



Happisburgh Church of England Primary Academy

Newsletter

Learning for Life ...to be the best you can be
"Let your Light shine" *Matthew 5:16*

13 September 2024

KEY DATES

Wednesday 24 September, Cromer High School Open Evening, 6.30-8.30pm

Thursday 26 September, North Walsham High School Open Evening, 5.30 - 8.30pm

Thursday 26 September, Broadland Academy Open Evening, 6-8pm

Friday 27 September, 9 –10.30 Celebration Worship, Family Learning and Macmillan Coffee Morning

Tuesday 1 October, Deadline for returning consent forms for Norwich Cathedral trip

Tuesday 1 October, Horse Chestnut Family Learning, 1.30pm

Wednesday 2 October, Oak and Horse Chestnut Parent drop-ins, 2.45-3.15pm

Wednesday 2 October, Stalham High School Open Evening, time TBC

Thursday 3 October, Maple Parent drop-ins, 2.45-3.15pm

Tuesday 8 October, Oak and Horse Chestnut to Norwich Cathedral

Wednesday 9 October, Wonderwalk Beach School, Maple and Horse Chestnut

Thursday 10 October, Yr 4/5/6 Dodgeball tournament

Wednesday 16 October, Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, 9.15am

Thursday 17 October, Yr 4/5/6 Football tournament

Wednesday 22 October, Horse Chestnut to Gressenhall

Wednesday 23 October, Tempest Photography- individual and siblings, 1.15pm

Friday 25 October, School closed, INSET day

Monday 28 October—Friday 1 November, Half term

Monday 4 November, Return to school

Tuesday 5 November –Tuesday 17 December, Horse Chestnut swimming

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year! It has been so lovely to see all the children back, settled to their learning and making good progress already! There are always lots of transitions to navigate in September but we have been so impressed with the way that the children have managed these.

In school for the last two weeks we have had a big focus on our expectations, in class, for learning and for playtimes. The children have really risen to these expectations and we are looking forward to a great year ahead.

In the newsletter you will find lots of dates of events over the coming term, please remember to add these to your diary and we will share further details as we move through the term.

Mrs Laura Watts
Executive Headteacher
Lighthouse Foundation

Class Attendance

4 - 6 September 2024

Maple 95.8%

Horse Chestnut 85.1%

Oak 88.8%

Star Pupil Awards

Star Pupil awards have been given to Ella-Mae, Noah and Jack P.

Well done to you all!



Celebration Assembly, Family Learning and Macmillan Coffee morning, Friday 27 September.

On Friday 27 September Celebration Worship will be in the morning, 9–9.30am. Parents and Carers are then invited to attend a Family Learning session in their child's classroom from 9.30–10am. This will then be followed by a Macmillan Coffee morning in the Hall. All Parents and Carers are warmly invited to join us for the morning.

Celebration Worship

Celebration Worship will begin every Friday at 2.50pm from today. All Parents and Carers are invited to join us for these, we will message in advance if we do have to cancel for any reason. If your child has been chosen by their Class Teacher to receive an award in Celebration Worship, we will send a text message to inform you. On Friday September 27 September Celebration Worship will be at the earlier time of 9am.

Trips

Horse Chestnut and Oak class will be visiting Norwich Cathedral on Tuesday 8 October. Your child will bring a copy of the letter and Consent form home today.

Horse Chestnut will visit Gressenhall on Tuesday 22 October (More details to follow)

Year 6 will attend Crucial Crew on Friday 24 October (More details to follow)

Transfer to Secondary School 2024/25

Applications can be made online **from 11 September 2024**.

The **closing date** for applications is **31 October 2024**. (Please see key dates for High School Open Evenings)

Admission to Reception Class 2025/26

Applications can be made online **from 23 September 2024**.

The **closing date** for on time applications is **15 January 2025**.

Top tips on how to keep your child healthy at school

For many, the start of the school term will mean mixing with different groups of people, which is why the autumn term is also known for its colds and bugs.

While it's usually safe for parents and carers to [send their children to school with mild illnesses](#), like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat, there are steps you can take to ensure your child is better protected against illnesses, so they don't miss out on vital time in [school](#).

