety Competition



The Junior Road Safety Officers have launched a Road Safety Competition!

To enter the Road Safety Competition, we would like the children to design a poster to remind drivers to drive safely around our school site.

The closing date for the competition is:
Friday 13th December 2024.

The winning posters will be shared in the school newsletter and be made into larger posters to put outside the front and back gates of school.

Good luck!

SEND Parent Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/lkidd11/parenting-padlet-hgdrprcnhl3ene5>

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.

Christmas Dinner Day

Please see the menu below for the Christmas Dinner Day.

Please complete the below forms link stating whether your child would like a Christmas Dinner on Friday 13th December 2024.

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

Please complete the forms link by midday on the 20th November 2024, as the kitchen will need to know the final numbers by this date.

If your child is not entitled to Free School Meals, please do ensure that you have sufficient funds on your Arbor Account, prior to this date.

If you have any questions about this, please contact the school office.



Christmas Dinner 2024
13th December 2024

Roast Turkey
Vegan Parsnip & Sweet Potato Loaf
Roast Potatoes
Pigs In Blankets
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Brussel Sprouts
Carrots, Peas & Gravy

Christmas Krispie Cakes

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feeding the imagination

**If your child was born between
1 September 2020 and
31 August 2021,
you must apply for a full-time
Reception Year school place by
15 January 2025**



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Information is also available from:

- The Admissions Team on **0345 600 0981**
- Your local school

Instructions for parents/carers for Holiday, Activities and Food programme bookings.

The Winter activities for Suffolk Holiday, Activities and Food programme (HAF) will be live for booking on Eequ on the 20th of November 2024



Please register children and book activities for the Winter School holidays at: WWW.eequ.org

- Parents/carers can use the link provided to log into Eequ and register their child(ren) and book them on to the activities of their choice.
- Eligibility checks will be completed at this stage and if the child meets the criteria, they will receive an email confirming the booking, please provide information on the child's eligibility and receipt of benefit related Free - School Meals in the booking so that eligible bookings are not rejected.
- - If they are accepted an email will be sent to the email address confirming the booking. Bookings without an email confirming the eligibility and place are not confirmed. Please ensure that you receive the email to confirm bookings.
- If the booking is rejected due to not meeting the criteria or not providing required evidence, an email will go to the booking email address explaining why. This can be appealed if further information or evidence can be provided. (This will require re booking of the activity.) You can email Suffolk HAF at HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk

Bookings are subject to availability and eligibility and cannot be guaranteed, we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

HAF eligibility is based on the child(ren) being in receipt of Benefit Related Free School Meals.

As per the Easter and Summer School Holidays, Suffolk HAF programme will no longer be issuing codes to families in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals and will be continuing to use the Eequ Booking system for parents/carers to book children onto the activities.

For more information visit: www.Suffolk.Infolink.gov.uk, Or by scanning the QR code on the poster below:



Want more for the kids to do in the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays?

Children aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals can access the Holiday Activities Fund (HAF) activities programme!

Access sports sessions, arts, crafts, dance and cooking classes for FREE!

Not eligible? Many providers also provide paid for spaces, so check out what is available.



Visit: www.suffolk.infolink.gov.uk to find out more - search 'Holiday Activities Fund'



HAF is funded by The Department of Education

Suffolk County Council letter regarding Household Support Fund Discretionary Grant

November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Important information regarding Household Support Fund discretionary grant

Suffolk County Council (SCC) is pleased to confirm that the Government announced a further six-month extension to the Household Support Fund from September 2024 to March 2025.

We can confirm that funds have been made available for SCC to extend the support previously provided to low-income families in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) over the **Christmas Holidays 2024**. There is currently no information on whether funding will be available after this date.

The grant will be issued as a **£30** supermarket voucher for each eligible child from our provider **Pluxee** and is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the holiday.

As with previous issues of vouchers, the SCC Free School Meals (FSM) team will place the voucher order using the information provided by your child's school. Please ensure that your child's school holds the most up to date contact information for you, so that the voucher is sent to the correct recipient.

