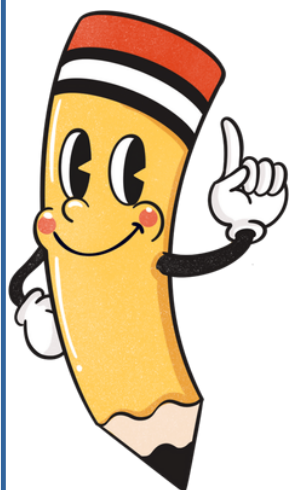


SCHOOL BULLETIN



Head of School Message

No. 02
25 Sept, 2026



Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been another wonderfully busy few weeks in school, with lots of opportunities for our children to connect their learning to the REAL world around them.

Last week, we celebrated Coding Week, giving our pupils opportunities to explore coding, computational thinking and the many ways technology can be used creatively.

This week, our focus has turned to National Recycling Week and the European Day of Languages, with children making links across their learning to the wider world.

We were particularly excited to welcome Emma and Harriet from Ipswich Borough Council, alongside the ever-popular Digby the Recycling Mascot! They came into school to talk to the children about all things 'rubbish' and, importantly, how we can all play our part as a community in becoming even more ACE when it comes to looking after our environment.

The children took part in some fantastic, interactive workshops this afternoon to bring our focus on recycling and waste management to a close. While recycling is incredibly important, we have also been reminding the children that 'reuse' should come before 'recycle' wherever possible. Finding another use for something before throwing it away is a simple but powerful way that we can all make a difference.

PSHE and REAL Life Experiences

Last week, we were also delighted to welcome Nancy from SCARF for our annual PSHE event. Nancy brought her fantastic inflatable events tent back into our Woodlands classroom, creating an exciting and engaging space for the children to learn through interactive discussions, activities and experiences. These opportunities are such an important part of our wider curriculum and help our children develop the knowledge, understanding and confidence they need to navigate the world around them.

Our Learning Spaces Continue to Grow

There has been lots happening behind the scenes as we continue to develop our learning environments and create spaces that inspire, support and engage our children.

Our new sensory space in the Woodlands classroom area is taking shape, alongside new interactive play opportunities in our EYFS outdoor area. We are also incredibly fortunate to have some wonderful members of our community creating mud kitchens, which will soon be in full use across our Forest School area, EYFS outdoor space and main playground. These will provide even more opportunities for our children to explore, create, imagine and play.

Our library is also beginning to come to life! Following its remodel, we now have new library displays and shelving, additional storage areas for children's belongings and a lovely reading/study 'nook'. We are working towards creating a creative, inclusive space where children can enjoy reading, learning and spending time.

A huge thank you to Mr Palmer for the amazing work he has done in creating this space. Thank you also to Mrs Firman-Smith, Mrs Cotterell, Mrs Wells and Mrs Race-Whitton for helping to get the library ready for its official reopening - hopefully very soon!

SCHOOL BULLETIN



Head of School Message Cont...

No. 02
25 Sept, 2026

Forest School

Our Forest School provision has also begun, with Forest School Club starting next week. The area is already beginning to come back to life, and I am really looking forward to seeing the next phase of development take shape. We have exciting plans for this wonderful space, as well as for other areas around school, and it is fantastic to see the children beginning to benefit from these opportunities.

A huge thank you once again to Mrs Cook and her family for bringing our gardening area back to life and for giving up their time to support us further this coming weekend by helping to remove the rather large pile of cuttings I have managed to accumulate over the past few months while tidying and developing our outdoor areas!

A Very Special New Addition

And that's not all!

We are incredibly excited to welcome a beautiful shepherd's hut to our school. This has been so generously donated to us, and we are extremely grateful for this wonderful addition.

We are already beginning to think about the many possibilities this could provide for our children and our school community. It is another example of how the support, generosity and energy of people connected to our school can help us create something truly special.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has given their time, skills, energy and generosity to help us develop our school and its spaces. Whether it is gardening, building, painting, organising, creating or simply lending a helping hand, every contribution makes a difference.

There is a real sense of our school continuing to grow - not just in the learning that happens within our classrooms, but in the spaces, experiences and opportunities we are creating around them. It is wonderful to see our children benefiting from this shared effort, and I am incredibly grateful to everyone who continues to make it possible.

Mr Becker

Attendance



Attendance:

We would love for every one of our pupils to achieve ACE attendance (of 95% or above) next academic year. To achieve 95% your child will need to miss no more than 10 days of school.

Pupil Absence: please remember to report all absences by leaving a message on the school absence line – **01473 831251**, OPTION 1, absences should be reported by **09.30** or earlier if possible. Alternatively, you can send an email to the office email address.

Failure to do so may result in your child receiving an unauthorised absence.

Pupil Late Arrival: If your child is going to be late, please let the office know as soon as possible by leaving a message on the absence line - **01473 831251**, OPTION 1.

If you are running late, please also remember to let us know, if your child will be having a school lunch or home packed lunch, to enable us to inform the kitchen staff as soon as possible.

ATTENDANCE

Class	Weekly	To Date
Woodlands	99.23%	99.16%
Hedgehogs	98.13%	97.64%
Adders	97.53%	96.28%



Remember...

