

Newsletter



16th December 2024

Dear families,

What a fantastic week we had last week at Place Farm. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed Christmas in a Day, with Christmas dinner and Carols on the playground being a huge success. Carols on the Playground in particular takes a lot of organisation, and planning, to make it as successful as possible. Special thanks to all staff for their support with this - and thank you to those families who were able to make the event.



Alongside events in school, we also had our carol concert at St Mary's Church, involving the choir and readers from Place Farm. Again, this was a wonderful event to mark the start of Christmas - the children sang and behaved beautifully, and represented the school brilliantly in the wider community.

The Year 3 & 4 choir also attended the library during the week - to spread some festive cheer by singing carols to the community. We received wonderful feedback from both the library staff and the wider public, who reported that they were "wonderful!". Well done to all involved.



In the final few days before we break up for Christmas, we have a chance to reflect on all that we have achieved this term. I am sure that you will join me in thanking Place Farm staff for all their hard work and support this term - in always striving to support every child to be the best that they can be.

This will be the final newsletter for the term. On behalf of all the staff at Place Farm, I hope you all have a wonderful festive break when it arrives, and we look forward to welcoming families back to school on Tuesday, 7th January.

Best wishes,

Mrs McConnell

Upcoming dates:

December

Tue 17th Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)

Wed 18th Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)

Fri 20th Dec: Jumble Sale on the playground 3:20-3:40pm (see poster below)
Class Christmas Parties – non-uniform day

Fri 20th Dec: School term ends

January

Mon 6th Jan: **School closed PD Day**

Tues 7th Jan: First day of Spring Term – all children back in school

Thur 16th Jan: OAP Reading Café 9:00-9:30
6EJ library visit 1:30-2:30

Thur 23rd Jan: OCS Reading Café 9:00-9:30
Rainbow library visit 9:30-10:30

Thur 30th Jan: Rainbow Reading Café 9:00-9:30
4KM library visit 9:30-10:30
5ML library visit 1:30-2:30

Fri 31st Jan: Place Farm and Coupals Got Talent

February

Thur 6th Feb: 3SA Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Thur 13th Feb: 3KM Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb is half term

Thur 27th Feb: 4KM Reading Café 9:00-9:30

March

Thur 6th Mar: 4RG Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Thur 13th Mar: 5JG Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Thur 20th Mar: 6SL Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Thur 27th Mar: 6EJ Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Fri 28th Mar: Y4 Trip to West Stow

April

Thur 3rd Apr: 5ML Reading Café 9:00-9:30
Y6 Visit to Mosque

Friday 4th April: School term ends

Water Bottles

We kindly ask that children bring in plastic water bottles, rather than the metal versions. This is for health and safety reasons to avoid injuries related to any knocks or drops. Thank you for your support with this! 😊



Safeguarding Information for parents

Moving forward, each month, we will aim to share a safeguarding newsletter with families, called 'Safeguarding Spotlight'. The first edition will be shared today, separate to this newsletter. Please do take time to read this. We will also add these to the safeguarding page of our website.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate in celebration assembly this week. We had lots of children receiving their coloured certificates today and some children receiving their PROUD certificates.

We also had several pupils who were celebrated for their outside of school achievements.



The AR Word count champions for this week were 6EJ, the AR Quiz champions for this week were 6EJ and the most improved readers were 5ML.



We are also continuing to celebrate maths achievements on tt rockstars. This term, we are presenting certificates to the child in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who achieved the most coins in their year group, as well as certificates for the three children who had the biggest increase in their times table recall speed. We also celebrated the problem-solvers of the week in Year 1 and Rainbow class.

Times table knowledge and fluency are so important in many areas of maths. Please continue to encourage your children to use tt rockstars at home. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Attendance

In celebration assembly each week, we also celebrate the classes with the best attendance of the previous week. Attendance is vitally important to a child's success both in school and in later life.