If the school has previously printed the vouchers on your behalf, then this arrangement will continue, or you can ask for the voucher to be sent via text message to your mobile phone number. **Please inform your school if you wish to receive the vouchers via text message, if you have previously been unable to receive them via email.**

We aim to have all vouchers sent to recipients by **Wednesday 11 December 2024**. If you have **not received the vouchers by this date** or in the event of any queries regarding the vouchers, then please contact our team at freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk, rather than speaking to the school directly.

Please note, that if you have children who attend different Suffolk schools, you may receive your vouchers at separate times before the start of the school holiday.

Please look out for an email from noreponse@vouchers.sodexoengage.com, and please also check junk and spam folders before contacting us directly.

Please can we remind you that all vouchers will have a 2-month expiry date to be redeemed. Once redeemed, the expiry conditions of your chosen supermarket will apply, and you will have a minimum of 12 months to use the voucher. We urge you to contact our team as soon as possible if you encounter any issues redeeming your voucher as we will not be able to access the funding once it has closed and vouchers have expired.

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



Lucy Nicholas (she/her)

Resource Manager (Admissions and School Travel)

Education, Skills and Learning

Directorate of Children and Young People

Suffolk County Council

Christmas Holiday Activities

Prestige Sports Christmas Camps

Prestige Sports will be running their popular Mega Sports Camps this Christmas on Monday 23rd December 9-3.30pm, only £15.00. The perfect time to get the last few things ready for a wonderful family Christmas. They will also be starting the New Year off with a bang at the sports camps too. You can book online at www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com



PRESTIGE

CHRISTMAS MEGA CAMP

23rd December 2024 9am - 3:30pm

- 📍 Haverhill - Coupals Primary Academy
- 📍 Linton - Linton Heights Junior School
- 📍 Newmarket - The Ellesmere Centre

ONLY £15



Sports Activities
Action Games
Creativity Corner
Inflatables

Board Games
Construction Activities
Quizzes + Prizes

07494 002352

info@prestigesportsdevelopment.co.uk

BOOK ONLINE

www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com



NEW YEAR MEGA ACTIVITY CAMP

2nd & 3rd January 2025

9AM - 3:30PM

Early drop-off from 8:15am

*Late pick-up until 5:30pm

5-12 YEAR OLDS

WHERE?

Haverhill - Westfield Primary Academy*

Linton - Linton Heights Junior School*

Newmarket - The Ellesmere Centre*

Great Easton - Great Easton Primary School

Great Yeldham - St Andrews Primary School



from
£22.50

BOOK ONLINE - WWW.PRESTIGESPORTSDEVELOPMENT.COM



Christmas Holidays - Multi Sports Courses

Parent funded & HAF booking options available

Dear Parent / Guardian

We are really excited to be running holiday courses this Christmas Holidays and wanted to inform you about the courses available locally.

As the UK's number one provider of primary school sport and physical activities, we know how important staying active is to the health, well-being, and development of your children. Our Holiday Camps are designed to keep your children active throughout the school holidays, introduce them to new and exciting activities, and create a fun-filled experience with seasonal themes that will stick with them for years to come.

Take a look at our Holiday camp video to get a feel of what to expect:- https://youtu.be/NPYCiabAtIM?si=4FpakED_4PkWSuNm

Below is a list of available venues, dates and booking links for this forthcoming Christmas Holidays:

HAF Placements - HAF booking options for free school meal qualifying families are available at <https://eequ.org/> (from November 20th 2024 onwards)

Barrow Primary

Age range: 5-11 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Friday 3rd January 2025

Booking link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5867/>

Lakenheath Primary

Age range: 5-11 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 23rd December & Fri 3rd January

Booking link:

[https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/4213/?location=Brandon&distance=7.4&distance=7.4&type\[\]=Hol](https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/4213/?location=Brandon&distance=7.4&distance=7.4&type[]=Hol)

West Row Academy

Age range: 5-11 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 23rd December & Fri 3rd January

Booking link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5864-912570/>

The Glade Academy

Age range: 5-11 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 23rd December & Fri 3rd January

Booking link:

[https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15826/?location=Brandon&distance=0.4&distance=0.4&type\[\]=Hol](https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15826/?location=Brandon&distance=0.4&distance=0.4&type[]=Hol)

Howard Academy

Age range: 5-11 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 23rd December & Fri 3rd January

Booking link:

[https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5845/?location=Bury%20St%20Edmunds&distance=1.5&distance=1.5&type\[\]=Hol](https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5845/?location=Bury%20St%20Edmunds&distance=1.5&distance=1.5&type[]=Hol)

Please do not hesitate to contact Premier West Suffolk & Essex at opaynter@premier-education.com if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you.