When children attend school they:

- Can achieve their potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends





ARBOR - Are Your Details Up to Date?

Now that we are fully settled into the new term, we would encourage all parents and carers to check the family, guardian and contact details held on Arbor to make sure they are current and up to date.

Ideally, we need to have at **least three emergency contacts**, including parents/carers, who we would be able to contact in the event of an emergency.

To check the details held on Arbor:

- Log in to Arbor and select '**View Student Profile**'.
- While you cannot change the details of other contacts, you will be able to see who is currently listed.
- If any details need updating, or you would like to add another emergency contact, please send the relevant information to the **school office**, and we will update the records for you.

Thank you for helping us to ensure that we have accurate and up-to-date contact information for all our families.



Thursday Special Menu

MAIN MENU OPTIONS

Pepperoni Pizza or
Margherita Pizza or
Hot Dog
With Wedges, Baked Beans or Peas

Tomato or Cheese Pasta

Grab Bag (Cheese or Ham)

Dessert of the Day

Jelly

Fresh Fruit

**Instant prize
raffle with all
school lunches**

Parent Information

Please spread the word!

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- Friday 13th November
- Friday 20th November

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Excellent Early Years Provision
A strong start for lifelong learning.

Rich Learning Opportunities
Inside and outside the classroom.

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Parent Information

Childhood Neurodivergence Parent/Carer Workshops

Free Upcoming Virtual workshops on Childhood Neurodivergence:

- What you need to know as a parent/carer
- Supporting Your Child with Anxiety
- Understanding and Supporting Sleep Difficulties
- Understanding and Supporting Eating Difficulties

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- Navigating the Diagnosis Journey
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- Managing Parental/Carer Stress

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Access here: <https://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk/health-and-wellbeing/autism-adhd-and-neurodevelopment/neurodiversity-online-parentcarer-workshops>





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They offer information, advice and support to:

- Children and young people (up to 25 years) with SEND
- Parents and carers of children with SEND
- Practitioners (general enquiries only or who might be supporting children, young people or parents to access our service)

Parent Information

Suffolk
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Upcoming Workshops

 THE RESILIENT CARER Caring and Resilience SEP 29 10:30 - 12:30 The Resilient Carer (Caring and Resilience) Workshop – DEBENHAM	 SUFFOLK FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION OCT 1 10:30 - 11:30 Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service Online Information Session	 MEDITATION AND RELAXATION SESSION OCT 7 09:30 - 11:30 Meditation and Relaxation Session
 WELLBEING FOR ME WORKSHOP OCT 21 13:00 - 15:00 Wellbeing for Me Online Workshop	 CARING AND BOUNDARIES OCT 27 13:00 - 15:30 Caring and Boundaries Workshop – BURY ST EDMUNDS	 BALANCE AND WELLBEING WELLBEING FOR ME 3-SESSION PROGRAM NOV 4 November 4 @ 13:30 - November 18 @ 15:30 Balance and Wellbeing (Wellbeing for Me – 3 session) Workshop – FELIXSTOWE
 THE RESILIENT CARER Caring and Resilience NOV 5 13:00 - 15:00 The Resilient Carer (Caring and Resilience) Online Workshop	 MEDITATION AND RELAXATION SESSION NOV 18 09:30 - 11:30 Meditation and Relaxation Session	 LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF: FINDING CALM OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON SPECIAL ONLINE LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF ONLINE NOV 24 10:30 - 13:00 Looking After Yourself: Finding Calm over the Festive Season – CLAYDON
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 CARING AND BOUNDARIES JAN 26 13:30 - 15:00 Caring and Boundaries Workshop – MARTLESHAM		

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Wednesday 28th October
9:00am – 3:30pm

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Diary Dates

Monday 28 th		3.15 - 4.15pm - Girls Football (KS2)
Tuesday 29 th		3.15 - 4.15pm - Boys Football (KS2) 3.15 - 4.15pm - Forest School (All Years) 7.45pm - FOSS AGM in School Hall (All welcome)
Wednesday 30 th		AM - Year 6 Child Measurement Programme 3.15 - 4.15pm - Arts & Craft (All Years)
Thursday 1 st		Special Lunch menu 1.15pm - Woodpeckers' Forest School Session 2.15 - 3.15pm - Adders' Share Afternoon 3.15 - 4.15pm - KICK club - Create & Play (All Years)
Friday 2 nd		2.30pm - Harvest Festival at the church 3.15 - 4.15pm - Musical Theatre
Monday 5 th		3.15 - 4.15pm - Girls Football (KS2)
Tuesday 6 th		3.15 - 4.15pm - Boys Football (KS2) 3.15 - 4.15pm - Forest School (All Years)
Wednesday 7 th		3.15 - 4.15pm - Arts & Craft (All Years)
Thursday 8 th		PM - Flu Vaccinations 1.15pm - Robins' Forest School Session 3.15 - 4.15pm - KICK club - Create & Play (All Years)
Friday 9 th		World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow (Donations welcome towards YoungMinds) 3.15 - 4.15pm - Musical Theatre

Save the Date!

**School Photos
17th November 2026**