

Newsletter

Friday 9th December 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our school has been filled with excitement! Alongside all the carol singing and Nativity rehearsals many classes have been enjoying some wonderful Design and Technology lessons: KS2 pupils have been designing and making different types of food whilst KS1 have been exploring their creative flair through sewing and building mechanisms.

In addition to our library visits this week, parents and children in KS2 enjoyed a musical performance from Year 4, who have been learning the clarinet this term. This was a fantastic performance, and it was great to see how confidently the pupils played in front of an audience.



We look forward to welcoming you all to our Carols on the Playground on Tuesday, 13th December. Please bring along your best singing voices to support your children!



Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Lisa McConnell
Head of School

CALENDAR

December

Tuesday 13th December - Carols on the Playground, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch day

Tuesday 13th December (evening) - Castle Manor, Burton End and Place Farm Carol service at St Mary's Church - Haverhill

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December - EYFS and Year 1 Nativity performances

Friday 16th December - Christmas Parties (information shared on Class Dojo)

Friday 16th December - Last day of autumn term

January Tuesday 3rd January - PD Day (School closed to pupils)

Wednesday 4th January - First day of spring term



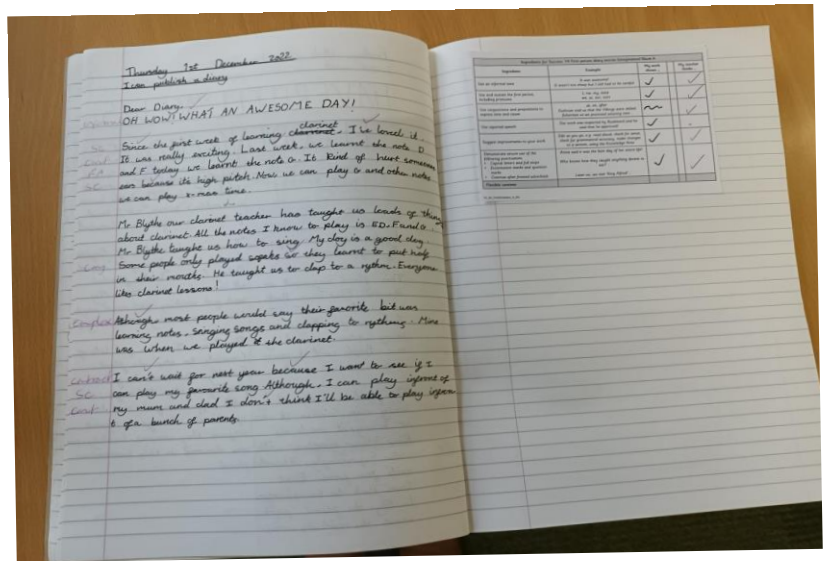
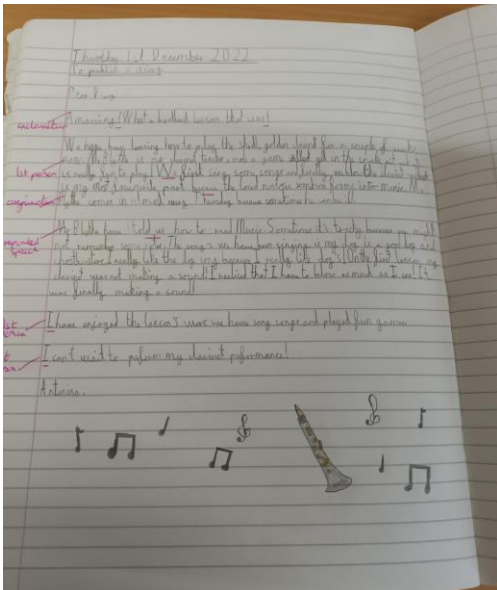
|10-point Attendance Reminders for Parents

1. Please take families holiday during the school holidays.
Holidays in term time will be fined (£60 per adult per child)
2. Please call in before **9.30am** if your child is not going to be at school. It saves us having to call you!
3. If your child is regularly off due to illness, we will call you for a meeting to see how we can help
4. Absence due to illness can be unauthorised if we suspect your child is well enough to come to school
5. If your child comes into school after **9.05am** the registers are closed and it counts as 1 session of unauthorised absence
6. Too many unauthorised absences will result in a fine or a referral to our School Attendance Support Officer at Suffolk County Council
7. If your child has a medical appointment please give school a copy of the appointment so we can authorise the absence
8. If you know there is an unusual or unexpected reason for your child's absence, please talk to us ahead of time (if possible). We may agree to authorise the absence
9. 90% - or below - is poor attendance (but great in tests)
10. If you or your child have any worries about what's happening or has happened in school please bring your child in to school and talk to us about it. Do not give your child a day off

