

# Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been great this week to see the glimpse of spring around the corner - the daffodils outside of school are looking particularly lovely! As part of our school development plan, you will shortly see additional plants and flowers being added to enhance the outdoor learning environment, funded by some of the proceeds raised through fundraising events. Thank you once again for supporting these plans.

Parents' evening is just around the corner on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please use this link to book your appointments:  
<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/7c44v>

Next week is an exciting one! We have our Easter bonnet competition on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March (please see information enclosed) and we will also be drawing our Easter Egg hamper raffle, with winners being announced on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.



There are 20 hampers in total to be won! If you wish to take part, you can either pay directly on ParentPay or bring cash along on parents' evenings to buy the tickets direct. The deadline for doing so is 9am on Wednesday morning.

This week we shared an important message from Haverhill Police on Class Dojo and via email. I have also included it in this newsletter for your reference. Thank you to all for your cooperation on this matter.



If you have any questions relating to your child, or key messages for your class teacher, please do contact them via a message on Class Dojo, or using [admin@placefarm.org.uk](mailto:admin@placefarm.org.uk).

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs McConnell  
Head of School

## Upcoming dates:

### March

- 25<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' Evening (see further information below)  
26<sup>th</sup> March: Parents' Evening (see further information below)  
27<sup>th</sup> March: Year 5 trip to Museum of Zoology  
Easter Bonnet competition (see further information below)  
28<sup>th</sup> March: 1ED visit to Haverhill library  
Reading Café for 2LA - 9:00-9:30 in school hall  
**29<sup>th</sup> March: Start of Easter Holidays**

### April

- 15<sup>th</sup> April: Start of the summer term**  
18<sup>th</sup> April: 2SA Reading Café  
25<sup>th</sup> April: 3SJ Reading Café  
4RG visit to Haverhill library

### May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> May: 3KM Reading Café  
3<sup>rd</sup> May: Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle  
8<sup>th</sup> May: EYFS trip to Boydells Farm  
9<sup>th</sup> May: 4RG Reading Café  
13<sup>th</sup> May: Start of Y6 SATs (Monday to Thursday)  
23<sup>rd</sup> May: Class photos  
**27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half term break**



## Events and Trips this week

### Year 1 Colchester Zoo Trip

The children had a fantastic time at the zoo. They got to see lots of different animals in real life to relate with our science topic on animals.





## 1ES Reading Café

On Thursday, we held a Reading Café for 1ES. The children loved sharing books with their families, we even had some younger siblings joining us! We are trying something new this year, and giving the children a question or statement to think about when they are sharing stories. We had some lovely responses to "Name one book everyone in this room should read before the end of the year." I hope you enjoy reading their thoughts.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Reading Cafes, and we look forward to seeing more of you very soon 😊



## Rainbow Library Visit

Rainbow

visit Haverhill Library.

March 21<sup>st</sup>



We had a great time today visiting the library. It's one of our favourite places to go. We put our luminous jackets on and walked down so sensibly. We listened as we crossed roads and once we reached the library we entered with the best manners. We learned about the special 'Nature' focus, and clubs they run, and listened to a story and really enjoyed it! Then we chose our books. We love this part as there is such a wide range to choose from. We liked scanning our books out too! We walked back just as beautifully chatting away about the books we'd read and chosen to borrow at home. Lots of us said we'd like to go back with our parents too to share with them our favourite place!



Mrs Peck, Miss Waller and Mrs Cornish 😊



## Science Week

Just recently we have celebrated British Science week and this Year's focus has been 'Time'. Across the year groups, the children have been carrying out various experiments in their science lessons.



The following poster has been added to Class Dojo, but here is a reminder if your child wants to get involved.



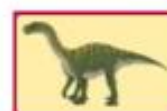
### **British Science Week Poster Competition (Optional)**



This year British Science Week is all about **Time**.  
We would love for you to make a poster all about this topic  
and hand it in to your class teacher by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.



The posters will be judged by a panel of teachers and the  
best five posters will be sent off to be judged. The categories are;  
Early Years, Infant and Junior groups. There are prizes to be won!



## Computing update at Place Farm

This academic year, we have seen the introduction of the CUSP iPad curriculum from Years One to Six and a trial unit recently added for EYFS.

We have all embraced the curriculum and the enrichment it offers to the children's learning.

