

Newsletter



Friday 16th December, 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great week we have had in school. Alongside the excitement of snow, we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner on Tuesday (thank you to all the staff in the kitchen!), carols in the hall and an afternoon of Christmas parties. Many of our pupils were also involved in the combined schools carol service at St Mary's Church on Tuesday, alongside Castle Manor Academy, Burton End Academy and Clements Academy. This was a beautiful service and our pupils did us proud, singing in the choir and reading in front of a large audience. A huge well done to all involved!

Next term we would like to re-establish our expectations around school uniform - information about this is enclosed. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

We are looking ahead to plan some exciting dates for the new year, including school discos (info and dates to follow) and EYFS Parent Share Sessions and Reading Cafes - please see the dates below for those already scheduled. More information will follow.



Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas when it arrives.

Lisa McConnell
Head of School

CALENDAR

January

Tuesday 3rd January - PD Day (School closed to pupils)

Wednesday 4th January - First day of spring term

Thursday 26th January, 9-10am EYFS Parents' Share Session

February

Friday 3rd February - NSPCC Number Day - Whole School Maths Fundraiser

Potential dates for Parents' Evenings 6th and 7th February - more info to follow after Christmas.

Uniform Expectations

We value the importance of school uniform at Place Farm. We believe that it promotes pride, respect, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging amongst our pupils. We thank you in advance for supporting your child to wear the appropriate school uniform after Christmas, including wearing black school shoes:

Foundation Stage

Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo

White polo shirt

Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore (Girls may wear trousers)

Black school shoes/black, white or grey socks/ black or grey tights



Year 1 – 6

Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo

White collared shirt (Not polo shirt)

Tie

Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore (Girls may wear trousers)

Black school shoes/white or grey socks

Summer Uniform

Children may continue to wear their shirts and ties, skirts and trousers for the summer months, or alternatively, they may wear the summer uniform:

White polo shirt with logo

Grey tailored shorts/trousers Blue/white check summer dress or grey skirt

Black school shoes/white or grey socks

PE Kit – All Stages

White polo with logo

Blue shorts

Blue jogging bottoms (optional)

Trainers

Blue socks (optional)

Year Five Newsletter

This term we have enjoyed many different activities both in and out of the classroom. Below is a collection of photos from some of the exciting things we have done.

In DT, we learnt about food hygiene and began cooking our own products:



In RE, we critically analysed the Christmas Story before visiting the Church to find out more:

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To support our Reading Curriculum, we visited the library and we met the author of *Secrets of a Sun King* in a virtual event. The children loved exploring the books and getting the opportunity to take some home!



Choose a book, wrap a book, gift a book
with Get Suffolk Reading

Saturday 17 December, 10am – 3pm
St Mary's Church, Haverhill

Come along and pick one of our FREE books to wrap, take home and give as a gift this Christmas.

**GET
SUFFOLK
READING**



RE at Place Farm



This half term, in each year group, we have been learning about Christianity!

Here are some pictures of Year 4 creating Christingles!



Christmas Celebrations

What a wonderful week it has been here at Place Farm. We really have sprinkled the Christmas Cheer!

The children enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Tuesday. Pulling their crackers, sharing their jokes and singing along to the Christmas songs!



We apologise again for having to cancel Carols on the Playground, but we hope you enjoyed the videos that were shared on Class Dojo. The children really did sing their hearts out and it was lovely to hear the brass instruments be played by our pupils.





The EYFS children made us PROUD on Wednesday and Thursday. The children performed the Christmas Nativity – Shine Star Shine.

The have worked so hard over the previous week, rehearsing their lines and practising the songs.

Thank you to all of you who came along and supported the children and for making/buying the fantastic costumes.



We hope that you all have a very restful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

FAMILY & JUNIOR SWIM & LUNCH

Swim & lunch will run in the school holidays providing a FREE swim and nutritious meal for those eligible for free school meals in the holidays

5-16 years old

17th - 30th December

*Subject dates applied

Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre
Haverhill Leisure Centre
Hadleigh Pool & Leisure
Kingfisher Leisure Centre
Mildenhall HUB
Newmarket Leisure centre

To book:

Email: HAF@acleisure.com

Call: 01284 757473

For more info, visit

www.acleisure.com/HAF





December 2022



Dear Parent/Carer

Suffolk County Council is pleased to confirm a further discretionary grant is available to support low-income families over the Christmas holiday. The grant will be ordered by your child(ren)'s school and will be issued as a £30 Edenred supermarket voucher for each eligible child. The grant is to help families with their essential living costs during the school holiday.

Please note that this grant will be issued to you via the email address that the school holds for you so please ensure that this address is up to date.

The voucher must be spent before the expiry date as failure to redeem by that date will mean you cannot be reissued, and you will lose the grant.

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

Suffolk County Council

Flu Nasal/IM Vaccination

Vaccination UK would like to offer parents, whose children missed the vaccine in School the opportunity to attend one of our 'Catch-up' Clinics.

We will be operating our clinics on a 'Walk-in' basis and therefore no appointment is necessary.

If you require an IM, please contact us on 01473 858963 prior to the clinic you wish to attend. This will enable us to bring enough vaccines with us on the day.

