



## Academy News

April 2026

We are already at the start of the Summer term! The Spring term seemed to pass in the blink of an eye, and I missed a newsletter so apologies for the delay.

The children have returned keen and ready to go, with new topics, texts and excitement as to what is coming up at school.

Years 3 and 5 have got a PE coach for this half term, with years 4 and 6 having the same after May half term. Year 4 have started learning to play a Ukulele—and this has been a highlight to start the term off, alongside swimming of course. Year 3 go swimming after May half term, so please be sure to get appropriate swimming kit together and return the permission forms.

We have welcomed some new families into school, and it is safe to say, if feels like they have always been here. More children are joining our youngest nursery class too—a lovely way to 'grow our own'.

I am so proud of the staff team—they are amazing. They give their very best, and I couldn't be happier with the quality and breadth of education your children are receiving. #sayingthankyou

Our value this half term is:



What does being courageous mean to you? As we look at the Bible stories that demonstrate courage, we can see that it can mean different things for different people. When children are younger, courage can be linked to learning skills or trying new things. As we age, it could be linked to travel, doing things we wouldn't normally or even taking a big first step into something, or even away from something. Those with medical conditions have to be courageous, regularly. Some of our young people show significant courage and resilience with their health.

Once a week  
Take a peek!



### What are we learning?

Nursery Bumblebees: Topic is Bugs , texts are Superworm and Spinderella

Nursery Butterflies: Topic is Amazing Animals, texts are Brown Bear, Lift the flap nature and The Gruffalo

Reception: Topic is Giants Galore, texts are Shhh! and The Giant Jam Sandwich

Year 1: Topic is Castles, texts are See Inside Castles and The Paper Bag Princess

Year 2: Topic is Happy & Healthy World, texts are Tidy and The Secret Explorers and the Rainforest Rangers

Year 3: Topic is Romans, text is My family and other Romans

Year 4: Topic is Tudors, text is Diver's Daughter

Year 5: Topic is South America, text is Journey to the River Sea

Year 6: Topic is Anglo Saxons, text is The Boy in the Tower

### What's going on?

School have had some bits of premises work carried out recently, and there are more still to come.

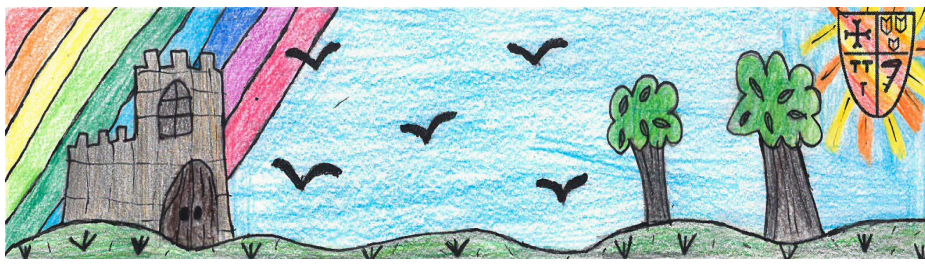
Wifi Upgrade: We are having a better system put in over the next couple of weeks, which will help with the connectivity, speed and general accessibility. This is the first one in about 10 years, so we're looking forward to that. The school have just spent a significant amount on new Chromebooks, iPads and staff devices, so this should help improve internet access and not waiting for half the lesson to log on.

Roof re-felting: The flat roof over Butterfly and Badger classes is going to be replaced, stopping further degrading of the existing covering. We currently have some leaks during heavy rain storms, so this should prevent that happening.

Toilet upgrade phase 1: The boys toilets on both sides of the buildings are going to have the urinals replaced with a toilet in a cubical. It is unclear currently if further work will be needed after that, with decoration and flooring.

Boilers: We have been having a significant number of issues with both our boilers. Thankfully, these only heat part of the school, but have needed daily resetting for some time and now have ceased to work. It is hoped that they can be replaced before next winter.

As ever, we always strive to keep disruption to a minimum within the school day.



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### Planning ahead:

Some children from Year 3 are looking to hold a small stall in early September, with home grown produce, plants, jams, pickles, and bakes. We know that this takes time to prepare and so we wanted to give you a 'heads up', that they will be looking for donations, to raise money towards the WWF.



