

# Newsletter



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

Dear families,

It was lovely to welcome you in to school this week for this term's parent consultation evenings, and to see such a great turn out of parents. We hope you found the meetings helpful. Thank you also to those parents who completed our questionnaire - we will be taking a close look at these over the coming week. If you did not manage to make a meeting, and would still like to arrange one, please do make contact.



These meetings are always a helpful marker to find out about your child's progress, but if you ever have any concerns or questions relating to your child in between these arranged times, please do reach out any point to the school to arrange a catch up with your child's class teacher. This can be done via Class Dojo, a phone call to the office, or via our admin address.

This week we held out Easter Egg competition on the playground - it was a close competition between Year 4 and EYFS in particular, but EYFS just crossed the line with 39 easter eggs! Thank you to all who donated. These will be raffled next week - please see further information enclosed.



We have an exciting assembly and event planned for next week for Years EYFS to Year 2 - Haverhill Arts Centre will be joining us to give us a taster of their Jurassica Spectacular show (<https://haverhillartscentre.co.uk/performance/jurassica-spectacular/>), which will involve an assembly and meet and greets on the playground with some of the puppets. We hope to capture lots of great photos for the newsletter and our Facebook page!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs McConnell

## Upcoming dates:

### March

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Mar: Y4 visit to St Mary's Church

### April

Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr: 5ML Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Y6 Visit to Mosque

1ES & 2LP library visits

Spring term discos (further information below)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April: School term ends**

**Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> April: New school term begins**

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> April: 2LA Reading Café 9:00-9:30

4RG & 1ED library visits

### May

Thur 1<sup>st</sup> May: 2LP and Rainbow Reading Café 9:00-9:30

3KM library visit

Thur 8<sup>th</sup> May: 1ED and 1ES Reading Café 9:00-9:30

5JG & 5ML library visits

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> May: Y6 SATS week (Mon-Thurs)

Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Class photos

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May is half term**

### June

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun: EYFS Trip to Boydells Farm

Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Jun: OAP and OCS Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Jun: 3SA and 6EJ Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Jun: Y5 Kip on a ship residential trip (until Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June)

3KM and 6SL Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun: Year 1 and 2 Sports Day – 9:00-10:30

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Jun: EYFS Sports Day – 9:00-10:30

Year 5 and 6 Sports Day – 1:30-3:00

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Jun: Year 3 and 4 Sports Day – 9:00-10:30

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jun: PD day (school closed to all)**

### July

Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul: 4RG and 4KM Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Jul: Y6 residential trip (Wed – Fri)

Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Jul: 5JG and 5ML Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Jul: Reports sent home

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Jul: Y6 Graduation

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Jul: Transition days (Wed-Fri)

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Jul: Start of summer holidays**

## **Uniform**

**Uniform and warm weather:** The weather this week has been warm over the last couple of days, and the forecast is for this to be changeable over the next couple of weeks.

With this in mind, we are happy on this occasion for children to wear appropriate grey school shorts over the final two weeks of term (before our summer uniform starts after Easter), alongside the usual shirts and ties in Years 1-6.

Summer uniform will then formally begin after Easter – please see our website for further details:

<https://placefarm.org.uk/uniform>

## **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.

## **NHS courses to support emotional health and wellbeing**

The NHS have a website called 'inourplace' which provides online learning courses for parents and families to support with emotional health and wellbeing. Please see below for the link to this:

<https://inourplace.co.uk/>

## **Haverhill Police Message**

All schools in Haverhill have received a message from Haverhill police about reports of several, likely Primary school age, children climbing on building roofs in Haverhill Town Centre. This has caused some damage to property, however their bigger concern is the risk to injury if one of these children were to fall.

Please could you talk to your children, if they are of an age that they are out in town unsupervised, about the risks associated with this behaviour.



# Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate in celebration assembly this week.

We had lots of children receiving their coloured certificates today as well as some PROUD certificates.



We also had two children who were celebrated for their achievements in gymnastics from outside of school.

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 4KM.



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.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> place we had 3SA with 97.3%

In 2<sup>nd</sup> place we had 4RG with 97.7%

In 1<sup>st</sup> place we had 2LA with 97.8%

Whole school attendance was 95.3%





## Year 5 Museum Trip

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Year Five went to Cambridge to explore the Zoology Museum and the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. We were all impeccably behaved and represented Place Farm beautifully.