All clinics will be available from 10:00 – 14:00 in the following areas on the following dates:

Haverhill	Epi Centre, Enterprise Way CB9 7LR	19 th December
Lowestoft	Oulton Community Centre Meadow Rd NR32 3AZ	20 th and 30 th December
Ipswich	Martlesham Community Hall Parish Rooms Felixstowe Rd IP12 4PB	21st December 08:45 – 12:45 28 th December
Bury St Edmunds	Blackbourne Community Centre, 71 Blackbourne Road IP30 9GY	28 th December

FAMILY PARK COOKING FESTIVE FOOD AND ACTIVITY PACKS



This Christmas Explore Outdoor and Abbeycroft Leisure are working with West Suffolk Council, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council and Suffolk County Council to provide food and activity packs to support families and keep the kids active and entertained this Christmas holiday.

EACH PACK CONTAINS INGREDIENTS FOR A CHRISTMAS DINNER AND BOXING DAY LUNCH ALONG WITH A RANGE OF FAMILY AND KIDS ACTIVITIES TO COMPLETE AT HOME

FREE FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (PUPIL PREMIUM) OR MEET OUR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

Roast Chicken and Vegetables
Roast Potatoes
Sprout Gratin
Christmas Pudding
Giant Sausage Roll
Apple Crumble
Plus:
Family Games
Christmas Decorations
Kids activities



Department
for Education



TO BOOK EMAIL: HAF@ACLEISURE.COM

YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR 16-DIGIT E-VOUCHER NUMBER TO BOOK



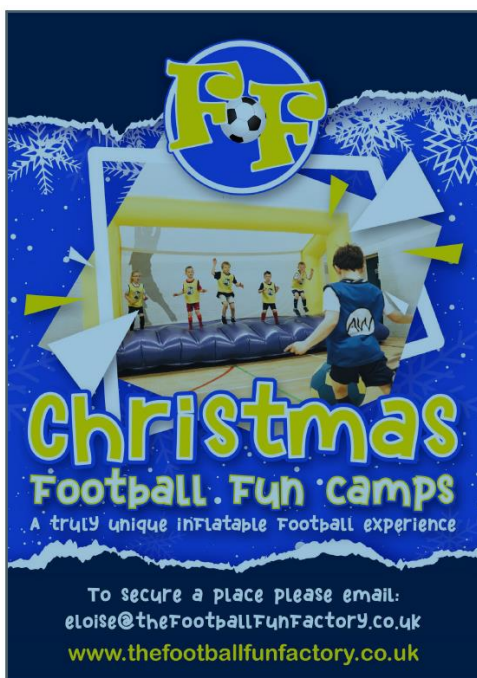
West Suffolk



Looking for some Holiday Activities this Christmas? Please click on these links to access a range of activities being run by West Suffolk Council (also shared on Class Dojo):

[Posters](#)

[Holiday Activities Timetable](#)



Suffolk Holiday Activity Programme

School's Out Activities

FOR AGES 4 - 16 (SCHOOL GOING)

FREE SPACES THIS WINTER
Holiday Activity Fund

Free School Meals
Calling all parents currently in receipt of 'Benefit Related Free School Meals'... through the HAF programme we are able to offer up to **4 days this Winter**... This is worth over £170!
A free packed lunch is provided, with choices of sandwiches, snacks, and drinks.

Dates
CHOOSE ANY 4 DAYS FROM...
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd December 2022

Times
Drop Off 9am-9:30am **Lunchtime** 12:30pm-1:30pm **Pick Up** 4:30pm-5pm
Early Bird 8am-9am **Extended Fun** 5pm-6pm
Early Bird & Extended Fun each charged at £5 per session

Early Explorers 4-6 yrs
Designed by Primary School Teachers to aid in the development of children in Early Years.
-Singing -Drawing
-Creating -Building
-Dancing -Painting
-Baking ...and more!
Must be school-going 4 year old UK 5 by the 31st Aug 2022

Creative Crew 7-12 yrs
For GIRLS and BOYS to indulge in their creative side, be active, yet have time to chill.
-Arts & Crafts -Cooking
-Textiles -Fashion
-Performing -Singing
-Dancing ...and more!

Adventure Adventure 7-12 yrs
An action-packed week jammed full of 30+ team sports and adventurous activities!
-Nett Wars -Roller Racers
-Dodgeball -KinBall
-Football -RC Cars
-Mario Kart ...and more!

Next Generation 13-16 yrs
Developing leaders of the future with our '5 Levels to Leadership' programme.
-Working Journal
-Build Confidence
-Work Experience
-Gain Rewards
Choose to assist on any of our courses!

Questions? Phone us on: 01473 942990

SOUTH LEE SCHOOL
Newton Road, Barry St Edwards, IP13 2BT
Ofsted Number: EY2593837

WOODBIDGE SCHOOL
Barkitt Road, Woodbridge IP12 4JH
Ofsted Number: EY564342

IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL
Woolverstone, Suffolk IP9 3AZ
Ofsted Number: EY532372

Learn More www.schoolsoutactivities.co.uk

NHRM
NATIONAL HORSE RACING MUSEUM

Free Creative Christmas Workshop

11am - 3pm on Saturday 17 December 2022

Get festive and creative with our artist-led workshop!

Take part in our FREE family drop-in creative workshop with artist Ali Atkins inspired by our collection at Christmas time and make festive decorations together using a variety of sculpture materials to take home. Suitable for all ages.

NHRM is part of the Suffolk Holiday Activity Programme and if families are eligible for Free School Meals from our local area, picnic bag lunches from The Bakery in King's Yard for children and young people aged 5 - 16 are available to book in advance by sending an email to Sarah at info@nhrm.co.uk or on the day with the HAF Code.

www.nhrm.co.uk | National Horseracing Museum, Newmarket