



5th July 2024

## Executive Head

What a wonderful week it has been! Across the school it has been pleasing to hear about children's progress in a range of things. We also had the pleasure of enjoying the key stage two performance. I hope those of you that were able to watch enjoyed it as much as I did. A huge well done and thank you to all of the children and everyone who supported them.

**Mrs Brand**

## Robins

This week Robin Class have been working exceptionally hard to create their own quizzes on ScratchJr. They have chosen their own sprites and have even decided upon their own quiz questions, carefully writing their own code. We also had lots of fun testing and evaluating each others! During PE lessons Robin Class have been working in small groups to create their own yoga flow. Miss White has been impressed by the level of creativity demonstrated by all! During RE we have been learning about a variety of different prayers and considering when and why a Christian child might choose these. We have also written a prayer of our own from this perspective. It has made me incredibly proud to witness how well the current Robins welcomed new members of the class during the transition morning. The current Robins were exceptional role models and happily demonstrated our class rules and routines to new members of the class. A big well done to all!

## Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have been working on their debates based on 'Should we still have zoos?' We have a range of interesting topics, and I am looking forward to the final conclusions. In maths Year 4 have worked well on manipulating money, something they have found a challenge, and Year 3 have investigated capacity and volume. In geography we have investigated the causes and effects of rivers flooding and in French we have revised colours. Our main focus has of course been on our play - a great dress rehearsal on Wednesday and two fantastic performances on Thursday. What a triumph! Thank you to all parents who came e to watch and support. Finally, a reminder that we are swimming next Monday and going on our rivers trip all day on Wednesday.

## Golden Eagles

We have had another very busy week in Golden Eagles, with the highlight of the week being our fantastic summer production! I'm sure that everyone will agree that the children did an amazing job and it was such a pleasure to watch them all shine on stage. We have also managed to fit in a transition morning and lots of learning too. In maths we have been looking at translation in year 6 and decimals and place value in year 5. We have also finished our history unit of work, comparing the ancient and modern Olympics and looking at ancient Greek theatre. We also created posters about the ancient Greek legacy.

## Maths Monster



### Golden Eagles

Are this weeks winners!

## Reading Wings



### Robins

Are this weeks winners!

## Ogden Competition



Congratulations to Henry & Jacob who were the winners of our Ogden Competition. The task was to create a 1 minute timer, as you can see they were very imaginative with their creation!

*Well done!*

## Prayer

*Mighty God from up high,*

*You are the Lord of the earth and sky,*

*We know we sometimes get things wrong,*

*We're sorry for those things we've done.*

*We thank you for our families, friends and  
school, We thank you for loving us all.*

*Please can you let our lights shine, In all our  
work, including mine.*



*Amen*

## Weekly Attendance



### Golden Eagles

have the highest  
attendance this week!

*Well done!*

## Whole School Attendance YTD

**95.39%**



## Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- 07/07 - Ditchingham Grand Village Fete
- 08/07 - Barn Owls Swimming
- **08/07 - Y6 to Crucial Crew (AM) - Cancelled**
- 08/07 - Bungay High in to meet Y6 (PM)
- 08/07 - Hobart Transition Y6
- 09/07 - Hobart Transition Y6
- 10/07 - Hobart Transition Y6
- 10/07 - Bungay Transition day Y5
- 10/07 - Barn Owls trip to Beccles Quay
- 10/07 - Robins visiting Bungay Care Home
- 12/07 - Y6 to Pleasurewood Hills
- 15/07 - Internal Transition Afternoon
- 15/07 - Barn Owls Swimming (CANCELLED)
- 16/07 - Long Stratton High School Transition
- 17/07 - Long Stratton High School Transition
- 18/07 - Y6 Leavers assembly 9.00am
- **19/07 - Last day of the academic year**
- **04/09 - First day back at school**

## Read 2 Dogs Scheme

As a school we have been incredibly lucky to have a volunteer under the Read2Dogs scheme which is part of the [Pets As Therapy](#) Charity. Our volunteer brings Paddy in to school once a week to sit with individuals from our Robins Class while they read.

### Information from Pets as Therapy

Our Read2Dogs scheme can help young people to improve their literacy skills and encourage confidence and concentration in the classroom. Reading a story aloud to a PAT Dog, a great non-judgemental listener, helps young people to enjoy the reading experience. They look forward to spending time with their four-legged friend, which in turn creates a bond of trust, empathy and understanding of the needs of the pet.





### Ditchingham Academy Friends

Guess how many items in the jar now available in reception! You could be in with a chance to win this amazing chocolate hamper that was kindly donated to us by Tesco Beccles.

£1 per go. Winner will be announced on the last day of term.

