

# Newsletter

April 2023



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I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. We have a busy term ahead, with outdoor trips, preparations for our Summer production of Alice in Wonderland and the start of our new termly topics.

As you are aware, Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education) inspected us in the last week of the Spring term. Thank you to parents and carers for taking the time to complete the online questionnaire. Our pupils spoke with confidence and pride about their school. We will share with you the outcome of the inspection once it has been published.

**Mr Matthew Cross**

Headteacher

## Science Week 2023



Miss Taylor helped to share a passion for science across the school. Children found out about chromatography, fingerprinting and magnetics in our [lunchtime science workshops](#) and we invited Dr. DNA for a special interactive assembly about inventors and types of forces.



## What a performance!

I had the privilege of seeing our amazing dance team perform at OVA with such confidence. Thank you to Mrs White and others for helping to inspire a love of dance.

## Sports Day 2023



We are busy making preparations for our annual sports event. We will be in touch with more detailed information nearer the time. Parents and carers are welcome to attend on the following sessions:

15th June 2023	Main Field
Years 1, 2 and 3	9.15 - 11.30am
Years 4, 5 and 6	12.30 - 2.45pm

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## Bird Boxes in the Country Park



South Norfolk County Council have been hanging up the bird boxes which our Year 3 pupils helped to build as part of their DT project last term. You may spot some of the new boxes in the local country park!

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## Reminder: School Shoes

A reminder that plain dark coloured shoes should be worn by all pupils as part of their uniform. Please avoid shoes with any 'light-up' function.



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## Well done to our pupils!



Our pupils have been on many trips this year, including Duxford Air Museum, Norwich Castle and Great Yarmouth. Here's some lovely feedback we received from a recent school trip:

"Just thought I would drop you a line to say how wonderful your students were, visiting us over the last two days for our Ancient Egypt event."

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## Become a Sea Beaver or Cub!



The 16th Norwich Sea Scouts has places available in the Beavers (age 6-8 years) and Cubs (age 8-10 years) sections

Groups meet in the Scout Hut on The Street, Old Costessey  
Beavers: Wednesday 6-7.15pm  
Cubs: Tuesday 6-7.30pm

Amongst many other things, Beavers and Cubs get to:  
Learn new skills (from knotting & archery to baking & sewing)  
Go on camps and adventures  
Spend time on the water, canoeing and rafting  
Have fun and make new friends

If you think your child would be interested in joining the pack, please email Chris: [chrisjs27@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisjs27@hotmail.com)

Please note both boys and girls can join the Scouts!!

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## Reminder: School Snack



If your child is in Years 3 - 6, please provide them with a healthy snack. This could be fruit, yoghurt or cheese. Free snacks are only available for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

## Upcoming Dates

17th April	INSET: School closed to pupils	All years
18th April	First day back	All years
18th - 27th April	Nursery and Reception Parent Meetings	Nursery + Reception
25th April	West Stow Trip	Year 4
27th April	Proposed strike action - more information to follow	
27th April	Library Bus	All years
28th April - 2.30pm	Year 4 Show + Share Assembly	Year Group Adults
1st May	Early May bank holiday - School closed	
2nd May	Proposed strike action - more information to follow	
5th May - 2.30pm	Year 3 Show + Share Assembly	Year Group Adults
8th May	Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III - School closed	
9th - 12th May	Year 6 SATS Week	Year 6
15th May	Tempest Class Photos	All years
18th May	Thorpe Park Trip	Year 6
24th May - 26th May	Whitwell Residential	Year 4
25th May	Library Bus	All years
<b>Half-term</b> 29th May - 2nd June 2023		
5th June - 7th June	Eaton Vale Residential	Year 5
15th June	KS1 and 2 Sports Day	Years 1 - 6
16th June	Big Toddle (Reception activity event)	Reception
23rd June	Whitlingham Activity Day - more information to follow	Year 3
29th June	Gressenhall Trip - more information to follow	Reception
30th June	Cromer Seaside Trip - more information to follow	Year 2
29 and 30 June - 4.30pm	KS2 Production: Alice in Wonderland	

## Term Dates: 2023-2024

These dates are now available on our [school website](#).