In 3rd place we had 1ES with 95.5%
In 2nd place we had 5JG with 96.6%
In 1st place we had 3KM with 97.1%
Whole school attendance was 92%



Carols at the Church

On Monday evening members of the Year 5 and 6 choir represented Place Farm in a carol service at St Mary's Church. The choir sang beautifully, and it was an absolute pleasure to work with such respectful and attentive pupils. A special mention to Amber in 6SL who was chosen to sing a solo and read a passage from the Bible. Thank you to all the pupils who made this evening so special.

Mrs Bradley



Choir Visit to Haverhill Library

On Wednesday, our Years 3 & 4 choir visited Haverhill Library. They performed some Christmas songs for a group called Top Time.

The group thoroughly enjoyed the visit, and they all joined in with the songs.

The children demonstrated our PROUD values perfectly. We received some wonderful feedback from staff at the library about how fantastic our children are.



Year 3 Stone Age Day

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Year 3 had a fantastic Stone Age day this week. The children dressed up in costumes and held artefacts. We had a blast listening to and learning from our visitor.

All the children showed excellent listening skill and were a credit to the school.



Year 2 Library Visits



2LA library visit

2LA has a wonderful time at the library on Thursday. We got to explore all of the fantastic books on offer.



1ES Reading Café

Our new style reading cafés are going down very well! The children and their siblings are enjoying the squash and biscuits, served in our cosy setting.

Our children love inviting you in to share stories with them. Thank you to everyone that has joined us so far, and we look forward to seeing more of you each week.





Jumble sale

As part of the Eco warriors long term goal we are raising money to aid with recycling at Place Farm Academy.



Friday 20th December
Place Farm playground

Instead of donating any unwanted items, or throwing them away, would you please keep them for us so that we can try and *reuse* them and *recycle* them and raise funds for this great cause. Donations can be brought into class. Many thanks.



SEND Parent Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/lkidd11/parenting-padlet-hgdrprcnhl3ene5>

Please use this link to have an explore of our new SEND Parent Padlet, which contains lots of information resources and links to provide you with support and advice. There are links to local groups, SEND resources and parenting tips.

Free Toy Giveaway

Please see the below information about 'Free Food in Haverhill' free toy giveaway.

All toys are brand new and that all children and families are welcome to come along (not just those in need/financial hardship etc.)

They are a local food waste prevention scheme, non profit and run entirely by volunteers. They are open 7 days a week to give away food for free to avoid it being wasted. All further information can be found on their Facebook page linked below.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/aSoSFtDi0yMTUyzV/>

Many thanks for your consideration,
Lauren and Matt (Founders of Free Food in Haverhill)

FREE FOOD IN HAVERHILL

 **RUN BY VOLUNTEERS**
 **EVERYBODY WELCOME**
 **FOOD SAVED FROM
BEING WASTED**

**FIND US AT HAVERHILL HUB,
CHARTERHOUSE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CB9 7UU**

FOR THE PREVENTION OF FOOD WASTE NOT A FOOD BANK

OPENING TIMES

SUBJECT TO CHANGES AROUND VOLUNTEER AND FOOD AVAILABILITY

**We will post in the
Facebook group
when we are
opening/closing each day.**



JOIN THE FACEBOOK GROUP

FOOD ON OR PAST BEST BEFORE DATE. IT'S TAKEN AND CONSUMED
AT YOUR OWN DISCRETION.

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FREE FOOD IN HAVERHILL

TOY GIVEAWAY

**SUNDAY
22 DECEMBER
STARTING 12PM**

**CHILD MUST ATTEND WITH
A PARENT/GUARDIAN
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

**AT
CHARTERHOUSE TRADING EST.
STURMER ROAD, CB9 7UU**

**HUB OPEN
FOR FOOD**



**If your child was born between
1 September 2020 and
31 August 2021,
you must apply for a full-time
Reception Year school place by
15 January 2025**



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Information is also available from:

- The Admissions Team on **0345 600 0981**
- Your local school

Instructions for parents/carers for Holiday, Activities and Food programme bookings.

