

# Newsletter



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear families,

And in the blink of an eye, the school year is over! It has been an incredibly busy but wonderful year at Place Farm and we have much to be proud of: we have increased our range of clubs; maintained our Centre of Excellence status for the Inclusion Quality Mark; experienced some wonderful community events with families and have enjoyed a wide variety of visitors coming to see our provision - all of whom have commented so positively about the school.

The children this week have thoroughly enjoyed spending time in their new classrooms with their teachers for September - we hope this will set them off to a flying start in September.

In September we will be tweaking our arrangements for morning drop off. Please see below:



8.30 am - Gates will open at 8.30am as normal, but children will go straight into classes. Families, please support your child's independence by saying goodbye and dropping off at the school gate - there will be lots of staff on hand to support your child on site as needed.

If you need to give a message to your child's class teacher - please do so that morning on Class Dojo rather than coming to classroom doors. Our teachers will be supervising their classes at this point and will be eager to start lessons promptly to make the best start to the school day. Thank you for your support with this.

Thank you to you all for your continued support of our school - the partnership between school and families is essential to supporting the progress of every child. We very much look forward to seeing you all in September for another exciting year!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,  
Mrs McConnell  
Head of School

## Upcoming dates:

### September

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept:** PD day (school closed to all pupils)

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept: First day of school for all pupils.

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Sept: &ilearn session for new Year 4 parents (6:00-6:45pm)

Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Sept: &ilearn session for new Year 4 parents (8:50-9:35am)

### October

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parents Evening (more information to follow)

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parents Evening (more information to follow)

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Oct: Harvest Festival Assembly for children (more information to follow)

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct: Flu vaccinations (more information to follow)

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Oct: Autumn term disco (more information to follow)

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov: Half-term break**

### November

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Vancols individual student photos (more information to follow)

### December

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Flu vaccinations (more information to follow)

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas in a day (more information to follow)

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: School term ends**

### January

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: PD Day** (school closed to all pupils)

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan: Start of the spring term

## Celebration Assembly

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



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

One pupil also received their pen license today.



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

You may be aware that there is new attendance guidance for schools which becomes statutory on 19th August. We value excellent attendance and are keen to work in partnership with you next year. We want to make sure students/pupils at Place Farm Primary Academy make an excellent start to the new year and attend every day.

There are changes to fixed penalty notices, attendance contracts and register coding.

At the start of next year, we will share with you our trust attendance policy, along with a helpful 2-page guide for Place Farm School. In the meantime, here is a link to the DFE's guide for parents.

<https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2024/07/aaa-guide-for-parents-on-school-attendance-19th-Aug-version.pdf>



**Schoolcomms**

Bookings for Breakfast  
and Afterschool Club  
will continue to be made  
via the Schoolcomms  
App until Summer 2025

**Breakfast  
and  
Afterschool  
Club  
Bookings**

## Arbor Reminder

As you should now be aware we have now rolled out the release of Arbor. All parents/carers should have received an email detailing your specific login details. Please do ensure that you are signed up to the Portal. If you do experience any difficulties with your login, please contact the office on 01440 702836 or at [admin@placefarm.org.uk](mailto:admin@placefarm.org.uk)

# Eco-Warriors

## Eco-Warriors report 2023-2024

Established in 2019 our Eco Warriors have been working hard to ensure that Place Farm stays safe and clean, and have enlightened us about ways to save our planet with simple everyday tasks.



On our journey so far, we have:

- \* hosted 'Suffolk Recycles' with a wonderful assembly which taught us a lot,
- \* completed under cover audits to check teachers and classes know how to be Eco Warriors,
- \* completed litter picks to help the environment and keep it clean, safe and healthy,
- \* encouraged recycling and energy saving wherever possible throughout the school,
- \* hosted Energy Sparks workshops to promote conserving energy and advising us how
- \* lent out litter pickers to children for community litter collections to great effect!

