



Termly Newsletter

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Spring Term, 2nd half

An Action Packed Term from Mrs Jarvis

This half term's value was Justice

As we come to the end of this short but wonderfully productive term, we want to take a moment to celebrate everything the children have experienced and achieved.

Our Year 6 pupils began the term with great determination as they completed their Bikeability training, developing both confidence and essential road-safety skills. Children across all year groups shone during a Performing Arts Enrichment session, embracing creativity and teamwork.

The whole school was filled with excitement and imagination on World Book Day, with children and staff alike dressing up to celebrate their favourite stories. Some of our younger children had an exciting trip to Banham Zoo and some pupils got to take part in an Easter Egg Hunt at our local residential home - Hartismere Place! Year 5s got to do a fieldwork study up on the Airfield in Eye, looking at the wind turbines as part of their Geography learning! Alongside this, pupils took part in The Big Plastic Count, demonstrating our school's ongoing commitment to caring for our environment.

We were delighted to welcome back the Scholastic Book Fair this year, always a highlight for our enthusiastic readers. Music has echoed through the corridors too, as Rocksteady performed a fantastic concert to showcase the brilliant work pupils have been practising.

With the arrival of brighter weather, Forest School has resumed on its site after its winter rest, giving children the chance to reconnect with learning outdoors. Meanwhile, our dedicated Eco Council took their care for the environment into the community with a litter-pick at The Pennings.

We were thrilled to welcome back Mrs Watts, returning after her maternity leave, and we warmly wished Mr Varela every success as he moved on to a headship within our Trust. We thank him for all he has contributed during his time with us.

Open the Book collective worship has continued to be a treasured part of school life this term, and it was a joy to celebrate Easter in church together with many of you.

All in all, it has been a busy, joyful, and eventful term—rich with learning, community, and memorable moments. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Dates for your diary next term

See below some dates to note, more key dates will follow:

April

- Mon 13th First day of Summer 1 term
- Weds 15th Year 4 start swimming lessons
- Weds 15th Y5 Trip to Sizewell B
- Thurs 16th Y3 & Y4 School Farm and Country Fair
- Fri 17th Swimming Gala (only some pupils)
- Mon 27th Dental Checks in RR and Y1
- Tues 28th Whole School Disco Enrichment
- Weds 29th Class Photos

May

- Mon 4th Bank Holiday (no school)
- Mon - Thurs 11th - 14th Y6 SATs
- Fri 22nd May Last Day of Term

Springtime is the land awakening. The April winds are the morning's yawn.

Let's Celebrate!



Our pupils have flourished through some enriching experiences this term

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Baby Goes To Market

Nursery have been learning a little bit about African culture through our Storybook Curriculum. We have explored the beautiful and vibrant books of 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Baby Goes to Market', and have talked about the similarities and differences with our own lives. We had fun dressing up in traditional and colourful 'citenge', baked star shaped 'chin chin', a popular Nigerian snack, and even explored music using our African instruments.



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Year 3 Book Worms

To celebrate World Book Day, Year 3 had a fantastic time bringing books to life! We shared our book reviews, recreated some of our favourite book covers, and everyone dressed up as characters from their favourite stories. It was a fun and creative way to celebrate the joy of reading and the amazing worlds that books allow us to explore.



Year 2 Puppeteers

Year 2 have been fully immersed in all things Thumbelina after a wonderful trip to the Norwich Puppet Theatre just before the half term holiday. They have really enjoyed creating their own frog and dragonfly puppets this term and showed independence and perseverance when following the instructions to create their own fantastic puppets.

Cycling Champions

Year 6 have had a fantastic week completing the Bikeability Level 2 Course! They have practised their cycling skills in school before cycling around Eye to practise road safety in the local community. They have gained more confidence in their cycling and have shown great behaviour throughout these sessions.



Fieldwork

Year 5 had a very blustery fieldwork outing to Eye Airfield to observe the wind turbines. They looked at land use around their local area and sketched maps of the airfield. They also compared maps of Eye from over 113 years ago!



Oaks Outside

Reception have thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School sessions this half term. They have been learning the Forest School rules while exploring the site, embracing opportunities to dig, create in the mud kitchen, swing on the tyre swings and hammocks, and discover fascinating minibeasts. It truly is a wonderful environment for learning and adventure!



The Zoo

Year 1 had a thoroughly action packed and fun day at Banham Zoo where they got to see a variety of animals.

'Each of us shall use whatever gift we have received to serve others' Peter 4:10

Family-Friendly Easter Ideas for Norfolk & Suffolk

The Easter holidays are a brilliant chance to get outside, make memories together and enjoy the start of spring. Whether you're looking for a big day out, a gentle walk, animal adventures or somewhere lovely for an Easter lunch, here are some fun ideas for families across Suffolk (and a few Norfolk favourites too!).