The Winter activities for Suffolk Holiday, Activities and Food programme (HAF) will be live for booking on Eequ on the 20th of November 2024



Please register children and book activities for the Winter School holidays at: WWW.eequ.org

- Parents/carers can use the link provided to log into Eequ and register their child(ren) and book them on to the activities of their choice.
- Eligibility checks will be completed at this stage and if the child meets the criteria, they will receive an email confirming the booking, please provide information on the child's eligibility and receipt of benefit related Free - School Meals in the booking so that eligible bookings are not rejected.
- - If they are accepted an email will be sent to the email address confirming the booking. Bookings without an email confirming the eligibility and place are not confirmed. Please ensure that you receive the email to confirm bookings.
- If the booking is rejected due to not meeting the criteria or not providing required evidence, an email will go to the booking email address explaining why. This can be appealed if further information or evidence can be provided. (This will require re booking of the activity.) You can email Suffolk HAF at HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk

Bookings are subject to availability and eligibility and cannot be guaranteed, we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

HAF eligibility is based on the child(ren) being in receipt of Benefit Related Free School Meals.

As per the Easter and Summer School Holidays, Suffolk HAF programme will no longer be issuing codes to families in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals and will be continuing to use the Eequ Booking system for parents/carers to book children onto the activities.

For more information visit: www.Suffolk.Infolink.gov.uk, Or by scanning the QR code on the poster below:



Want more for the kids to do in the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays?

Children aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals can access the Holiday Activities Fund (HAF) activities programme!

Access sports sessions, arts, crafts, dance and cooking classes for FREE!

Not eligible? Many providers also provide paid for spaces, so check out what is available.



Visit: www.suffolk.infolink.gov.uk to find out more - search 'Holiday Activities Fund'



HAF is funded by The Department of Education

Suffolk County Council letter regarding Household Support Fund Discretionary Grant

November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Important information regarding Household Support Fund discretionary grant

Suffolk County Council (SCC) is pleased to confirm that the Government announced a further six-month extension to the Household Support Fund from September 2024 to March 2025.

We can confirm that funds have been made available for SCC to extend the support previously provided to low-income families in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) over the **Christmas Holidays 2024**. There is currently no information on whether funding will be available after this date.

The grant will be issued as a **£30** supermarket voucher for each eligible child from our provider **Pluxee** and is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the holiday.

As with previous issues of vouchers, the SCC Free School Meals (FSM) team will place the voucher order using the information provided by your child's school. Please ensure that your child's school holds the most up to date contact information for you, so that the voucher is sent to the correct recipient.

If the school has previously printed the vouchers on your behalf, then this arrangement will continue, or you can ask for the voucher to be sent via text message to your mobile phone number. **Please inform your school if you wish to receive the vouchers via text message, if you have previously been unable to receive them via email.**

We aim to have all vouchers sent to recipients by **Wednesday 11 December 2024**. If you have **not received the vouchers by this date** or in the event of any queries regarding the vouchers, then please contact our team at freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk, rather than speaking to the school directly.

Please note, that if you have children who attend different Suffolk schools, you may receive your vouchers at separate times before the start of the school holiday.

Please look out for an email from noresponse@vouchers.sodexoengage.com, and please also check junk and spam folders before contacting us directly.

Please can we remind you that all vouchers will have a 2-month expiry date to be redeemed. Once redeemed, the expiry conditions of your chosen supermarket will apply, and you will have a minimum of 12 months to use the voucher. We urge you to contact our team as soon as possible if you encounter any issues redeeming your voucher as we will not be able to access the funding once it has closed and vouchers have expired.

We hope that this discretionary grant goes some way to help in supporting your family during the school holiday, whether buying food or freeing up some income to go towards energy and water bills or other essential living costs.

