



Dear All,

19th May 2023

Thank you to the Friends for all their efforts over the last few weeks organising the Bake Off. Each class has now had their turn and the baking and effort from everybody has been amazing! Well done to everyone who has taken part - we have some very talented and creative bakers in our school! We are all looking forward to the grand final next week where our winners will go head to head!

Please can we remind all parents and carers to be careful when driving outside of school during pick up and drop off times. We have many families and children walking on the road outside school. Please reduce your speed and be vigilant at all times.

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare - This week we have been learning about various life cycles, the children have enjoyed making some props to support their role play, butterfly wings and frog masks. We have also been learning some new songs, 'there's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf' and '5 little speckled frogs'.

Blackbirds - In Blackbirds Class, we have continued our learning about owls. We found out that owls swallow their prey whole and have to cough up pellets with all the bits they can't digest. On Monday we had a go at opening up some owl pellets to see what was inside - we found all sorts of bones and fur in there from the voles, mice and shrews that they had been eating. Mrs Forton lent us some beautiful taxidermied owls that we have been busy drawing this week. Everyone worked very hard at looking carefully and adding details to their pictures. We have also started writing our own stories inspired by 'Owl Babies'. They are not finished yet, but they look set to be very good!

Wagtails - This week in Wagtails we have been looking at the first two stops on Phileas Fogg's trip around the world with Paris and Brindisi. The children have plotted out the route from London to Brindisi via Paris. We spent time looking at amazing facts about the two cities and focussed on landmarks that we would see. The children had a go at sketching some of them. We'll use this information for our diary writing next week.

Skylarks -. Another busy week for Skylarks, continuing our geography topic work with a focus on animal habitats this week. We've also been choosing fabulous places around Norfolk to navigate between and practicing giving clear and concise directions and map-reading skills. Computing this week has involved getting to grips with programming 'Crumble Controllers' - blending our previous experience with making electrical circuits with a 'scratch-like' programming tool to achieve an impressive array of lighting effects! In maths we're now working on measuring and classifying types of angle. Next week, year 6 will move onto looking at angles in different shapes and Year 5 will look more at measuring, drawing and investigating angles.



Forest School News

This week we had a fab day with Y5 making a night line around the wood to guide each other along with blindfolds. We used our new knot called the 'full turn and two half hitches' to make slack lines. We made a new swing too for acrobatics. The children loved having parents and carers to join them in the wood too. We showed them our 'sheet bend knot' and showed them around where we play!

Y2 loved the new swing, taking turns to get up on to it. They were really keen to get in with the night line and had fun guiding our friends along it. We had some tasty hot Nettle tea and planned our next session. After lunch we had some brilliant free adventure playing across the wood, talking, running, shouting and strategizing!





NEWSLETTER



Gardening Club

The weather is finally allowing us to get growing in the garden! If you have any seedling plants that you could spare Gardening Club would be extremely grateful.



Wellbeing

Flourishing Families is a useful tool 'designed for families who might want a little extra help meeting their child's needs. We know that parenting can sometimes feel overwhelming but we all share the common goal to give children the best start in life.

'There are all sorts of things that you can get help with, whether it's healthy eating, fun activities or financial support, and this tool was developed to help you work out what you're already doing well and help you find support when and if you need it.'

For more information go to the [Just One Norfolk website](#) and search Flourishing Families. This will take you to an online questionnaire which only takes 5 minutes to fill out, along the way they provide you with useful information, tips and links to further support as well as more in depth advice and guidance once the questionnaire is completed. It is anonymous and there is no obligation to act upon any of the advice or guidance given.





Online Safety Tips for Parents

Talking to Children About Internet Safety: Tips for Parents - Taken from
www.clicksafe.online

As a parent, teaching your children how to use the internet safely and responsibly is important. Here are some tips for having productive conversations about internet safety with your kids:

1. **Start early.** It's never too early to start talking to kids about internet safety. As soon as your child starts using the internet, ensure they understand basic online safety rules, such as not sharing personal information or talking to strangers online.
2. **Make it age-appropriate.** The internet safety topics you discuss with your child should be based on their age and maturity level. For younger children, this may include discussing the importance of not sharing personal information or talking to strangers online. For older children, you may want to discuss issues like cyberbullying, online privacy, and the risks of sharing too much information online.
3. **Set expectations and boundaries.** Ensure your child knows what's expected of them regarding their online behaviour. This may include setting limits on screen time, establishing rules for social media use, and discussing the types of websites and apps that are off-limits.
4. **Encourage open communication.** Make sure your child knows they can come to you with any questions or concerns about the internet. Encourage them to be open and honest with you about their online activities and any challenges they may face.
5. **Educate yourself.** Stay up-to-date on the latest internet safety issues and trends so you can have informed conversations with your child. Some resources for learning about internet safety include:
 - The website of the National Cyber Security Alliance (<https://staysafeonline.org/>)
 - The website of the Federal Trade Commission (<https://www.ftc.gov/topics/kids-online-safety>)
 - The website of the Internet Safety Technical Task Force (<https://www.internetsafety.tech/>)

Following these tips can help ensure that your child has a safe and enjoyable online experience. Remember, the most important thing is to stay involved and be aware of what your child is doing on the internet.



DIARY DATES

Monday 22nd - KS1 SATS WEEK

Tuesday 23rd - Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 24th - Bake off final. Year 6 going to Northreps for forest school

Thursday 25th - Baking Club Year 3/4 Forest School

Friday 26th - Messy Church. No PE for Blackbirds - Last day of term

Monday 5th June - How Hill Residential trip

Tuesday 6th June - How Hill Residential trip Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 7th June - How Hill Residential trip Year 5 Forest School Wagtails PE

Thursday 8th June - Baking club Year 2 Forest School Year 6 Surfing

Friday 9th June - Wagtails Swimming Blackbirds PE

Saturday 10th June - Aylsham Cluster Trust Family Learning Day at Aylsham High School

Monday 12th June - Year 6 to meet Friendly Faces from Aylsham High

Tuesday 13th June - Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 14th June - Family Learning Afternoon Year 6 Forest School

Thursday 15th June - Baking club Year 3/4 Forest School Year 6 Surfing

Friday 16th June - Blackbirds PE

Monday 19th June -

Tuesday 20th June - Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 21st June - Year 5 Forest School Wagtails PE

Thursday 22nd June - Baking club Year 2 Forest School Year 6 Surfing

Friday 23rd June - Blackbirds PE Wagtails swimming

Monday 26th June -

Tuesday 27th June Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 28th June - Year 6 Forest School

Thursday 29th June - Baking club Year 3/4 Forest School Year 6 Surfing Transition morning

Friday 30th June - Blackbirds PE Transition morning

Saturday 1st July - Erpingham Village Fete

Monday 3rd July -

Tuesday 4th July - Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 5th July - Year 5 Forest School Wagtails PE

Thursday 6th July - Baking club Year 2 Forest School Year 6 Surfing

Friday 7th July - Blackbirds PE & Wagtails Swimming

Monday 10th July -

Tuesday 11th July - Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 12th July - Year 6 Forest School

Thursday 13th July - Baking club Year 3/4 Forest School Year 6 Surfing

Friday 14th July - Blackbirds PE

Sport's Day - 11th July / Skylarks Performance at the Village Hall - 20th July / Leaver's

Service/Messy Church - 21st July