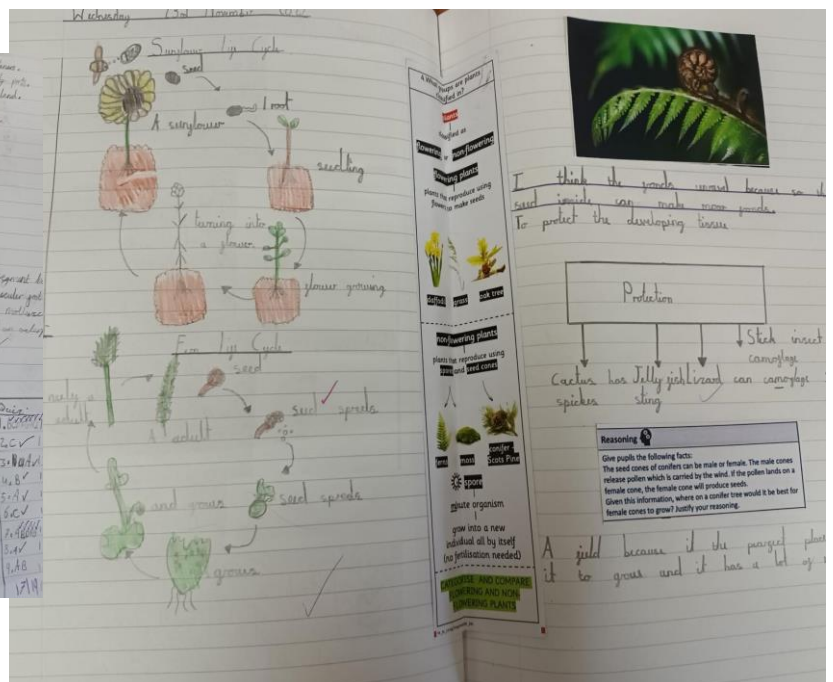
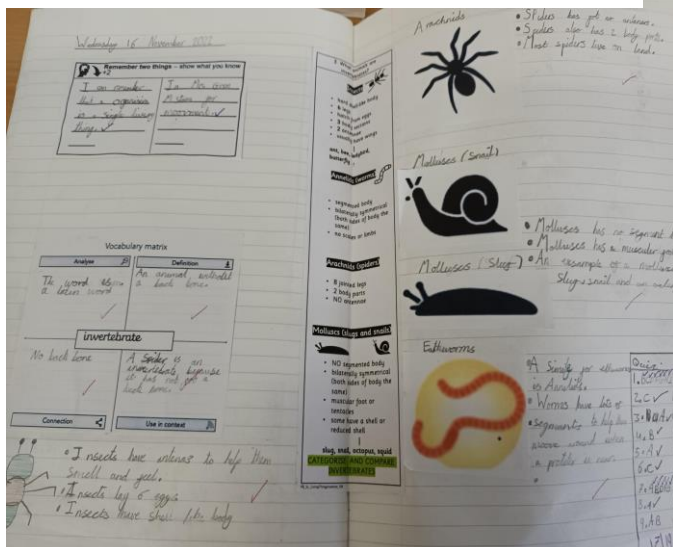
Year Four

This week in Year Four, the children have been working hard in all of their learning.
Please see below for some photos of their fantastic work 🤗

In Writing lessons, the children have been writing first-person perspective diary entries about their clarinet lessons. Miss Mason and Mrs Griffiths are really proud of their work.



In Science, the children have enjoyed learning about Living things and their habitats this half term. Here are some examples of their fabulous work!



In Design and Technology, the children have been learning about food and nutrition. They have learnt a range of skills including kneading dough to make pizzas and bread rolls and have enjoyed tasting their produce!



We also enjoyed a brilliant Greek day to support their history learning about Ancient Greece. They enjoyed dressing up and participating in Greek activities. Fun was had by all!