At the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology we met Rob who spoke to us about the Maya civilisation and showed us a large replica of a Maya Stelae. This showed us a Maya King. We split into two groups and took turns to explore the museum, searching for Maya artefacts and completing activities about these. The other group worked with Rob handling some genuine Maya artefacts as well as some replicas. We were asked to try and identify the artefact and what it might be used for. We did very well with this!



## Wildlife Club Spring Round Up

This half-term, Wildlife Club members have had a go at being mini-meterologists and learnt about different cloud formations, using an overlay to spot them in the sky and then draw them. Generally, we have really enjoyed getting out and about more with a Spring spotter sheet and more planting. The children learnt about upcycling when they reused old containers as plant pots with some interesting results! Look out for more in the Summer term!



## 6EJ Reading Café

6EJ had a brilliant Reading Café this week. Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did 😊





## 3SA – Haverhill Library visit

This week 3SA visited the library. They loved looking at the different books and they all loved taking out new books to read and explore.



### **Easter Bonnet Competition**



We will be asking the children  
to take part in our Easter Bonnet competition.

If your child is interested in making a bonnet,  
please make them at home and bring them into  
school finished on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.





## **Easter Egg Raffle Competition**

This year we will be asking for Easter Egg donations.

**Children are encouraged to bring an Easter Egg into school on the morning of Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

The class who collects the most Easter Eggs wins a prize!

**The Easter eggs collected will then be divided into hampers and we will have an Easter Hamper raffle.**

The tickets will be available to buy via Arbor (school shop).

The price of the tickets will be £1.00 per ticket.

**The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – this will allow the winners time to collect their prize before the Easter holiday.







# Spring Disco



## Thursday 3rd April '25'



**Payments to be made via Arbor**

EYFS disco will run during the school day from 2:30pm until 3:00pm. EYFS pupils can wear non-uniform for this day. Tickets cost £2 and will include a glow stick and ring light.

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 disco will run from 3:30pm-4:45pm. Pupils can bring party clothes to school to change into before the disco. Tickets will cost £3.50 and will include a snack. Please collect your child from the playground at 4:45pm. They will exit from their usual classrooms.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 disco will run from 5:00pm- 6:15pm. Tickets cost £3.50 and will include a snack. Pupils will enter the disco via the front gate near the office and exit from their classrooms onto the playground on Crowland Road. **Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 who can walk home alone will need to let the class teacher know in advance that they have permission.**

Children can also bring **up to £3** with them to purchase small items. Pupils will need to look after any change during the disco so please try to give them the correct amount of money.

**Glow sticks= 50p each**

**Ring lights = £1 each**

# 20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day will...

Improve  
focus and  
concentration

Have a world of  
imagination and  
creativity  
opened to them

Have  
stronger  
writing skills

Improve and  
strengthen  
memory

Be exposed to  
1.8 million  
words a year

Have a  
broad  
vocabulary

Have better  
general  
knowledge

Improve  
test results

Improve  
communication  
skills

Encourage  
a love for  
learning

Learn how to  
develop  
empathy

Improve  
critical  
thinking skills

Have  
reduced  
stress levels



# **Easter Holiday Activities**

## **Prestige Sports**

Prestige Sports will be running their Football Camps and Mega Sports & Activity Camps at Samuel Ward Academy this Easter! They will be on Monday 7th to Friday 11th April & Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April. They are open 9am-3.30pm with early drop off from 8.15am and late pick up until 5.30pm as optional extras. Payments can be made using the tax free childcare system too.

You can book online using this link: [www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com](http://www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Prestige Mega Camps are back this Easter, offering entertaining activity days for your children and childcare for parents! From Arts & Crafts, Super Sports & Action Games and more. We have over 75 activities that we offer across our camps, and our main aim is for children to have fun!

In the attached brochure you can find information about our camps, our activities and how to book!

This Easter we have camps in Sudbury, Great Yeldham, Horringer, Haverhill, Stetchworth, Linton, Soham, Great Easton and Radwinter.

We hope to see you there!