**BECCLES RUGBY MINIS SUMMER CAMP**

£20 PER CHILD, PER DAY OR £30 FOR BOTH DAYS!

6th & 7th August @ Beccles RUFC Youth Hub

10am to 3pm, arrive at 9:30am

Boys and Girls, ages U6s-U12s

Activities will include evasion games, tagging/tackle technique, handling, and various other fun activities.

**What to bring?**  
Packed lunch, snack, water bottle, trainers/ boots, a gumshield (U9+) and suitable training clothes.

To book your spot please contact: [minis@becclesruffc.co.uk](mailto:minis@becclesruffc.co.uk)

### Grand Ditchingham Fete

Date - Sunday 7th July 2024  
Time - 11am - 3pm  
Place - The Dip Ditchingham

Peter Bension Scrap Metal & Waste Disposal will be doing a Tombola at the Fete, with 50% of the proceeds directly benefitting the school. If you have items to donate for the tombola please contact Pete directly.

### National Book Tokens Competition

Help us grow our library, plus win a £100 National Book Token for yourself!

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize>

**HELP US WIN £1,000 FOR OUR SCHOOL**

NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS

In association with Read for Good

#rebuildthelibrary

**SUFFOLK LIBRARIES WHERE I BELONG**

### Summer Activities

At Bungay Community Library

**Every Day 10-12**  
The Reading Quest - tell us about your reading adventure and claim your prize!

**Every Tuesday 10.30-11.30**  
Suitable for children aged 5-11  
Crafts, Lego or Games!

**Every Saturday 10.30-11.30**  
Suitable for children aged 5-11  
Crafts, Lego or Games!

**Thursdays 25th July, 8th & 22nd August**  
The Blank Page Project for 10-16 year olds - ask staff for more details and how to book!!

By donating to Suffolk Libraries you can help us fund crucial additional services that reduce social, digital and rural isolation in our communities. For details visit [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/Donate](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/Donate)

**SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2024**

**INTENSIVE SWIMMING COURSES**

Activity Sessions  
1 hour sessions

- Boogie Board & Fin Swimming** (5-11yrs Aug)
- Diving** (12-14yrs Aug)
- Snorkelling** (5-11yrs Aug)
- Junior Lifeguarding** (12-14yrs Aug)

£16 per session

**Private Tuition**  
1:1 and 2:1  
Suitable for all ages and abilities available at all pools

**Suitable for 4 years +**  
Max 4 swimmers per class  
30 minutes each day

- Beacon Hill Pool Martlesham**  
5 Day Course  
• 5th-9th Aug  
• 19th-23rd Aug  
£54.75
- Colneis Pool Felixstowe**  
5 Day Course  
• 5th-9th Aug  
£54.75
- Harleston**  
5 Day Course  
• 5th-9th Aug  
£54.75
- Yoxford**  
3 Day Course  
• 12th-14th Aug  
£32.85
- Oaklands Leisure Pool Bungay**  
3 Day Course  
• 19th-21st Aug  
£32.85
- Redlingfield**  
3 Day Course  
• 21st-23rd Aug  
£32.85

**BOOK NOW** Email: [treacle@waterlilieswim.co.uk](mailto:treacle@waterlilieswim.co.uk)

**Outdoor Play Activity Days**

Days of freedom in nature, for children aged 5-11. A huge range of activities will be available to choose from. Enjoy tool use, den building, green woodworking, natural art, free play, invertebrate hunting, hammock swinging & preparing & cooking food, to eat together.

To book, visit the Eequ website: [eequ.org/experience/9748](http://eequ.org/experience/9748)  
[eequ.org/experience/6709](http://eequ.org/experience/6709)

**Locations and dates:** Bloodmoor Hill Community Centre, Carlton Colville - Tues 6, Weds 7 & Thurs 8 Aug, Iketshall St Lawrence Primary - Tues 13, Weds 14 & Thurs 15 Aug.  
**Times:** All sessions 10am - 3pm.  
**These are HALF funded days. Children's places are FREE, if they are in receipt of benefits related free school meals. Paid places are available at a cost of £28.73/child/day.**  
**What's included:** A cooked lunch and snacks, all equipment and resources (art creations and woodwork pieces can be taken home).

For the Iketshall Primary days, a free minibus will run, to transport children from Bungay and Halesworth. If you have any questions, or would like to book a minibus place for your child, please call or message Kat - 07881.527967, [sjandcivison@gmail.com](mailto:sjandcivison@gmail.com)

Sessions will be run by Kat & Lorna - experienced, friendly & inclusive, qualified First Aiders with enhanced DBS checks.

# Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued **after 19th August 2024**.

## **Per Parent, Per Child**

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

## **National Threshold**

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

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## **First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

## **Second Offence (within 3 years)**

- The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

## **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)**

- The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