### Dates for your diary:

- 14/04 School opens for Summer 1
- 14/04 Value of Courage
- 21/04 Yr 4 swimming week 2 of 6
- 23/04 Rev Dave leading Collective Worship
- 23/04 St George's Day lunch
- 24/04 Year 4 visit to Ancient House
- 28/04 Yr 4 swimming week 3 of 6
- 05/05 Yr 4 swimming week 4 of 6
- 08/05 Year 3 trip to Norwich Castle
- 11-14/05 Year 6 SATS
- 12/05 Yr 4 swimming week 5 of 6
- 14/05 Year 5/6 drama visit
- 15/05 School visit—Rec to Year 6
- 15/05 Nursery picnic
- 19/05 Yr 4 swimming week 6 of 6
- 19/05 Year 3 Collective Worship**
- 20/05 National Number Day
- 20/05 Year 6 Cricket trip
- 20/05 Year 5 Road to RIAT
- 21/05 Year 4 Collective Worship**
- 21/05 Harry Potter Lunch
- 22/05 School closes for half term holiday
- 01/06 School opens for Summer 2
- 01/06 Value of Hope
- 01/06 Vision Day—with RAISE
- 02/06 Yr 3 swimming week 1 of 6
- 04/06 Hoot with me visit to school
- 05/06 Year 2 visit to Banham Zoo
- 09/06 Yr 3 swimming week 2 of 6
- 16/06 Yr 3 swimming week 3 of 6
- 16/06 Year 7 Attleborough passport day
- 16/06 Year 1 Collective Worship**
- 18/06 Reception Collective Worship**
- 23/06 Year 5 Collective Worship**
- 23/06 Yr 3 swimming week 4 of 6
- 25/06 Year 2 Collective Worship**
- 25/06 Year 7 Attleborough Core day
- 30/06 Yr 3 swimming week 5 of 6
- 01/07 Bikeability Yr 5/6 pre booked only
- 02/07 Year 6 Collective Worship**
- 05/07 Watton Carnival—all welcome**
- 06/07 Sports Day (Rec-Yr 6)**
- 07/07 Yr 3 swimming week 6 of 6
- 07-09/07 Year 6 Wayland transition days
- 08/07 Transition at Carbrooke pm
- 08/07 School reports distributed
- 09/07 Transition at Carbrooke all day

### Teams points—competition level increase

As you know, children (and staff) within main school are allocated a team linked to a colour. The teams are named after famous authors. Each week children can earn team points from members of staff for positive acts, additional hard work, meeting our behaviour challenges, being courteous, polite and thoughtful, and everything in between. The team that wins the most number of weeks in a half term gets to have a dress down day the next week.

The staff love a bit of healthy competition and so do the children!

**Birthdays in April**

| Happy Birthday! | 7    | 11     | 4       | 6      | 7     | 6     | 8       | 11   | 11    | 7     | 5   | 11     | 2     | 10    | 9      | 6     | 5      | 9      | 10    | 3      | 9 |
|-----------------|------|--------|---------|--------|-------|-------|---------|------|-------|-------|-----|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---|
| Freya           | Ryan | Jethro | Cassius | Stenna | Lamin | Freya | Matthew | Lily | Heidi | Rosie | Ivy | Finley | Riley | Oscar | Maisie | Eddie | Amelia | Hayden | Ellis | Lizzie |   |

**Birthdays in March**

|         |       |       |           |       |       |      |     |      |      |        |      |       |        |       |      |         |        |         |        |        |       |      |        |       |       |
|---------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|------|-----|------|------|--------|------|-------|--------|-------|------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-------|------|--------|-------|-------|
| Emillie | Louie | Kelly | Brookilyn | Oilly | India | Tedi | Max | Mylo | Doli | Hettie | Nora | Ethan | Olivia | Molly | Rory | Jackson | Millie | Bethany | Esther | Millie | Filip | Erin | Aurora | Emily | Grace |
| 5       | 10    | 7     | 6         | 7     | 9     | 7    | 9   | 10   | 8    | 6      | 5    | 10    | 10     | 8     | 5    | 4       | 3      | 10      | 3      | 8      | 5     | 6    | 7      | 6     | 7     |

**Birthdays in February**

| Happy Birthday! | 9   | 6      | 9    | 8        | 8    | 6  | 4    | 10     | 9     | 10     | 9      | 9     | 9     | 4 |
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| Oliver          | Ava | Joshua | Theo | Isabelle | Effe | Ki | Kyle | Lillie | Paris | Lillie | Edward | Mylah | Sofia |   |