Thank you,

The Prestige Sports Team

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Email:

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

[www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com](http://www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com)



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SUDBURY	LINTON	YELDHAM	STETCHWORTH
HAVERHILL	HORRINGER	SOHAM	GT EASTON/RADWINTER

The brochure features a vibrant blue and yellow design with circular photo cutouts showing children engaged in various activities: a girl holding a colorful paper plate, a boy with a toy gun, and children playing sports. Decorative white stars and swirls are scattered throughout the layout.

## Limitless Activities

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have **FREE places** for your children taking place at Westfield Primary Academy, Chalkstone Way Haverhill, CB9 0BW 9-3PM a meal is also included at **No Cost**. This Easter Holidays.

**Click here to book** and secure your no cost place- <https://eequ.org/book/limitless-westfield-haverhill-with-limitless-sports-and-activities-11102>

We offer an unrivalled range of limitless activities which may include Arts and crafts, Animal experiences, Dancing, Music Therapy, Sports and Games, Cooking and Baking, Giant inflatables, Magicians, Axe throwing, Laser Tag, Circus workshops plus many more!

### **No Cost places**

We are the leading provider in the HAF programme meaning we can offer lots of **FREE** places for children who are in receipt of income related free school meals, Refugees, or a sibling who is starting school in September from the first two categories.

If you need any help or support please message or call our helpline on 07752810389

**Click here to book**

**Click Here to Friend us on Facebook**

[www.limitlessactivities.co.uk](http://www.limitlessactivities.co.uk)

## Premier Education

### **Easter Holidays - Multi Sports Courses**

**Fully funded HAF placements available for Free school meal 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 to you 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>

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

**HAF Placements** - HAF booking options for free school meal qualifying families are available on the links highlighted below - fully funded by the department of education through Suffolk County Council.

### ***Barrow Primary***

Age range: 5-12 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 7th April - Thu 10th April

Booking links:

**Parent funded:** <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5867-924547/>

**HAF Qualifying:** <https://eequ.org/book/premier-education-barrow-primary-with-premier-education-west-suffolk-op19-5546>

### ***Clements Academy***

Age range: 5-12 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 7th April - Thu 10th April

Booking links:

**Parent funded:** <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5856-924548/>

**HAF Qualifying:** <https://eequ.org/book/premier-education-clements-academy-with-premier-education-west-suffolk-op19-8895>

### ***Howard Academy***

Age range: 5-12 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 14th April - Thu 17th April

Booking links:

**Parent funded:** <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5845-924549/>

**HAF Qualifying:** <https://eequ.org/book/premier-education-howard-academy-with-premier-education-west-suffolk-op19-7261>

## ***Lakenheath Primary***

Age range: 5-12 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 7th April - Thu 10th April

Booking links:

**Parent funded:** <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5845-924549/>

**HAF Qualifying:** <https://eequ.org/book/premier-education-lakenheath-primary-with-premier-education-west-suffolk-op19-5537>

## ***Thurston Academy***

Age range: 5-12 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 14th April - Thu 17th April

Booking links:

**Parent funded:** <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/15834-924742/>

**HAF Qualifying:** <https://eequ.org/book/premier-education-thurston-academy-with-premier-education-west-suffolk-op19-5549>

## ***West Row Academy***

Age range: 5-12 yrs

Camp type: Multi Activity

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Price: £24.99 per day

Dates: Mon 7th April - Thu 10th April

Booking links:

**Parent funded:** <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/5864-924660/>

**HAF Qualifying:** <https://eequ.org/book/premier-education-west-row-academy-with-premier-education-west-suffolk-op19-11664>

Please do not hesitate to contact Premier West Suffolk & Essex 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

**Premier Education Group: phone: 01638669778 | mobile: 07500301043 address: Newmarket Business Centre, 341 Exning Road, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB80AT**



# The New Croft Foundation

Parents can book their child to programmes via a link.  <https://www.thenewcroftfoundation.com/football-camps>



## **Football Pay and Play**

- + 8th, 10th & 15th April 2025
- + 10am - 4pm
- + £5 per day
- + Ages: 12 - 18

## **Darts Hour**

- + 8th & 15th April 2025
- + 10am - 4pm (1 hour slots)
- + £10 per board (max 4 players)
- + Ages: 12 - 18

