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Newsletter
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Upcoming Sats

Years 2 and 6 have been preparing themselves for their upcoming tests, learning about the importance of rest, healthy eating and maintaining a positive mindset.

We know they will all do their very best, and Year 6 will no doubt benefit from the delicious breakfasts being provided by the school kitchen from Monday to Thursday next week!

Good Luck to all of you!

Exciting News!

We are delighted to share the news that Miss Newcombe is expecting another baby, due in September.
We're sure you will join us in extending your congratulations and best wishes to her on this wonderful news!

WOWs

Gunnar (Reception) Gunnar worked very hard at the weekend to make natural Bird feeders for our local birds with bird seed lard and pinecones that he collected especially to turn into bird feeders. The birds are already really enjoying the nice food.
Eva (Reception) Well done Eva for completing 3 dances in the costessy fate and passing your modern dance exam.
Mia (Year 1) Mia has achieved completing her level 2 in swimming and now going up to level 3.
Harry (Year 2) Harry has gone up to stage 2 in his swimming lessons, Harry started his swimming lessons about 8 weeks ago!
Jude (Year 2) Jude achieved his Stage 3 swimming certificate and is excited to progress into Stage 4.
Isabella (Year 2) Isabella passed her primary modern dance exam.
Leon, Avery, Sonny & Hugo (Year 3) Leon, Avery, Sonny and Hugo's football team- Dereham Town U8 Magpies team won the Norfolk Plate Cup for the U8 age group at the FDC, Bowthorpe at the weekend. Well done boys!
Pria (Year 6) Pria took part in another dance competition with her dance school last weekend. They were awarded with a 1st place, 2nd place and overall highest score in groups!
Rosie (Year 6) After only 4 sessions in stage 6, Rosie in year 6 has been moved up to stage 7 in swimming.

Please remember to continue to send in your WOW moments for achievements out of school

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Shining Lights of the Week - 1st May

Ark Class (Nursey) Tyler for always trying his best at everything he sets out to achieve. He is always kind and polite to others and we are proud of his growing confidence to share his brilliant ideas to the rest of the class.

Arctic Class (Yr R) Olivia for giving her all in Literacy. She showed great resilience to complete her work independently this week, politely declining adult support to power through. Well done!

Antarctica Class (Yr R) Woody has shown great resilience in all that he does this week. He has tried his very best in all of his learning but particularly in his phonics, reading and writing.

Oceania Class (Yr 1) Grace P for working really hard with her phonics. She has been busy learning lots of sounds both at school and at home!

Africa Class (Yr 2) Esther for showing kindness towards others and for consistently engaging in her learning with enthusiasm and positivity.

Europe Class (Yr 3) Charlotte for the commitment she shows to her quality of work. She has grown in confidence throughout the year and is reaping the rewards of this. Her care and attention to beautiful presentation is always wonderful to see.

S America Class (Yr 4) Dylan for always showing incredible kindness and thoughtfulness. He is a genuinely helpful young man who consistently considers the needs of others. Dylan is a true asset to our class.

Asia Class (Yr 5) Oscar is our shining light, admired for his continued enthusiasm and resilience in crafting exceptional sentences with thoughtful vocabulary choices.

N America Class (Yr 6) Aaliyah for all the hard work she has put in to her maths all year and see is really seeing the results of this now…the first 40/40 of many!

Shining Lights of this Week

Ark Class (Nursey)Twiggy for always trying her best at Nursery and being a kind friend to all in the class. She always makes us and her friends smile, and it is a joy to have Twiggy as a part of our class community.

Arctic Class (Yr R) Felix for excellent mathematical knowledge. He has excelled at this week's theme of sharing, correctly identifying that 9 apples shared amongst 3 is 3 apples each.

Antarctica Class (Yr R) Myla for showing great resilience and always trying her best. She has been honest, created some lovely written sentences and been a fantastic listener all week.

Oceania Class (Yr 1) Grace S for her fantastic attitude and resilience to some big changes. She has not let her broken arm faze her, learning to use her left hand and even having brilliant handwriting!

Africa Class (Yr 2) Leo for settling into Africa Class so well. He has shown a positive attitude and great enthusiasm towards his learning.

Europe Class (Yr 3) Reggie for the commitment he has shown to arriving at school consistently and put in good effort levels to all subjects. He has grown in confidence when engaging in class discussion. His resilience to keep going, even when things get tough is great to see!

S America Class (Yr 4) All of Year 4 for behaving and listening beautifully on our school trip. They represented our school wonderfully with their manners and appreciation to the staff at Harris and James Chocolate factory.

Asia Class (Yr 5) Martha for her positive attitude and diligence in Maths. She has worked hard to record her methods in a clear, systematic way and presents her work neatly and with care

N America Class (Yr 6) Rosie for all the hard work she has put in to all that she does in school. She sets herself high standards and is always keen to help others.

This week's overall attendance 93.39% - Asia Class (Yr 5) 97.18%

After School Club Reminder

We would like to remind all families to collect their children promptly at the end of their booked after school club session. Recently, we have noticed an increase in late collections.
To ensure the smooth running of the club and appropriate staffing levels, it is important that children are collected at the time you have booked.
If you require a later collection time, please ensure you book the appropriate session in advance. This helps us maintain correct staff ratios and provide the best care for all children.

**Please note that the school car park is strictly for staff and authorised vehicles only.
Parents and carers must not use the car park at any time, including for drop-off or collection related to Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club.
This is essential to maintain a safe environment for all pupils, visitors and staff. Thank you.**

Contact Details

Please ensure that all contact details we hold for you are up to date.
If you have a work telephone number, we would also appreciate you providing this.
You can update or add contact information at any time via your parent portal on Arbor, or contact the School Office.

Diary Dates

May
11th- 14th – KS2 National Curriculum Tests (Year 6 SATs)
18th- 22nd - KS1 Year 2 SATs
22nd - FOSS Donut Sale
22nd- Last day of term

Half Term- 25th May – 1st June

June
1st – Inset Day - School Closed
2nd - Children return to school
5th - Rescheduled FOSS Quiz and Chips Night
13th - FOSS Yard Sale
17th & 19th - FOSS Fathers Day Shops
22nd - Yr R, KS1 & KS2 Sports Day (Morning- STC Weather Dependant)*
22nd- Nursery Sports Day (Afternoon- STC Weather Dependant)*
24th & 25th - Norfolk Show 2026*
29th - 1st July - Year 6 Residential to Overstrand

July
2nd - Year 2 Trip to Banham Zoo*
17th - Break up for summer – School finishes at 12pm

*New Addition