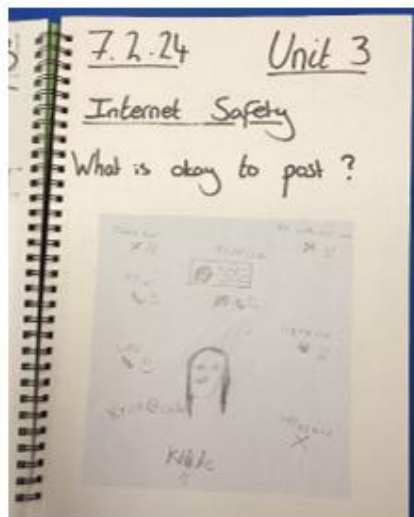
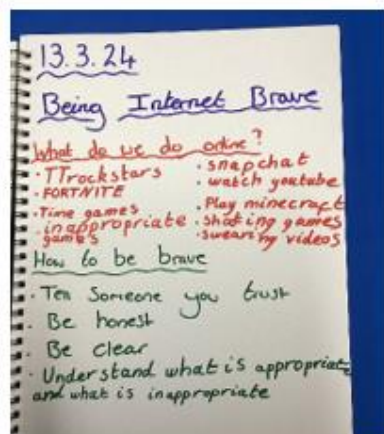
Year One have just finished their unit on Light and Shadows in Photography. They used the camera app to discover how light can affect the objects they see around them.



Year Two are working through the Digital Safety unit - Smartie the Penguin. They are learning how to stay safe online and how to make the right choices.



Year Three have looked closely at internet safety; how to behave online and think carefully about what is okay to post online.

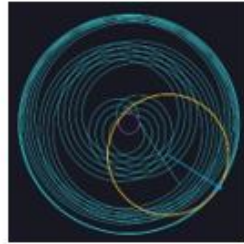
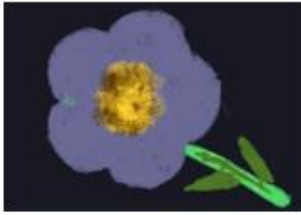


Year Four have completed a unit on iMovie, creating their own trailers for an imaginary film. These are very creative!





Year Five have been using loops and variables in coding and have really enjoyed using different Swift Playgrounds to practise these skills. They navigated their way around a course, drew shapes using Spirals and at the end of the unit they even wrote code to program a robot to dance!



Year Six have been using the iPads daily to enrich their learning in a variety of subjects and are looking forward to completing extended Computing sessions after the SATs.



## Easter Egg Competition

The class who brought in the most Easter Eggs last Friday for the competition was 1ED, who brought in 19 eggs!



## 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.

This week two children received their pen licenses and we had two children with outside achievements in gymnastics and swimming.



We are also continuing to celebrate maths achievements on tt rockstars. We have six tt rockstars certificates that are presented each week, three for increase in times table recall speed and three for most coins gained (number of correct answers).



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.

## Parents' Evening

Good morning everyone,

Bookings for parents' evenings are now live and the information is below.

The dates for the two parents evenings are Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/7c44v>



## Message from Haverhill Police

Dear parents,

Haverhill police have asked us to communicate that they are aware of parents at school drop off/pick up times blocking the approach to the ambulance station on Camps Road. They have received reports of parents being verbally abusive to ambulance staff when they have asked parents to move or avoid blocking the road.

The police wish to remind the school community that ambulances are emergency vehicles and are on the way to do a very important job. Anyone found to be blocking the road will be issued with a Traffic Offence Report carrying three points and, if found to have used abusive or threatening language under the Public Order Act, will be dealt with criminally.

We thank you all for your cooperation on keeping the roads around our school safe.  
Kind regards,

Place Farm Primary Academy Leadership Team



## Easter Bonnet Competition



We holding a Place Farm Easter Bonnet Competition. The children will need to make their bonnet at home and then come into school on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** wearing their bonnet.

Mrs Downes and Mrs Bavester will judge the competition and there will be one winner per class.

We are looking forward to seeing all of your lovely creations.