Please follow the link below to take you through what you can do to reduce the chances of your child getting ill.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/28/top-tips-how-child-healthy-school/>

Maple Class

This week Maple class had a fun space day to ignite their interest in our class book 'Beegu'. Beegu is an alien who crash lands on earth and finds refuge and friendship with the children in a school playground. The children were written a letter by Beegu. She had asked them to complete certain activities to help her get back to her home planet. They created a port-hole, a papermache planet and designed their own rockets to fly in the playground.

We would also like to say a well done to our reception children. They have settled in so well and have had a fantastic first week in their new class.



Horse Chestnut Class

Horse Chestnut Class have been taking part in 'Ignite the light' sessions to immerse us in our curriculum learning. We have begun our History learning around the Stone Age and we have been fossil detectives. We had to identify what a huge selection of fossils might have been during this period in history. This has enabled us to make connections and links in understanding about the Stone Age. Among these fossils there was a mammoth tooth, deer skull, belemnites, sea urchins, bison hip bones and the Happisburgh footprints. We have discussed the significance of the archaeological finds at Happisburgh and how exciting our deep history coast really is. We are looking forward to our Beach School sessions so that we can stand on the ancient river bed where the footprints were found and hunt for fossils along our coast line. Our trip to Gressenhall will also deepen our understanding when we become Stone Age children for the day.



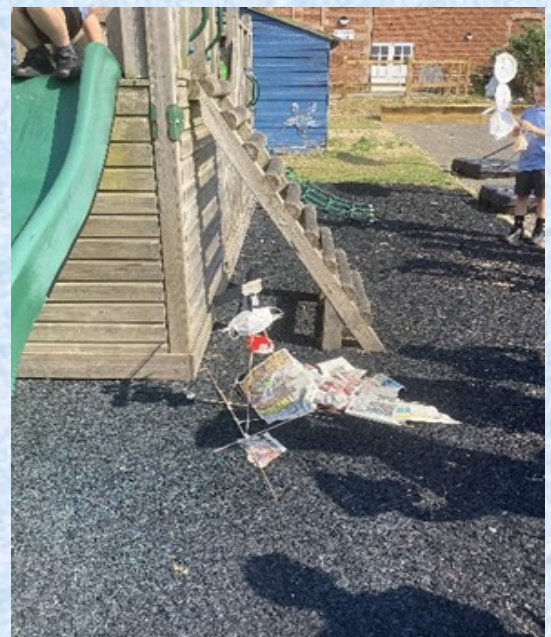
Oak Class

Oak Class began the new school year as scientists and engineers exploring ways to protect an egg falling through the air, and stop it breaking when it hits the ground. We were trying to maximise air resistance through different methods, including parachute designs, rota blades and other creative methods.

The children also investigated ways to protect their egg upon impact with the ground. We explored different materials that will help to absorb the impact and distribute this energy away from and around our eggs. The children then created their own designs, working in pairs. If their design worked and they finished the day with their eggs intact, then they would win the prize.

Amazingly, even though the eggs were dropped from a three metre height on to the school playground, all the designs were successful when tested.

Well done you amazing scientists and engineers!!





Why choose a school meal?



There are many benefits to school meals...

- 1 Supporting children's nutrition**
We fully adhere to the School Food Standards so you can be confident that the meals provided at lunchtime are healthy, balanced, and nutritious. 80% of our menus are cooked from scratch every day.
- 2 Tasty and varied menus**
We believe school meals provide a pathway for trying new foods and our menu development team work hard to create menus that cater to all tastes including traditional dishes and popular World cuisines using local-sourced ingredients.
- 3 More convenient than a packed lunch**
Opting for school meals can save you the time and hassle preparing packed lunches every day.
- 4 Fuel children for learning**
Research shows that a healthy, nutritious meal at lunchtime can significantly improve concentration and classroom behaviour.
- 5 Cater for dietary requirements**
We publish an allergen report for our menus and have a robust special diet procedure for children with medically-diagnosed allergies.
- 6 They are completely free**
If you are eligible for Free School Meals or your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1, your child can enjoy a school lunch every day for free. This is the equivalent to over £400 a year.



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Storytime with Jen

Stalham
Library
3.30 - 4pm



Come and listen to fantastic stories told by Jen

Thursday 5th September

Thursday 3rd October

Thursday 7th November

Thursday 5th December



Suitable for pre-schoolers and under 7s