Well done Year 4!
Miss Mason and Mrs Griffiths

DT in Year 6

This week in DT we have continued to look at street food. The children made pitta bread and hummus.



Christmas at Place Farm!

This year we are celebrating Christmas on **Tuesday 13th December 2022** with Christmas lunches and carols on the playground. On this day, pupils are invited to wear a Christmas Accessory alongside their school uniform.

Some examples of what this could include are;

- a jumper,
- a hair accessory,
- a tinsel accessory worn on the wrist or,
- a pair of Christmas socks

On **Friday 16th December 2022** we will also hold classroom Christmas Parties. On this day, pupils are invited to come to school in their party clothes. If they have PE, they will still need their PE kit for the sport session.

Sharing Parenting
making a difference to families

Raising Children

Free 10-week parenting programme

Do you find yourself asking:

"Why won't they listen to me?"

"How can I be ready for my child's next stage?"

"Am I saying or doing the right thing?"

Join us and other parents in a supportive and informal environment, learn from our evidence-based course and from each other and get some advice and strategies to help you on your parenting journey.

Raising Children is an open access course aimed at all parents/carers with children aged between 2 to 12 years old.

DATE: *Starting Wednesday 18 January 2023
for 10 weeks with a break over half-term*
TIME: *10:00am to 11:30am*
VENUE: *Online via Zoom*

For more information or to book your FREE place, email us at info@sharingparenting.com or call 01638 665997

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a bad parent.
It's about being a
better parent"

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FAMILY & JUNIOR 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

5-16 years old

17th - 30th December

*Subject dates applied

Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre
Haverhill Leisure Centre
Hadleigh Pool & Leisure
Kingfisher Leisure Centre
Mildenhall HUB
Newmarket Leisure centre

To book:

Email: HAF@acleisure.com

Call: 01284 757473

For more info, visit

www.acleisure.com/HAF





December 2022



Dear Parent/Carer

Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the Christmas 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/.

Yours faithfully

Suffolk County Council

HOME START

In Suffolk

Providing
practical,
emotional
support and
friendship to
Suffolk families.



WHAT DO HOME-START DO?

Family pressures can sometimes be difficult to manage without emotional and practical support around you. Home-Start volunteers understand how hard it can be to be a parent. They work alongside parents in their own homes, via telephone or virtual calls or in group settings, helping them to cope with the stresses and strains of life. They make sure parents have the resilience and skills, confidence and strength they need to nurture their children.

Our specially trained 280 volunteers offer compassionate, non-judgmental and confidential support.

Their approach is as individual as the people they are helping.

Home-Start volunteers usually see or speak to families once a week. Families and volunteers decide together what to do during that time.

Home-Start support is free and all support is voluntary.

Things that Home-Start can support a family with...





HOME START

In Suffolk

MANY FAMILIES ARE FINDING IT
DIFFICULT AT THE MOMENT

HOME-START ARE HERE TO SUPPORT SUFFOLK FAMILIES

Our network of more than 280 amazing volunteers are still available during this difficult time to provide support to families across Suffolk through weekly telephone calls, virtual video calls and home visiting.

"Our volunteer was amazing! I felt I could talk to her about anything! Having her support during this time of uncertainty has been a real help to me and my family. I am truly grateful to Home-Start for all they have done for us and I will certainly miss the calls from my volunteer when support ends. But I feel I am in a much better place now thanks to the support I received."

Emma - Supported Mum

"My sincere and heartfelt thanks for all of the commitment and hard work that you have shown over these last months. I truly feel that the kindness, caring and guidance that you have shown has helped our family through the darkest time of our lives, you have taught us that it's not all hopeless and things can only get better."

Martin - Supported Dad

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FAMILY PARK COOKING FESTIVE FOOD AND ACTIVITY PACKS



This Christmas Explore Outdoor and Abbeycroft Leisure are working with West Suffolk Council, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council to provide food and activity packs to support families and keep the kids active and entertained this Christmas holiday.