# Unity Stars Nursery - Haverhill



## Why Choose Us?

- Open 51 weeks of the year from 7.30am to 6.00pm
- Age range 0-3 years full or part-time sessions available
- Small, nurturing and safe environment
- Trained staff to support care, learning and play
- Strong partnerships with parents
- Funded hours
- Please email [info@unitystars.org.uk](mailto:info@unitystars.org.uk) for more information



## Parent Workshops

Small Changes

Big differences



### Virtual Triple P - Family Transitions

From 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm via Microsoft Teams

Family Transitions Triple P is a programme aimed at parents who have been or are going through separation and divorce where there are unresolved conflicts causing difficulties communicating effectively with former partners. Parents may be concerned that the separation or divorce is upsetting their children, or they may want to learn ways to talk to their children about it and teach them ways to cope. Parents who do this course may have ongoing concerns about their child's behaviour. Parents learn to recognise the parent traps during separation and divorce, to how talk to their children about separation and divorce and to help children manage their emotions. **Note: These 5 sessions can be followed by Group Triple P, Group Teen Triple P, or Group Stepping Stones Triple P. We would recommend parents continue after completing Triple P Family Transitions with these programme(s).**

#### COURSE DATES

- Session 1** Tuesday 16 April 2024
- Session 2** Tuesday 23 April 2024
- Session 3** Tuesday 30 April 2024
- Session 4** Tuesday 7 May 2024
- Session 5** Tuesday 14 May 2024



#### Important information and how to book onto a course

- For further information call the Area Parenting Co-ordinator, Emma Remblance 07514 721 874 or Dominique Scanlan 07707295176
- Bookings to the County Parenting Team can be made through Suffolk's online Portal: <https://earlyhelpportal.suffolk.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>. Or use your mobile phone to scan the QR code to book your place.
- If you experience difficulties with the Portal or have any questions, please email [parenting@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@suffolk.gov.uk)
- For all our parenting groups, programmes and seminars, visit [Parenting programmes overview - Suffolk County](#)

[www.triplep.net](http://www.triplep.net)




## Parent Communication



As you may be aware we are currently updating our systems.

Please complete the form below, as soon as possible, to ensure that we hold the most up to date information.

<https://forms.office.com/e/q4W9Dbwi9a>

Please also see the poster below regarding the upcoming changes - further information will follow. Please await a confirmation email before trying to log onto Arbor.

**Arbor**



## We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

**We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.**

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

### How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic  
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

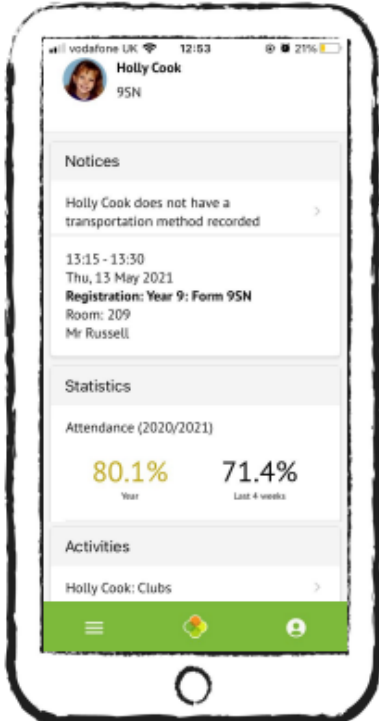
### Need help using Arbor?

**Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal.** Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

**Some tips to try:**

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.





# **Bloom Festival 2024 – Free Workshops and Youth Theatre Performances**

Please see the message below with links to the free workshops:

This Easter holidays we are really excited to be launching our BRAND NEW community festival 'Bloom'. The festival will feature 16 workshops focused on a range of different art forms from Arts and Crafts, Storytelling, Dance, Choir, Directing, Playwriting and SENSory play. We have a fantastic mix of local artists from our Artistic Director Owen Calvert-Lyons to Tom Appleton and Rosy May. The festival will take place between the 25<sup>th</sup> March and the 6<sup>th</sup> April.

These workshops are all available as pay what you can and are available for all ages of our community.

For the whole list of workshops, please see below:

## **THE LINE-UP:**

- Arts and Crafts (3+), 25 March: <https://bit.ly/3wEiE9R>
- An Introduction To Directing with Owen Calvert-Lyons (18+), 25 March: <https://bit.ly/3TnfRun>
- An Introduction to Playwriting (18+), 25 March: <https://bit.ly/3T5tM6T>
- Story Time With Hatty Ashton (ages 2-6), 26 March: <https://bit.ly/49TtczW>
- Act Your Age: Open Session (55+), 26 March: <https://bit.ly/48AOQYZ>
- How To Develop A Character (18+), 28 March: <https://bit.ly/43k9Pyh>
- SENSory Creative Play (ages 6-12), 2 April: <https://bit.ly/3P3VwI7>
- SENSory Creative Play (ages 13-18), 2 April: <https://bit.ly/3v4mBUz>
- Spoken Word Masterclass (18+), 2 April: <https://theatroyal.org/shows/spoken-word-masterclass-with-alice-dlumiere/>
- Children's Theatre Tour, 3 April: <https://bit.ly/3V3Lmer>
- An Introduction to Playwriting For Young People (12+), 3 April: <https://bit.ly/3TnK2ll>
- Choir Masterclass with Tom Appleton (8+), 4 April: <https://bit.ly/3T2iHUq>
- Improvisation Masterclass with Michael Lambourne (12+), 4 April: <https://bit.ly/3lka6aJ>
- An Introduction to Directing For Young People (12+), 5 April: <https://bit.ly/3P7ox5y>
- Youth Voice: Have Your Say (ages 10-18), 6 April: <https://bit.ly/3wNAIU9>
- Dance Masterclass With Rosy May (8+), 6 April: <https://bit.ly/49Z6Vkl>

Our Youth Theatre groups will also be performing two plays as part of the festival. These will take place in the second week of the festival. These performances will take place 'In the Round' as we magically transforming our auditorium to this staging format for the Spring In House production.

Our Youth Theatre's will be performing:

8-11: Kaspar the Wild by Tim Crouch

12-16: Second Person Narrative by Jemma Kennedy

For tickets to the shows, please visit this link: <https://theatroyal.org/shows/kaspar-the-wild-second-person-narrative/>

We are so excited to welcome our communities to the Bloom Festival! Please do come and join us!

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us here at the theatre through [engagement@theatroyal.org](mailto:engagement@theatroyal.org)

# Abbecroft Leisure Easter Holiday Activities

Please see the posters below. If any of these interest you then please use the information at the bottom of the posters below to book or the QR code on the poster:



**EXPLORE OUTDOOR**

## ADVENTURE DAYS

AGES 8-12 YEARS

**2nd - 11th April**  
West Suffolk  
\*subject dates apply

Come to life in the great outdoors this Spring and enjoy re lighting and cooking in the wild, Archery, axe throwing and swimming, and much more.

With our Adventure Days happening across Mid/South and West Suffolk, your child has the chance to unlock their inner explorer whilst fitting around your working hours.

Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided!

\*Free for those eligible for free school meals or meet Suffolk Country Council eligibility criteria

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## ADVENTURE DAYS

AGES 8-12 YEARS

**SEND supported Adventure Days**

Brandon	12th April
Mildenhall	8th, 9th April
Bury St Edmunds	10th, 11th April
HNewmarket	2nd, 3rd April
Haverhill	10th, 11th April
Hadleigh	4th, 5th April
Sudbury	11th, 12th April
Stowmarket	2nd, 3rd April

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**EXPLORE OUTDOOR**

## FAMILY PARK COOKING

**2nd - 11th April**  
West Suffolk  
\*subject dates apply

Adults and children take part in an amazing family day out with a whole range of activities including a cooking masterclass, Outdoor activities all partnered with a provided lunch.

Take home all of the ingredients and recipe cards to make 5 meals!

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**MAKE A SPLASH WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**Friday 29th March - Thursday 11th April**

Come along this Easter half term and take part in our casual swim offer, and receive a lunch too!

\*Free for those eligible for free school meals or meet Suffolk Country Council eligibility criteria

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

For more info:  
haf@acleisure.com  
**abbecroft.org.uk/HAF**

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To book visit: [www.acleisure.com/HAF](http://www.acleisure.com/HAF) Any questions or queries please get in touch. Email: [HAF@acleisure.com](mailto:HAF@acleisure.com) providing the session they want to book and the town they live in. Call: 01284 757495 leave their name, number, town and session they want to book. (Voicemails are checked on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday)



# Prestige Sports Easter Holiday Activities



## PRESTIGE MEGA SPORTS CAMPS

**AGES  
5-11**

### Easter Holiday Camps For Your Children!

**BOOK NOW:** <https://www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com/holiday-camp-locations>

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



**Scan To Book!**

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

 [bookings@prestigesportsdevelopment.co.uk](mailto:bookings@prestigesportsdevelopment.co.uk)