We have also worked together to improve the areas around School. You may have noticed flower beds, planting and other growth to encourage flora and fauna to thrive, and as a school we have started a wildlife and gardening club to maintain these areas, with more plans in store for next year.



The Eco-Warriors continue to work towards our goals:

1. Reduce waste
2. Reduce energy
3. Recycle



Our popular BIG BATTERY HUNT project this year has gone off at a flying pace, and we have smashed last year's total!

**6,083 batteries collected! 2,000 more than last year! Thank you!**

This project has been lots of fun in the past, and helps avoid batteries ending up in landfill seeping acid into the ground and atmosphere. We have helped to recycle them properly, and try to win prizes for our school in the process! Win! Win!

CAUTION: As always, be careful with batteries: ask an adult to help when recycling. Please read the safety instructions, and supervise your child when they are completing this activity as batteries can be harmful to the skin, and pose a choking risk.

Let's change the world a little. We only have one planet; there's no Planet B!

Remember: *Every change is change!*

Mrs Peck and the Eco-Warriors



## White elephant / Jumble sale

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



We discussed at our meeting what would be a **green / Eco-friendly** idea to raise funds, and decided that a **Jumble sale or White elephant sale** would be a great way to '**reuse**' and '**recycle**' unwanted items.

So we are asking this Summer: **instead of donating any unwanted items, or throwing them away,** would you **please keep them for September** so that we can try and *reuse* them and *recycle* them and raise funds for this great cause.



**Many thanks, The Eco Warriors team**

## Parenting Support

Please use the links below to have an explore of our new Parenting Padlet, which contains lots of information, resources and links to provide you with support and advice over the summer and beyond. There are links to local groups, SEND resources and parenting tips.

Have a happy and healthy summer!

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

<https://www.familiestogethersuffolk.org.uk/families-together-suffolk-referrals.html>

## Clubs outside of school

# JOIN OUR PACK **cubs**



At 1st Kedington Cub Pack we; sleep in tents, light fires, hike for chips, make new friends, gaze at the stars, sew on buttons, help our community, sing silly songs, earn badges, giggle, eat marshmallows.... the list goes on! For #SkillsForLife and lots of fun, contact us now!  
Spaces Now Available for 8 yrs - 10.5 yrs olds!

Email us at:  
[kedingtoncubs@gmail.com](mailto:kedingtoncubs@gmail.com)



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## COMETS

### Disability & SEN Football

- Tuesdays
- 5:00pm-6:00pm
- For ages 5-11 years
- Coaches: Rhys & Lois
- The New Croft, CB9 0BW



TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDS INTEREST PLEASE EMAIL:  
[INFO@THENEWCROFTFOUNDATION.COM](mailto:INFO@THENEWCROFTFOUNDATION.COM)

Please use the link below to register a free two-week trial:

## Summer Holiday Activities

### Prestige Sports

Prestige Sports will be running their Mega Sports & Activity & Football Camps at Samuel Ward Sports Dome, Haverhill this summer! They will be on Monday 22nd July to Friday 30th August. We are open 9am-3.30pm with early drop off from 8.15am and late pick up until 5.30pm as optional extras. You can book online using the link below:

Mega Sports & Activity Camps - <https://prestige-sports-camps.classforkids.io/camp/148>

Football Camps - <https://prestige-sports-camps.classforkids.io/camp/149>



# PRESTIGE SPORTS SUMMER MEGA SPORTS CAMPS

- Great Bardfeild
- Great Easton
- Great Yeldham
- Haverhill
- Ickworth
- Linton
- Radwinter
- Stetchworth

AGE 5 - 12 year olds

Our camps run 9am - 3.30pm. All camps offer an early drop off from 8.30am and some venues can offer a late pick up until 5.30pm.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, suitable clothing, their biggest smile and lots of energy!

bookings@prestigesportsdevelopment.co.uk

SCAN TO BOOK!



Our Prestige Holiday Camps feature an awesome selection of Games, Sports, Activities & Arts & Crafts with the aim to cater for a variety of interests!



