



RESPECT RESILIENCE TEAMWORK

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Newsletter ~ 28th April 2023

Last Week's Attendance...

for the whole school was **93.5%**.

The class with the winning attendance was
Jays Class.

Congratulations to Teddy Sully
for winning the £5.00 gift card for having 100% for a
whole week.

Congratulations to Sergiu Topal for winning the £10 gift
card for having 100% for a whole half term.

- Owls Class Attendance for last week = 98.2%**
- Hummingbirds Class Attendance for last week = 97.4%**
- Jays Class Attendance for last week = 99.2%**
- Robins Class Attendance for last week = 95.7%**
- Blackbirds Class Attendance for last week = 95.5%**
- Skylarks Class Attendance for last week = 98.2%**
- Kestrels Class Attendance for last week = 94.1%**
- Hérons Class Attendance for last week = 98.5%**

The national average for attendance is **96%**; if a child isn't
at school this **will** negatively affect their academic progress
and their relationships with other children.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each week will
win a £5.00 gift card.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each half-term will
win a £10 gift card.

At the end of the school year, one child with 100% attendance
will win a £20.00 gift card.

Our Stars of the Week

Owl Class Stars = Storm-Ivy Meen and Ivy Hill /
Riley Da Silva Sharp and Jack Arnold

Hummingbirds Class Stars=Isla Tyson and Archie Millett
/ Kian Rickard-Fitzgerald and Callie Last

Jays Class Stars = Alfie Briston and Jasmine Hawkins /
Scarlett Clark and Ella Evans

Robins Class Stars = Neave Royal and Roman Ford /
Hector Arnold and Jada Saltzer

Blackbirds Class Stars=Fletcher Brook and Austėja Zilinskaite
/ David Dos Santos and Marcel Marcyan

Skylarks Class Stars=Piotrek Klasztor and Joshua
Ashley / Mikus Grandans and TJ Ford

Kestrels Class Stars = Sophia Smith and Reggie Bewers /
Reggie Bewers and James Lewis

Hérons Class Stars = Saoirse Clark and Alan Paszek /
Lucas Willoughby and Cameron Hayward

Star of the Week certificates are awarded for
exemplifying our Core Values (Respect, Resilience and
Teamwork) and for showing excellent Behaviours for
Learning.



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Message from Miss McCarthy:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone had a lovely Easter break! 😊

The builders have been working hard and it's good to have Owls and Blackbirds back in their classrooms again. We're looking forward to having the kitchen back soon ~ hopefully, from the week beginning Monday 8th May (the second Bank Holiday weekend); we will let you know once we know for certain.

Our usual 'Parent Cafes' and 'Sharing Assemblies' are booked in for each class this term. In addition to these there will be other exciting events to watch out for ~ please keep an eye on Class Dojo for more information; we're going to have a special day on Friday 5th May to mark the Coronation Weekend, and then Years 3 and 4 will be performing their 'Cinderella' musical extravaganza before the May half-term holiday.

Safeguarding:

The new play equipment on the park next to the school looks great, and I know that some of our older boys were talking very excitedly about how fast the roundabout goes when they first tried it out a couple of months ago! We have spoken to all of the children this week about keeping themselves safe, and remembering to be careful when they use this equipment; please reinforce this at home.

I'd like to remind everyone please that in common with most primary schools we have a strict policy of no mobile phone use on site (within the buildings and on the school grounds); this is to support Safeguarding our pupils.

We're enjoying some lovely bright, sunny days at the moment, but they still feel quite cold ~ please do make sure that your child is properly dressed to be warm and comfortable at school.

As always, many thanks for all of your support and encouragement; please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Hawkins or Mrs. Brooks-White in the school office with any questions or concerns.

