



Friday 12th May

Dear All,

I must say a huge well done to our Year 6s this week for their amazing attitude towards their tests. They approached them with quiet determination, they remained calm and did a fantastic job. Well done to you all - you are brilliant and we couldn't be prouder!

We have had a very mixed week of weather at school this week! Please make sure your child still has clothing for bad weather in school including - wellies and raincoats. It is also a good idea for children to have a spare set of uniform on their pegs for those wet or muddy occasions!

Best Wishes

Mrs E Sacre – Executive Headteacher

### This week in class...

**Preschool** - Preschool have had another busy week. We have been talking about the life cycle of the butterfly and learnt new words such as moult and metamorphism. The tough-spot challenge in the garden this week has been to recognise numerals and count out the corresponding amount. Popular stories have been Hippo's Hat , Dirty Birty and Cave Baby. We would also like to thank Mrs Galasky for coming to play with us and hope she enjoyed her time at our hairdressing salon.

**Acorn** - This week Acorn class have been learning all about the continent of Africa. In particular, we have focused on the West African country of Ghana. Some children have written a mini-report on the country and all children have had a go at making Kente cloth. Some chose to weave paper strips then add a geometric pattern and others chose to stick coloured strips onto a background to make the Ghanaian fabric. All the designs look amazing! In maths we have finished our multiplication and division topic with an investigation into which numbers can be shared into 3 equal groups.

**Oak** -Oak Class have been revising key skills in addition and subtraction, recalling number facts and revisiting the column method. In Topic, we have started to explore a variety of maps, beginning with aerial maps and sketch maps. We have been using the things we have learnt in order to create our own local area maps, including the important features of a title, a key and symbols. We then gave each other feedback and have been improving our second drafts. In French, we have begun to learn the vocabulary of: Ma Famille, talking about the number of brothers and sisters we have. In our writing, we have been practising how to use a range of punctuation and think of interesting adjectives to describe our characters and settings.

**Birch**- Birch Class have been doing their SATS papers this week every morning, whilst the Year 5s have had some time with Mrs Allen focussing on their key skills and reading. The children were especially proud to show their newspaper reports following the story of the death of Medusa in assembly this week and the whole school was wowed by their use of language and expression in their writing. Well done Birch! It has not been an easy week with SATs and you have done so well.





## Forest School

Last week we had a brilliant morning learning our knots, we practised the sheet bend knot then put it to the ultimate test to see if our knots could hold our weight, both a test of our trust and our knot skills! We later discussed the storm heavy clouds coming over and decided to leave the wood but a bit too late and we got caught in the rain! When we got back we had a big reflection about rain and how that had made us feel rushing out the wood and what we could do to make it better next time. Great job Oak class!



## Norfolk Children's Book Centre Visit

Thank you so much to the Norfolk Children's Book Centre for coming to visit us this week. The children loved being read to and looking through all the books and we hope you got to have a browse at the end of the day!





## Nature Club News

This week in Nature Club the children got busy weeding our raised beds which have really come to life thanks to the recent warmer weather. We all worked together to build a bamboo cane structure for our peas to climb and planted sweet corn along the new fence. You may notice some lovely bird posters dotted around the playground which will help us identify some of the wonderful visitors to our feeders.



## Wellbeing

The Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families is a very informative website. Their mission is to close the gap in wellbeing and mental health by sharing the best science and practice with everyone.

They have a parent and carers section as well as a section for young people. There is a wealth of information to look through including self care ideas and a 24 hour parent helpline. It's well worth a look!