EACH PACK CONTAINS INGREDIENTS FOR A CHRISTMAS DINNER AND BOXING DAY LUNCH
ALONG WITH A RANGE OF FAMILY AND KIDS ACTIVITIES TO COMPLETE AT HOME

FREE FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (PUPIL PREMIUM) OR MEET OUR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

Roast Chicken and Vegetables
Roast Potatoes
Sprout Gratin
Christmas Pudding
Giant Sausage Roll
Apple Crumble
Plus:
Family Games
Christmas Decorations
Kids activities



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for Education



TO BOOK EMAIL: HAF@ACLEISURE.COM

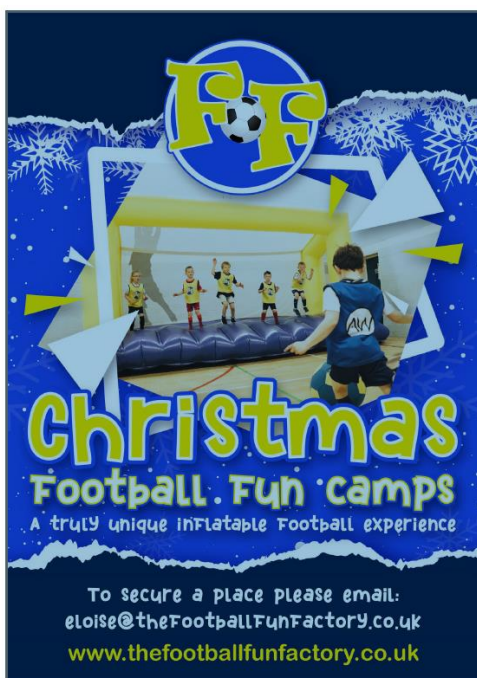
YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR 16-DIGIT E-VOUCHER NUMBER TO BOOK



Looking for some Holiday Activities this Christmas? Please click on these links to access a range of activities being run by West Suffolk Council (also shared on Class Dojo):

[Posters](#)

[Holiday Activities Timetable](#)



Suffolk Holiday Activity Programme

School's Out Activities

FOR AGES 4 - 16 (SCHOOL GOING)

FREE SPACES THIS WINTER
Holiday Activity Fund

Free School Meals
Calling all parents currently in receipt of 'Benefit Related Free School Meals'... through the HAF programme we are able to offer up to **4 days this Winter**... This is worth over £170!
A free packed lunch is provided, with choices of sandwiches, snacks, and drinks.

Dates
CHOOSE ANY 4 DAYS FROM...
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd December 2022

Times
Drop Off 9am-9:30am **Lunchtime** 12:30pm-1:30pm **Pick Up** 4:30pm-5pm
Early Bird 8am-9am **Extended Fun** 5pm-6pm
Early Bird & Extended Fun each charged at £5 per session

Early Explorers 4-6 yrs
Designed by Primary School Teachers to aid in the development of children in Early Years.
-Singing -Drawing
-Creating -Building
-Dancing -Painting
-Baking ...and more!
Must be school-going 4 year old UK 5 by the 31st Aug 2022

Creative Crew 7-12 yrs
For GIRLS and BOYS to indulge in their creative side, be active, yet have time to chill.
-Arts & Crafts -Cooking
-Textiles -Fashion
-Performing -Singing
-Dancing ...and more!

Adrenaline Adventure 7-12 yrs
An action-packed week jammed full of 30+ team sports and adventurous activities!
-Nett Wars -Roller Racers
-Dodgeball -KinBall
-Football -RC Cars
-Mario Kart ...and more!

Next Generation 13-16 yrs
Developing leaders of the future with our '5 Levels to Leadership' programme.
-Working Journal
-Build Confidence
-Work Experience
-Gain Rewards
Choose to assist on any of our courses!

Questions? Phone us on: 01473 942990

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Barkitt Road, Woodbridge IP12 4JH
Ofsted Number: EY564342

IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL
Woolverstone, Suffolk IP9 3AZ
Ofsted Number: EY532372

Learn More www.schoolsoutactivities.co.uk

NHRM
NATIONAL HORSE RACING MUSEUM

Free Creative Christmas Workshop

11am - 3pm on Saturday 17 December 2022

Get festive and creative with our artist-led workshop!

Take part in our FREE family drop-in creative workshop with artist Ali Atkins inspired by our collection at Christmas time and make festive decorations together using a variety of sculpture materials to take home. Suitable for all ages.

NHRM is part of the Suffolk Holiday Activity Programme and if families are eligible for Free School Meals from our local area, picnic bag lunches from The Bakery in King's Yard for children and young people aged 5 - 16 are available to book in advance by sending an email to Sarah at info@nhrm.co.uk or on the day with the HAF Code.

Suffolk Holiday Activity Programme

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