All best wishes,

Miss M 😊



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Dates for your Diaries:

May:

Tuesday 2 nd	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly;
Thursday 4 th	Year 5 & 6 at Duxford;
Friday 5 th	Coronation Celebrations (come to school wearing red, white & blue)
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th	Year 6 SATs;
Friday 12 th	9am: Skylarks Class Sharing Assembly; 2.45pm: Jays Class Sharing Assembly;
Monday 15 th	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2pm: Herons Parents' Café; 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly;
Tuesday 16 th	2pm: Jays Parents' Café;
Wednesday 17 th	9am: Cinderella Performance; 2pm: Kestrels Parents' Café;
Thursday 18 th	6pm: Cinderella Performance;
Friday 19 th	9am: Kestrels Class Sharing Assembly; 2.45pm: Hummingbirds Class Sharing Assembly
Monday 22 nd	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2pm: Skylarks Parents' Café; 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly;
Tuesday 23 rd	2pm: Hummingbirds Parents' Café;
Wednesday 24 th	2pm: Owls Parents' Café;
Friday 26 th	9am: Robins Class Sharing Assembly; 2.45pm: Owls Class Sharing Assembly

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June School closed for half term.

June:

Monday 5 th	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly;
Monday 12 th	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly;
Thursday 15 th	TBC: SEND Coffee morning;



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Friday 16 th	9am: Herons Class Sharing Assembly;
Monday 19 th	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly;
Friday 23 rd	9am: Kestrels Class Sharing Assembly;
Monday 26 th	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly;
Friday 30 th	9am: Skylarks Class Sharing Assembly; 2.45pm: Jays Class Sharing Assembly;
July:	
Monday 3 rd	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly;
Wednesday 5 th	2pm: Herons Parents' Café;
Thursday 6 th	2pm: Blackbirds Parents' Café and transition event for Year 4 into Year 5;
Friday 7 th	9am: Blackbirds Class Sharing Assembly; 2pm: Robins Parents' Café and transition event for Year 3 into Year 4; 2.45pm: Hummingbirds Class Sharing Assembly; Summative Reports;
Monday 10 th	9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly; 2pm: Skylarks & Kestrels Parents' Café and transition event for Year 5 into Year 6; 2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly;
Tuesday 11 th	2pm: Jays Parents' Café and transition event for Year 2 into Year 3;
Wednesday 12 th	2pm: Hummingbirds Parents' Café and transition event for Year 1 into Year 2;
Thursday 13 th	2pm: Owls Parents' Café and transition event for EYFS into Year 1;
Friday 14 th	9am: Robins Class Sharing Assembly; 2.45pm: Owls Class Sharing Assembly;

Monday 24th July – Friday 1st September School closed for the Summer holiday.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 6th September 2023.



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Please see the following information about some support that may be beneficial to you.

The Cake Initiative -

If you are struggling to make ends meet around your child's birthday, please reach out to <https://cake-initiative.org.uk/#request>. Please note: they require at least 2 weeks' notice to fulfil an order. Regrettably, at this point in time, they are unable to cater for children with allergies.

The Harvest Centre -

Allows residents 1 free food parcel a month, just pop in or email the harvest centre on foodparcels@theharvestcentre.com with your name and address and how many people are in the household. When collecting your food parcel, you do need to bring your own bags. Collection is on Tuesdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Zebras Children And Adults Charity -

Have a weekly fruit and veg drop- in which is in partnership with the Royal British Legion on Wednesdays from 9.30-11am. If you are in need of a free bag of fruit and vegetables then please do go along. The fruit and veg is only there until its gone, so please do arrive earlier if you can to avoid disappointment.

Brandon Church Institute -

Has food left over from Tesco, the surplus is left in the foyer of the Church Institute. This can be daily sometimes.

We also have a contact there that can provide food parcels all we need is for you to message us with your name and contact details for us to pass on.

Free School Meals -

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:



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- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals>

Suffolk Local Welfare Assistance Scheme (LWAS) –

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/suffolk-local-welfare-assistance-scheme>

To receive help from LWAS you must:

- Be able to demonstrate you are in financial hardship
- Live in Suffolk
- Be 16-years old or over
- Not be subject to immigration control or have no recourse to public funds
- Have a combined household income of £27,500 a year or less?
- Have less than £1,500 available in savings across the household
- Have not made an application in the previous 6 months

They will look at your income and savings. If you have adequate savings to meet your basic living needs, your application will be declined.