## SUMMER MEGA ACTIVITY CAMPS



### SUFFOLK VENUES

venues	DATES	TIMES	PRICING
<b>SAMUEL WARD SPORTS DOME, HAVERHILL</b> <b>MEGA ACTIVITY CAMP</b>	22ND JULY - 26TH JULY 29TH JULY - 2ND AUG 5TH AUG - 9TH AUG 12TH AUG - 16TH AUG 19TH AUG - 23RD AUG 27TH AUG - 30TH AUG	EARLY DROP 8:15AM 9:00AM - 3:30PM LATE PICK UP - 5:30PM	£2.50 £22.50 £7.00
<b>SAMUEL WARD SPORTS DOME, HAVERHILL</b> <b>FOOTBALL CAMP</b>	22ND JULY - 23RD JULY 29TH JULY - 30TH JUL 5TH AUG - 6TH AUG 12TH AUG - 13TH AUG 19TH AUG - 20TH AUG 27TH AUG	EARLY DROP 8:15AM 9:00AM - 3:30PM LATE PICK UP - 5:30PM	£2.50 £22.50 £7.00
<b>ELLESMERE CENTRE, STETCHWORTH</b> <b>MEGA ACTIVITY CAMP</b>	22ND JULY - 26TH JULY 29TH JULY - 2ND AUG 5TH AUG - 9TH AUG 12TH AUG - 16TH AUG 19TH AUG - 23RD AUG 27TH AUG - 30TH AUG	9:00AM - 3:30PM EARLY DROP OFF - 8:15AM LATE PICK UP - 5:30PM	£2.50 £22.50 £7.00
<b>ICKWORTH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> <b>MEGA ACTIVITY CAMP</b>	22ND JULY - 25TH JULY	EARLY DROP OFF - 8:15AM 9:00AM - 3:30PM	£2.50 £22.50





## **Abbeycroft Leisure**

Please find attached a poster for Abbeycroft's summer holidays 'Holiday Activity and Food (HAF)' offer – Free Swim and Lunch.

This is for those eligible for free school meals or experiencing other hardships (eligibility is decided by Suffolk County Council).

Haverhill Leisure Centre's sessions will be running every Tuesday from 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August and can be booked through the Eequ website.

Any enquiries directly to us can email [HAF@acleisure.com](mailto:HAF@acleisure.com)

**SPLASH YOUR WAY TO HAPPINESS**  
**THIS SUMMER**

**Monday 22nd July - Saturday 31st August**  
\*subject dates apply

Come along this Summer and take part in our **FREE** swim & lunch offer.  
\*free for those eligible for free school meals and other hardships

**Available at:**  
Hadleigh Pool & Leisure  
Kingfisher Leisure Centre  
Haverhill Leisure Centre  
Newmarket Leisure Centre  
Bury Leisure Centre  
Mildenhall Hub

For more info:  
[haf@acleisure.com](mailto:haf@acleisure.com)  
[abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF](http://abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF)



  
**Abbeycroft**  
Let's Love Life

## Premier Holiday Camps

<https://eequ.org/experience/8895> - Based at Clements Primary Academy in Haverhill.

**FREE HAF SUMMER HOLIDAY MULTI**

**SPORTS COURSES**

**For qualifying families - available locally to  
book now**



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HOLIDAY  
CAMPS**

 Premier Education | **INSPIRING  
ACTIVITY**

 **HAF**  
Holiday Activity  
Programme

 Suffolk  
County Council

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 **SCAN HERE FOR  
MORE INFORMATION**  
or visit [premier-education.com/holiday-camps/HAF](https://premier-education.com/holiday-camps/HAF)

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*Sports available.....*

Basketball, Football, Dodgeball,  
Rounders, Cricket, Athletics,  
Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Soft Archery  
and many more.



*Come & join the fun*

A variety of sports on offer and  
something for everyone to enjoy.  
Children are encouraged to try new  
skills everyday and develop social  
skills.