



NEWSLETTER

Dates for Your

DIARY



Monday 17th April

First day back at school

Monday 1st / Monday 8th May

Bank holidays

Tuesday 9th —Friday 12th May

KS2 SATs week for Year 6 pupils

Friday 26th May

Last day of school

Monday 5th June

First day back at school

w/b Monday 12th June

Y1 Phonics screening week

Friday 30th June

PD day—school closed to pupils

Friday 21st July

Last day of school

A message from the

PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is the end of another busy term. We saw the return of school trips, started by a Year 2 visit to Hunstanton. Year 3 have visited Colchester Castle and Year 5 visited Jimmy's Farm. The children were all fantastically behaved and full of great stories from their trips.

Over the Easter holidays we are having our canopies installed which were purchased by the PTA. Hopefully we'll have a sunny summer to benefit from their shade!

This month we had great fun on Red Nose Day, dressing in red. We raised an amazing £297.21 for Comic Relief.

Our PTA organised a superb Spring Ball last week. The school was beautifully decorated in spring colours. The children had great fun, dancing,

eating and purchasing glow sticks. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to support with this event. All of the money raised goes towards things for the children.

Yesterday Year 4 organised a Pyjama day to raise money for their Wilder Schools project they are working on with Lackford Lakes. You can read about that project on Page 4.

Nursery had a fun Stay and Play with an Easter theme this week—thank you to all the family members who attended.

This term we have welcomed Mrs Smith and Miss Bon to our teaching assistant team.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Naomi Brown
Principal





Safeguarding

What do I need to know about sharing things online?

Recently there has been a few issues around children sharing things online that they should not be. Whatever is chosen to be shared, and whoever it is shared with, it is important that it is done safely and positively.

Personal information is all of those details about your life which should be kept private. They are details which could give away information about who you are or which could put you at risk if shared with a stranger.

Here are some examples:

Full name

Address

Telephone number

Birthday

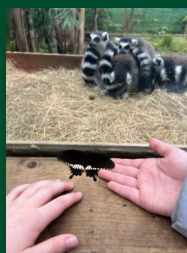
School passwords

Sharing pictures online can inadvertently share personal information that you will want to keep private. For example your child takes a selfie with their friends after school or a photo of a pet dog.

We often tell the children that once something is shared online, it can be difficult to take it back. The post that is shared may be able to be removed, but you cannot stop other people from copying or screenshotting it and sending it on to more people.

A great resource to check out is this video from [BBC Own It](#). See how the things you share online could end up being seen by more people than you were expecting.

Trip photos



Y5 trip to Jimmy's Farm



Y2 trip to Hunstanton



Y3 trip to Colchester Castle

Attendance

Below you will see our current attendance from September until yesterday. Well done to Year 5 for being over 95%. We have 5 classes who are at 96%. Well done to Blueberry, Hercules, Lightning, Tornado and Meteor classes for achieving this.

Whole School 94.3%

Reception 92.4%

Year 1 93.2%

Year 2 93.9%

Year 3 95.2%

Year 4 94.8%

Year 5 95.6%

Year 6 93.3%

We are experiencing a number of parents requesting time off for children in term time. This must always be requested in advance via the school office. Term time absence is rarely authorised and should be avoided as it can incur a fine.

Lates

Our late arrivals to school is currently at 0.9%. Please remember that the learning starts at 8.55am and children need to be in class at this point.



Quick reminders

Car park

We have had some concerns raised over parents directing traffic on Girton Close. Please can we all be mindful of each other and allow each driver to make their own decision. Hopefully as the weather improves more people will be able to park off site and walk across to school.

Uniform

Thank you to those who are wearing the correct uniform. We have quite a few children who do not wear ties—ties are part of the uniform for children from Y1—Y6. Please ensure your child wears their tie.

Trips

It is fantastic to have the return of school trips. Please check School Money to make payments. You can request a barcode from the school office if you wish to pay cash at a paypoint machine. Please check each letter carefully for things children need as well as the departure and return time.

Parent Governor Vacancy

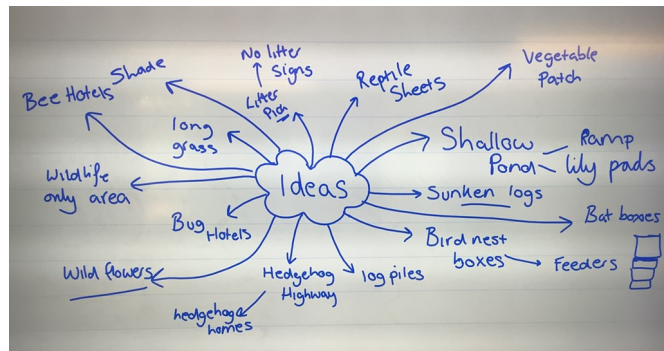
We still have vacancies for Parent Governors. This is a fantastic opportunity to really be involved in making the school even better. If you would like to find out more please pop into the office for an informal chat and application pack. You don't need a background in education—you just need to care about our school and want to make a difference for our pupils.

Wilder Schools

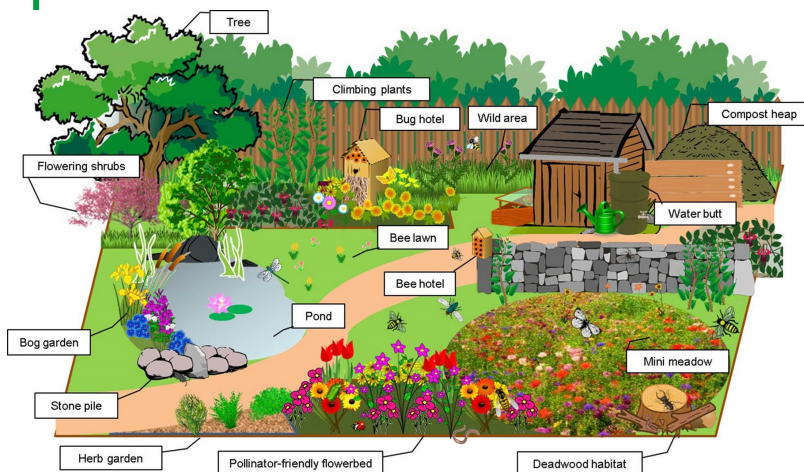
Suffolk Wilder Schools project aims to empower children of all ages to take action for nature and help their local wildlife through enhancing the biodiversity of their school grounds.

By involving students in simple actions and by demonstrating how together they make a big difference, the children start to realise that their actions count and begin to feel empowered to tackle future challenges. Natural spaces themselves are also a valuable resource for delivering many engaging, curriculum linked activities too - maths, literacy, DT, science and the humanities and many more can all be delivered outside. Research has shown there are huge benefits outdoor learning can have on students; from improved performance in tests to a boost in their social skills. Not only that, it allows children to form a deeper connection with nature, and lead healthier, more active lifestyles.

Year 4 have been working on a design to develop the area near the gates by the netball courts. We will be having a community day in July to actually start creating the outdoor learning area.



A mind map of the ideas generated by Year 4.



An idea of what the design might look like.

Our fundraising day yesterday raised over £500, which is an amazing amount and will allow us to purchase lots of resources to bring the design to life.



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