## HOLIDAY CAMPS NEAR YOU...

### Multi-Activity Camps



**Haverhill** ★  
Samuel Ward Academy  
Tue 2nd - Fri 5th April  
Mon 8th - Thur 11th April  
Ofsted



**Great Yeldham**  
St Andrews Primary  
Tue 2nd - Fri 5th April  
Mon 8th - Thur 11th April



**Linton** ★  
Linton Heights School  
Tue 2nd - Fri 5th April  
Mon 8th - Thur 11th April  
Ofsted



**Clare** ★  
Clare Primary School  
Tue 2nd - Fri 5th April



**Newmarket** ★  
The Ellesmere Centre  
Tue 9th - Thur 11th April  
Ofsted



**Soham**  
Shade Primary School  
Tue 2nd - Fri 5th April



**Sudbury**  
Ormiston Academy  
Mon 8th - Thur 11th April  
Ofsted

### Football Camps



**Haverhill** ★  
Samuel Ward Academy  
Thur 4th & Fri 5th April  
Mon 8th & Tue 9th April  
Ofsted

**AGES  
5-11**

**PRICES**

9am-3.30pm - £22.50

8.15am-9am - £2.50

3.30pm-5.30pm - £7.00

★ Late pick up available at selected venues

Childcare Vouchers Accepted at ofsted venues.

**BOOKING:** 

# **Additional Easter Holiday Activities**

***Easter Holidays - FREE Holiday courses available to book locally for qualifying families***

Dear Parent / Guardian

We are really excited to be running holiday courses this **Easter Holidays** and wanted to inform you about the courses available closest to you. Thanks to funding from the department of education through West Suffolk Council families that qualify for **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** can book and attend totally free of charge and will also have a packed lunch supplied on each day of attendance.

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 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](https://youtu.be/NPYCiabAtIM?si=4FpakED_4PkWSuNm)

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

## ***Barrow Primary***

**Age range:** 4\*-12 yrs

**Camp type:** Multi Activity

**Time:** 9am-3:30pm

**Price:** FREE COURSE

**Dates:** Tues 2nd-Fri 5th April

**Booking link:**

<https://eequ.org/experience/7258>

## ***The Glade Academy***

**Age range:** 4\*-12 yrs

**Camp type:** Multi Activity

**Time:** 9am-3:30pm

**Price:** FREE COURSE

**Dates:** Tues 2nd-Fri 5th April

**Booking link:**

<https://eequ.org/experience/7259>

## ***Howard Academy***

**Age range:** 4\*-12 yrs

**Camp type:** Multi Activity

**Time:** 9am-3:30pm

**Price:** FREE COURSE

**Dates:** Tues 2nd-Fri 5th April

**Booking link:**

<https://eequ.org/experience/7261>

## ***Lakenheath Primary***

**Age range:** 4\*-12 yrs

**Camp type:** Multi Activity

**Time:** 9am-3:30pm  
**Price:** FREE COURSE  
**Dates:** Mon 8th-Fri 12th April  
**Booking link:**  
<https://eequ.org/experience/7250>

### ***St Edmundsbury Primary***

**Age range:** 4\*-12 yrs  
**Camp type:** Multi Activity  
**Time:** 9am-3:30pm  
**Price:** FREE COURSE  
**Dates:** Mon 8th-Fri 12th April  
**Booking link:**  
<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://eequ.org/experience/7260&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1710414589530219&usg=AOvVaw3UYwT2z390bo6Ffrn5ybTj>

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**Camp type:** Multi Activity  
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[https://www.google.com/url?q=https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Hn9jEDkh8NulokSSHvLEp9ESWluanNhGMUIGc8nObbs/edit?resourcekey%23gid%3D608978098&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1710414589525151&usg=AOvVaw1smXNAuHRE\\_N\\_5pfB2N0Xf](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Hn9jEDkh8NulokSSHvLEp9ESWluanNhGMUIGc8nObbs/edit?resourcekey%23gid%3D608978098&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1710414589525151&usg=AOvVaw1smXNAuHRE_N_5pfB2N0Xf)

Please click the link below for an overview of the Premier West Suffolk venue booking options:  
<https://eequ.org/search-learning-experiences?q=West+Suffolk>

Please do not hesitate to contact Owen Paynter at [opaynter@premier-education.com](mailto:opaynter@premier-education.com) if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you.  
Kind regards

**Premier West Suffolk & Essex**