If you are financial struggling and require additional support, further information can be found at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/cost-of-living-support/.

Yours faithfully



Lucy Nicholas (she/her)

Resource Manager (Admissions and School Travel)

Education, Skills and Learning

Directorate of Children and Young People

Suffolk County Council

Christmas Holiday Activities

Prestige Sports Christmas Camps

Prestige Sports will be running their popular Mega Sports Camps this Christmas on Monday 23rd December 9-3.30pm, only £15.00. The perfect time to get the last few things ready for a wonderful family Christmas. They will also be starting the New Year off with a bang at the sports camps too. You can book online at www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com



PRESTIGE
CHRISTMAS MEGA CAMP

23rd December 2024 9am - 3:30pm

📍 Haverhill - Coupals Primary Academy
 📍 Linton - Linton Heights Junior School
 📍 Newmarket - The Ellesmere Centre

ONLY £15

Sports Activities
 Action Games
 Creativity Corner
 Inflatables

Board Games
 Construction Activities
 Quizzes + Prizes

BOOK ONLINE

07494 002352
info@prestigesportsdevelopment.co.uk
www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com



NEW YEAR
MEGA ACTIVITY CAMP

2nd & 3rd January 2025

9AM - 3:30PM
 Early drop-off from 8:15am
 *Late pick-up until 5:30pm

5-12 YEAR OLDS

WHERE?
 Haverhill - Westfield Primary Academy*
 Linton - Linton Heights Junior School*
 Newmarket - The Ellesmere Centre*
 Great Easton - Great Easton Primary School
 Great Yeldham - St Andrews Primary School

from £22.50

BOOK ONLINE - WWW.PRESTIGESPORTSDEVELOPMENT.COM

Prestige Sports have also shared the following information:

During the Christmas Holidays we are hosting 2 Mega Activity Camps close to you.

On 23rd December we are hosting a Christmas Camp at Coupals Primary Academy and on 2nd-3rd January we are hosting a New Year Camp at Westfield Primary Academy - attached are posters for both events, would you be so kind as to send these out to your pupils please, we would really appreciate it.

Our camps are a great opportunity for your kids to have some fun during the holidays, playing awesome games, getting active and socialising with other kids.

Parents are able to book through our website: www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com

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No early drop-off/late pick-up

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Fun-Packed Multi Activity
Holiday Clubs for Kids

BOOK NOW

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Christmas Holidays - Multi Sports Courses

Parent funded & HAF booking options available

Dear Parent / Guardian

We are really excited to be running holiday courses this Christmas Holidays and wanted to inform you about the courses available locally.

As the UK's number one provider of primary school sport and physical activities, we know how important staying active is to the health, well-being, and development of your children. Our Holiday Camps are designed to keep your children active throughout the school holidays, introduce them to new and exciting activities, and create a fun-filled experience with seasonal themes that will stick with them for years to come.

Take a look at our Holiday camp video to get a feel of what to expect:- https://youtu.be/NPYCiabAtIM?si=4FpakED_4PkWSuNm

Below is a list of available venues, dates and booking links for this forthcoming Christmas Holidays:

HAF Placements - HAF booking options for free school meal qualifying families are available at <https://eequ.org/> (from November 20th 2024 onwards)

Barrow Primary

Age range: 5-11 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Friday 3rd January 2025

Booking link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5867/>

Lakenheath Primary

Age range: 5-11 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 23rd December & Fri 3rd January

Booking link:

[https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/4213/?location=Brandon&distance=7.4&distance=7.4&type\[\]=Hol](https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/4213/?location=Brandon&distance=7.4&distance=7.4&type[]=Hol)

West Row Academy

Age range: 5-11 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 23rd December & Fri 3rd January

Booking link:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5864-912570/>

The Glade Academy

Age range: 5-11 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 23rd December & Fri 3rd January

Booking link:

[https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15826/?location=Brandon&distance=0.4&distance=0.4&type\[\]=Hol](https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15826/?location=Brandon&distance=0.4&distance=0.4&type[]=Hol)

Howard Academy

Age range: 5-11 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 23rd December & Fri 3rd January

Booking link:

[https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5845/?location=Bury%20St%20Edmunds&distance=1.5&distance=1.5&type\[\]=Hol](https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5845/?location=Bury%20St%20Edmunds&distance=1.5&distance=1.5&type[]=Hol)

Please do not hesitate to contact Premier West Suffolk & Essex at opaynter@premier-education.com if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you.

Kind regards

Premier West Suffolk & Essex



**BRAND
NEW**



CHRISTMAS

FOUNDATION FUN CAMP

The Football & Multisport Extravaganza

BOOK NOW



The New Croft Foundation
23rd December | 9am - 3pm

Ages 5 - 13
£25 per child

www.thenewcroftfoundation.com



Tinsel, Toys and Talk

West Suffolk Neurodevelopmental Support Service

Date: Tuesday 17th December 2024

Time: 1pm-3pm

TAKE HOME A CHRISTMAS GIFT

E Wsuffolk@family-action.org.uk

T 01284 636 655

**Location: Clements Community Centre,
Leiston Road, Haverhill, CB9 8JJ**

Come along to our festive parent and carer drop-in. Enjoy a mince pie and a hot drink with our team and other like-minded parents. We are excited to be able offer gifts, which will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Photos will be taken of the event, you will be given the option to opt out if you would like to.

To find out more about our service visit our website: <https://tinyurl.com/4wy89xt4>



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I'M BACK!

CHRISTMAS STAY & PLAY
WITH VISIT FROM ELF!



👤 WHERE: BALTIC AMBER,
HAVERHILL

👤 WHEN: SUNDAY 8TH
DECEMBER

👤 AGE: 0-3 YRS OLD

👤 TIME: 12:45PM - 1:45PM

👤 SPACE: 12 REMAINING

£10 PER CHILD WHICH
INCLUDES A GIFT ★

To book

[HTTPS://DREAM-BIG-SOFTPLAY.PEMBEE.APP](https://dream-big-softplay.pembee.app)



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December 2024 Timetable

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm unless otherwise stated

Saturday 30th Nov	Haverhill High Street	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Monday 2nd	Recreation Road, Hamlet Road Estates	
Tuesday 3rd	Chimswell Car Parks, Park Road, Hawthorn Crescent	
Wednesday 4th	Chivers Rd & Cleves Road	
Thursday 5th	Clements, Parkway Estate	
Friday 6th	Kedington Community Centre	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Monday 9th	Cambridge Way, Eastern Avenue, Castle Lane, Downs Crescent	
Tuesday 10th	Hanchett Village	
Wednesday 11th	Arboretum, Meadowlands, Chapelwent Road	
Thursday 12th	Dovehouse Road, Chapple Drive	
Monday 16th	James Dunn Way, Howe Road, Forest Glade, Arrendene Road	
Tuesday 17th	New Croft (Chalkstone Way), Green Road, Shetland Road & Roman Way	
Wednesday 18th	Millfields Way, Strasbourg Square	
Thursday 19th	Boyton Hall, Persimmon Estate, Redrow Estate	
Saturday 21st	Haverhill High Street	10 :00 am - 3:00 pm



Haverhill Santa is raising money for REACH Community Projects & Joshua Tarrant Trust. Please make a donation when you see the Sleigh.

Merry Christmas



Please Note: The Haverhill Santa is organised by the Haverhill Show Committee (Licence Holders) and the Disco Kitchen and manned by volunteers. Licence restrictions, volunteer numbers, ease of access and weather conditions may mean all streets or meeting points cannot be visited within the hours approved by the Local Authority. To avoid disappointment, visit us on the High Street or find us en-route.

