



Dear All,

26th May 2023

What a busy half term we have had! I hope you all have a well deserved rest and enjoyable half term break with some sunshine. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to an exciting and fun filled last half of the summer term.

Well done to all the children and thank you for all support and help so far this year.

Have a lovely week

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare - We have been looking closely at mini beasts this week, noticing the colours and patterns. Using plasticine to make our very own mini beasts, developing an understanding of two and three-dimensional form, supporting physical development which will help the children with writing, problem solving skills, creative expression and for communication as they talk about what they are doing and what they have noticed.

Have a great week off and we look forward to seeing you all again as of the week beginning the 15th June.

Blackbirds - This week in Blackbirds, we have enjoyed having Little Brown Hare over for the afternoon to make bird feeders with us. We have also been working very hard finishing off writing zigzag books inspired by the story of Owl Babies. In maths this week, we have enjoyed learning all about direction and turns. The maths lessons have been very active, with jumping, the Hokey Cokey, human robots, games on the field and large 'Twister' style games on the playground and computer coding. All the children are doing really well with remembering which is left and which is right.

Wagtails - This week in Wagtails, we have been working hard on our diary writing. The children have really impressed me with how well they have captured the 'chatty/informal' style of diary writing. Everyone managed to squeeze in all of the amazing facts they have discovered about Brindisi and Paris as well as using 1st person pronouns, past tense and lots of emotive language. Year 2s have also completed their KS1 SATs papers this week and they all worked incredibly hard on them! Well done!

Skylarks - Skylarks have been working hard this week writing, editing and improving Travel Guides to Norfolk - it's an exciting place! They've focussed on assimilating information and re-writing in their own words and have enjoyed working in our wonderful outdoor spaces. We've also been looking at angles in maths and have combined them with art and the work of Kandinsky to practice drawing acute, obtuse and reflex angles. Our Year 6s also had a really useful morning with Mrs Goodings, discussing their questions, concerns and excitement about high school and the future.

We're all super excited for our How Hill trip on Monday after half term, let's hope this lovely weather lasts!



Forest School News

What a mega memory-making day we had on Wednesday with Year 6 in Northrepps wood. We cooked and ate our fav of noodles in the morning. We pond dipped and found that the tadpoles had grown a lot. We ended up getting fully in the river, fishing, sloshing and getting very muddy. We made a muddy slope to slide into the river! What a day!

Year 3/4 had a visitor dog called Tiggy. We all had turns to practice our timber hitch skills to put up the hammocks. We had loads of fun playing together in these.

There was also lots of climbing and acrobatics on the new rope bar! Great work guys, let's keep knotting, trying new things and helping each other!





Wellbeing

Regularly getting a good night's sleep is crucial to ensuring we enjoy good mental health. Over the holidays this can feel more of a challenge and it can be tempting to let our usual sleep routine slip a bit. It is well worth trying to maintain our usual pattern of sleep so we get to enjoy our school free days as much as possible. Wagtails and Oak have recently done some work in PSHE around healthy sleep routines, these included; turning of screens at least half an hour before bed, having some quiet time to play or do gentle exercise, have a bath or shower, avoid sugary foods or drinks and read before going to sleep. Here are some quotes from the children around why they feel sleep is important 'In the morning you will feel refreshed' 'It helps you have energy' 'Your mind recharges' 'You feel happy'. Year 6's will especially benefit from this ahead of their residential trip to How Hill!

Bake Off!

Well Done Honor! The Grand Final Bake Off Winner!
What a great effort from everyone and thank you all for taking part - it has been brilliant.





DIARY DATES

Monday 5th June - **How Hill Residential trip**

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

Wednesday 7th June - **How Hill Residential trip** **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 - **Class photos**

Tuesday 27th June Blackbirds Forest School

Wednesday 28th June - **Year 6 Forest School**

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

Friday 30th June - Blackbirds PE **Transition morning**

Saturday 1st July - Erpingham Village Fete

Monday 3rd July - **Blackbirds trip to Pensthorpe**

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 **Year 6 bowling trip**

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

Service/Messy Church - 21st July