



**Attendance: 94.7%**

**Attendance target: 97%**

**Our school... We hope you enjoy our new-look newsletter**

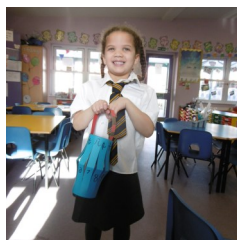
Well done to Year 5 for lifting our spirits this Friday with a beautiful Liturgy for Candlemas, it brought some light to what has been a dreary week, weather-wise. We wish Fr Mathew well on his travels over the next couple of weeks.

**News from Rainbows...**

This week we have been learning about the Chinese New Year festival which lasts for 15 days. We are in the year of the rat. We explored the animal zodiac and listened to the story of the 'Great Race'. We then made our own animal masks and on Friday, we will have our own animal races!



We learnt about symmetry and patterns and made our own Chinese hats, printing with 2D shapes using red and gold. We have also learnt about the lantern festival which takes place on the 15th day where people celebrate with music, dancing and fireworks. The class then made their own lanterns and had a go at writing some Chinese numbers.



In PE, the class have enjoyed taking part in dragon dances, using the coloured scarves and their imagination to move like dragons!



Next week, we are looking forward to having a Chinese New Year celebration day where we will be going on a lantern parade, wearing our special Chinese hats and tasting some Chinese food. We will even have a go at using chopsticks! Kung Hey Fat Choi!

**Our Gospel Values**

- Courage
- Creativity
- Forgiveness
- Generosity
- Humility
- Joy
- Perseverance
- Stewardship

**Executive Headteacher**

Mrs Sandvig

**Head of School**

Miss Southgate

**Our Classes**

- Rainbows Miss Aldous  
Mrs Iannelli  
Mrs Abbott
- Class 1 Mrs Thackeray  
Ms Borley
- Class 2 Mrs Jones  
& Mrs Smith  
Mrs Tella
- Class 3 Mrs Rafferty  
& Mrs Silke-Cooper  
Mrs Durston
- Class 4 Ms Hughes  
Mrs Tooke
- Class 5 Mr Grimwood  
Mrs Dowsing  
Miss Tooke
- Class 6 Mr McGill  
Mrs Catalanotto

**Sports news... TABLE TENNIS REGIONAL FINALS HERE WE COME !**



The U11 Girls' Table Tennis Team travelled to Grantham on Saturday 18th January to compete in the Zone Finals (representing Suffolk). They played teams from : Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire.

The results were as follows:

Won 7—1 v St Mathews (Bedfordshire)

Won 6—2 v St Peter's (Leicestershire)

Won 8- 0 v Milway Primary (Northamptonshire)

The girls won the Zone Final after winning all 3 matches and now go on to the Regional Finals in Grantham on Sunday 9th February

2020.

The Team: Aiva, Shannon, Samantha and Natasha—"Well done girls—this is a fantastic achievement"



Science club was a roaring success. The children from reception through to Yr 3 had a fantastic time immersing themselves in catapult making with lollipop sticks and elastic bands. A huge thank you to Mrs Anderson-Hurst for all her help in preparing the lunchtime club.

Obviously, we don't want Yr's 4, 5's & 6's to miss out so there will be opportunities for them to get involved in scientific learning after half term.

**DIARY DATES**

2nd February—U11 Suffolk Schools Individual Table Tennis Championships (Stowupland)

3rd February Science Dome in School

7th February Friday Assembly

**TERM DATES 2019-20**

**Spring Term**

**6th January -3rd April**

**Half-Term**

**17th—21st February**

**Easter Holiday**

**4th April-19th April**

**Summer term**

**20th April—17th July**

**Half Term**

**25th May—29th May**

**HIGHEST CLASS ATTENDANCE**

**Well done to Class 5 with 97% and Class 2 with 96.4%**



**A Reminder**

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time . Over the past two weeks we have had a high number of late arrivals. Children should be in school for 08.50 ready for registration at 08.55.

**Administrative Officer**  
Mrs Cork

**Administrative Assistant**  
Mrs Ransom

**Business Manager**  
Mrs Pettit

**Caretaker**  
Mr Scopes

**Middy Supervisor**  
Mrs Mikus

## DATES AND EVENTS

Sunday 2nd February	U11 Suffolk Schools Individual Table Tennis Championships (Stowupland)
Monday 3rd February	Science Dome for Yr,Yr1,Yr2,Yr3,Yr4,Yr5,Yr6
Sunday 9th February	U11 Girls Regional Table Tennis Finals—Grantham
Tuesday 11th February	Basketball Under 11 Boys/Girls Competition at Inspire
Thursday 13th February	Bake sale after school run by the Mini Vinnies in aid of The Red Cross Bush Fires Emergency Appeal. If there are cakes left over from the sale ,they will be sold the next day—14th
Friday 14th February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 24th February	Children return to school.
Monday 24th February	Science Club for Yrs 4,5,6 (Details to follow)
Tuesday 25th February	Basketball Under 11 Playoffs Boys/Girls at Inspire
Tuesday 25th February	Pancake Day—Pancakes with fruit topping & icecream served for dessert—Main meal normal menu
Wednesday 26th February	Ash Wednesday - Mass in School( Time to be confirmed)
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day (Details to follow)
Monday 9th March	Rugby Competition at Ransomes Sports Centre (TBC)
Tuesday 10th March	Science Day
Wednesday 11th March	Football Festival U9 Girls– Ipswich Town Football Club
Thursday 12th March	Bentley Photographic Class/Group Photographs)
Monday 16th March	Whitton Sports Centre v The Oakes 3.30 kick off
Tuesday 17th March	Colchester Castle/Museum Year 2
Wednesday 18th March	Futsal Festival Under 7 Boys/Girls at Inspire
Thursday 19th March	Quicksticks Hockey Competition Under 11 Girls/Boys
Monday 23rd March	Parent/Teacher Consultation 3.30-6.00
Wednesday 25th March	Cross Country RHS Holbrook Boys/Girls—Leaving at 1300
Thursday 26th March	Parent/Teacher Consultation 3.30-6.00
Tuesday 31st March	Last swimming session for Yr 5
Friday 3rd April	Break up for the Easter holiday

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# ATTENDANCE

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below  
Drastic effect on  
academic achievement

95% - 90%  
Cause for  
concern

100% - 96%  
Excellent