Kind regards

Premier West Suffolk & Essex



**BRAND
NEW**



CHRISTMAS

FOUNDATION FUN CAMP

The Football & Multisport Extravaganza

BOOK NOW



The New Croft Foundation
23rd December | 9am - 3pm

Ages 5 - 13
£25 per child

www.thenewcroftfoundation.com



Tinsel, Toys and Talk

West Suffolk Neurodevelopmental Support Service

Date: Tuesday 17th December 2024

Time: 1pm-3pm

TAKE HOME A CHRISTMAS GIFT

E Wsuffolk@family-action.org.uk

T 01284 636 655

Location: Clements Community Centre,
Leiston Road, Haverhill, CB9 8JJ

Come along to our festive parent and carer drop-in. Enjoy a mince pie and a hot drink with our team and other like-minded parents. We are excited to be able offer gifts, which will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Photos will be taken of the event, you will be given the option to opt out if you would like to.

To find our more about our service visit our website: <https://tinyurl.com/4wy89xt4>



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I'M BACK!

**CHRISTMAS STAY & PLAY
WITH VISIT FROM ELF!**



**👤 WHERE: BALTIC AMBER,
HAVERHILL**

**👤 WHEN: SUNDAY 8TH
DECEMBER**

👤 AGE: 0-3 YRS OLD

👤 TIME: 12:45PM - 1:45PM

👤 SPACE: 12 REMAINING

**£10 PER CHILD WHICH
INCLUDES A GIFT 🌟**

To book

[HTTPS://DREAM-BIG-SOFTPLAY.PEMBEE.APP](https://dream-big-softplay.pembee.app)



HAPPY HAMPER DONATIONS

**OPEN FOR DONATIONS FROM
11TH NOVEMBER - 12TH DECEMBER
AT UNITY SCHOOLS
AND HOMEFIELD ROAD OFFICE**



What do we need?

- ★ UNOPENED
- ★ IN DATE
- ★ NO NEED FOR REFRIGERATION

- ★ CAKES
- ★ CRACKERS
- ★ TABLEWARE
- ★ SELECTION BOXES
- ★ MINCE PIES
- ★ NIBBLES
- ★ CRISPS
- ★ LONG LIFE DRINKS (NO ALCOHOL)





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December 2024 Timetable

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm unless otherwise stated

Saturday 30th Nov	Haverhill High Street	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Monday 2nd	Recreation Road, Hamlet Road Estates	
Tuesday 3rd	Chimswell Car Parks, Park Road, Hawthorn Crescent	
Wednesday 4th	Chivers Rd & Cleves Road	
Thursday 5th	Clements, Parkway Estate	
Friday 6th	Kedington Community Centre	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Monday 9th	Cambridge Way, Eastern Avenue, Castle Lane, Downs Crescent	
Tuesday 10th	Hanchett Village	
Wednesday 11th	Arboretum, Meadowlands, Chapelwent Road	
Thursday 12th	Dovehouse Road, Chapple Drive	
Monday 16th	James Dunn Way, Howe Road, Forest Glade, Arrendene Road	
Tuesday 17th	New Croft (Chalkstone Way), Green Road, Shetland Road & Roman Way	
Wednesday 18th	Millfields Way, Strasbourg Square	
Thursday 19th	Boyton Hall, Persimmon Estate, Redrow Estate	
Saturday 21st	Haverhill High Street	10 :00 am - 3:00 pm



Haverhill Santa is raising money for REACH Community Projects & Joshua Tarrant Trust. Please make a donation when you see the Sleigh.

Merry Christmas



Please Note: The Haverhill Santa is organised by the Haverhill Show Committee (License Holders) and the Disco Kitchen and manned by volunteers. Licence restrictions, volunteer numbers, ease of access and weather conditions may mean all streets or meeting points cannot be visited within the hours approved by the Local Authority. To avoid disappointment, visit us on the High Street or find us en-route.