## **Advanced Training Morning (U7 - U16)**

- + 7th & 14th April 2025
- + 9:30am - 12:30pm
- + £15 per player

## **20% off 1-2-1's**

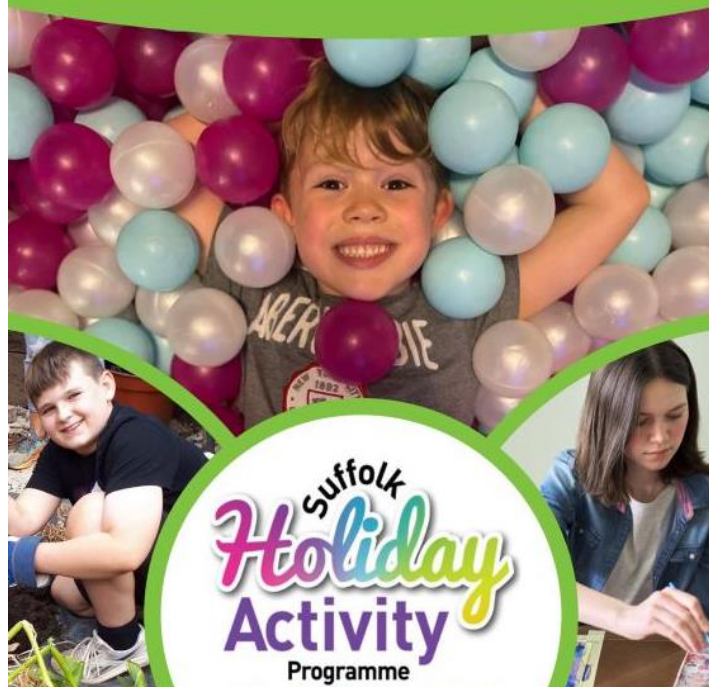
- + 9th April 2025
- + Slots between 10am - 3pm
- + 45 minute session
- + £25 per player

\*\*\*\*\* [www.thenewcroftfoundation.com](http://www.thenewcroftfoundation.com) \*\*\*\*\*

# School Holiday Fun Awaits!

Book a spot now for your child aged 5-16 in the Spring, Summer and Winter school holidays

**FREE** for children who receive benefits-related free school meals



## Explore Our Holiday Activities Programme!

Children aged 5-16 can take part in a variety of fun and engaging activities this school holiday, which include:

- Sports sessions
- Arts and crafts
- Dance classes
- Cooking workshops

Activities are **FREE** for children who receive benefits-related free school meals.

### If your child is not on the free meals programme

Many of our activities have paid for sessions available, so every child still has a chance to participate!



### Find out more!

Visit <https://eequ.org/suffolkhaf> and search 'Holiday Activities Fund' or scan the QR code!

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# 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!

Email us at:  
kedingtoncubs@gmail.com



**parkrun SUFFOLK**

Locations marked on the map include: Brandon, Mildenhall, Thornham Walks, Framlingham, Sizewell, Lowestoft, Harleston Magpies, Bury St Edmunds, Stowmarket, Rendlesham, Haverhill, Clare, Great Cornard, Ipswich, Kesgrave, Felixstowe, Alton Water.

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Suffolk and North East Essex

## Walk-In COVID Vaccination Clinic

no bookings, just turn up

**Please do not contact the centre**

If you have queries please go to  
[www.sneevaccine.org.uk](http://www.sneevaccine.org.uk)

or call the NHS patient helpline 0344 257 3961

Alternatively the vaccinator will be happy to answer your questions on the day



**Top up your immunity this Spring!**

If you're in one of the following groups, you can attend any of our walk-in clinics to take up the Covid-19 Spring Booster.

**All aged 16 years and over**

**Stourview Health Centre: Crown Passage, High Street  
Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 8AG**

01/04/2025	09:00 - 15:00	16+
02/04/2025	09:00 - 15:00	16+
03/04/2025	09:00 - 15:00	16+
04/04/2025	12:00 - 18:00	16+
05/04/2025	09:00 - 13:00	16+
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