Easter Events & Days Out in Suffolk 2026

Oasis Camel Park – near Halesworth

Opens early April 2026

A truly unique day out! Oasis Camel Park is the only camel park in the UK and is perfect for families who love animals. Children can meet camels, llamas, wallabies and more. There isn't a set Easter trail, but the park reopens for the season around Easter, making it a great holiday outing.

Pleasurewood Hills – Lowestoft

Reopens for the Easter holidays

If you're looking for excitement, Pleasurewood Hills is full of rides for all ages—from gentle family favourites to rollercoasters for thrill-seekers. They often add special holiday entertainment too.

Southwold Maize Maze

Easter Bunny Hunt – Early April

The Easter Bunny Hunt returns this year, with two giant mazes to explore. Younger children can also enjoy go-karts, zip lines, bouncing pillows and large outdoor play areas—perfect for burning off their Easter chocolate!

Beccles Lido

Opening around Easter (weather permitting)

A lovely outdoor heated pool by the river. Ideal for families who enjoy swimming in the sunshine and relaxing by the water.

The Food Museum – Stowmarket

Easter Food & Family Activities – April

Hands-on fun for children who love crafts, baking and trying new things. The museum runs interactive Easter-themed workshops, making it both fun and educational.

Kentwell Hall – Long Melford

Tudor Easter Weekend

Step back in time as Kentwell Hall's Tudor characters bring history to life. You can expect family trails, baby lambs, historic demonstrations and lots to explore in the gardens.

Jimmy's Farm & Wildlife Park – near Ipswich

A Capy Easter Trail – Late March to Mid-April

Families can follow a fun Easter trail, hunt for eggs and enjoy a reward at the end. You'll also see capybaras, meerkats, monkeys and farm animals, plus indoor and outdoor play zones.

More Ideas for Easter Days Out

Animal & Nature Parks

Great for families who love wildlife:

Africa Alive, Kessingland

Jimmy's Farm & Wildlife Park

Easton Farm Park

RSPB Minsmere, perfect for spotting spring birds

Adventure & Family Attractions

Pleasurewood Hills

Southwold Maize Maze

Easton Farm Park

Go Ape, Thetford Forest (just over the border)

Coastal Walks & Fresh-Air Adventures

Lovely places for picnics, beachcombing and spring walks:

Dunwich Heath & Beach

Southwold to Walberswick (take the foot ferry!)

Aldeburgh beach

Orford village & Orford Ness

Countryside Spots & Forest Fun

Rendlesham Forest (including the famous UFO Trail!)

Flatford & Dedham Vale (Constable Country)

Helmingham Hall Gardens

Framlingham Castle

Historic Houses & Castles

Ickworth Estate

Framlingham Castle

Orford Castle

Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich

Easter Sunday Lunch Ideas

If you'd like a relaxed family meal, these local favourites are perfect for an Easter roast (booking early is wise!):

The Unruly Pig, Bromeswell

The Swan at Lavenham

The Barn at Jimmy's Farm

The Crown at Southwold



Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Support

Suffolk's new Well Minds booklet is now available online and in libraries across Suffolk. The Well Minds booklet is packed with useful information, advice, helplines and services for adults and young people in Suffolk who may be struggling with their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

You can pick up a printed copy from your local Suffolk library or can scan the QR code to view.

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Family Fund

Helping disabled children

Family Fund Grants Family Fund Trust offer various grants to families of disabled children and young people to purchase things like family breaks, computers and tablets, sensory toys, games consoles, outdoor play, days out, games, books and music, specialist trikes / bikes, clubs, hobbies and activities.

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Special Educational Needs
and Disability Information,
Advice & Support Service

sendiass

Suffolk SENDIASS provides free, confidential, and impartial support to families of children with SEND, helping them understand their rights, navigate EHCPs, access resources, explore options, prepare for meetings and work effectively with schools and local services.

Phone: 01473 265210

Comets (ITFC Foundation)



Comets is an inclusive recreational football programme for disabled children (physical, learning or neurodiverse) aged 5 to 16, with the aim to improve sporting and social skills, as well as self-esteem and confidence.

The sessions provide a safe space for disabled children to play football, one that's all about playfulness, friendships and having fun

When & Where: Fridays, 4:15 pm- 5:00 pm

Location: Portman Road, Ipswich, IP1 2DA

Cost: £1 per session

Booking / Contact: lauren.revill@itfcfoundation.co.uk

A SEND Shout Out!

We would love to hear about any special moments you'd like to celebrate, whether your child with SEND has achieved something incredible or a staff member has gone above and beyond to support them. Please share your story via the QR code.

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"Every child has the right to thrive, learn, and be celebrated for who they are. Inclusion is not just a policy, it's the heart of everything we do."