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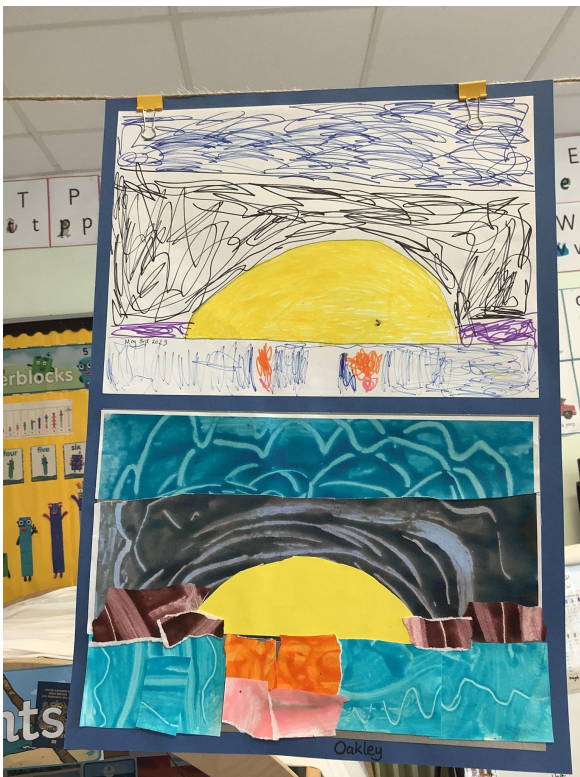
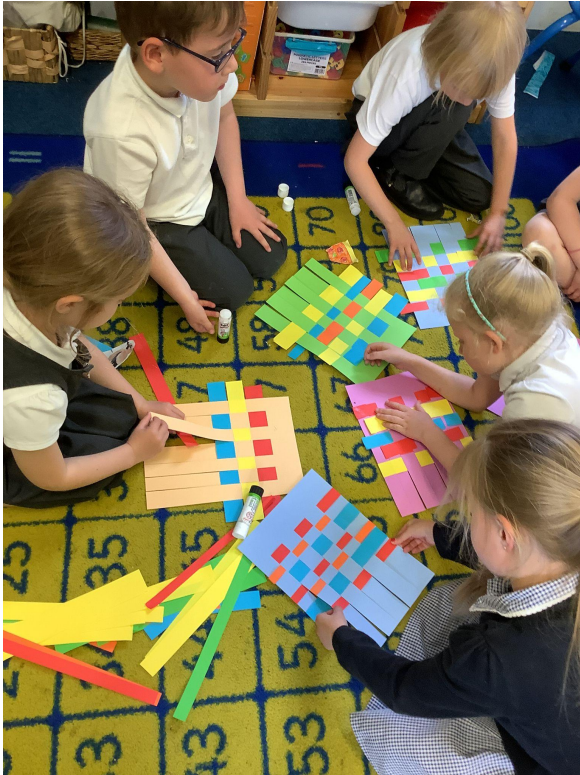


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# NEWSLETTER







## DIARY DATES

Monday 15th May - Birch Swimming

Tuesday 16th May - **Acorn Gymnastics Nature Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 17th May - Special assembly visitor

Thursday 18th May - **Baking Club**

Friday 19th May - Oak Forest School

Monday 22nd May - Birch Swimming

Tuesday 23rd May - **Oak Gymnastics**, Acorn Forest School, **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 24th May - **Family Learning Afternoon**

Thursday 25th May - **Baking Club**

Friday 26th May - **Last day of term** Yr 3 Music with Mr Weitz , Birch Forest School

Monday 5th June- **First day back**, Birch How Hill Residential

Tuesday 6th June- **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 7th June-

Thursday 8th June- Yr 6 Surfing

Friday 9th June-

Monday 12th June- Birch Swimming

Tuesday 13th June- **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 14th June-**Tempest Class Photos**

Thursday 15th June-

Friday 16th June-

Monday 19th June- Birch Swimming

Tuesday 20th June- **Nature Club 3:15-4:15**

Wednesday 21st June- **Oak Class Broads Museum Trip** (School uniform and packed lunch)

Thursday 22nd June-

Friday 23rd June-

Monday 26th June-

Tuesday 27th June-

Wednesday 28th June- Cromer Academy Induction Day Yr 6 (Wed to Fri)

Thursday 29th June-

Friday 30th June

