



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY UPDATE!

Dear parents and carers,

November has been an extremely busy month at school, with a huge amount to celebrate and reflect upon. The energy and enthusiasm shown by our pupils and staff has been inspiring, and it has been wonderful to see so many opportunities for learning, creativity, and community spirit.

One of the key highlights was Anti-Bullying Week, where the whole school came together to share important messages and themes around kindness, respect, and standing up for others. Assemblies and classroom activities encouraged thoughtful discussion, and children engaged brilliantly with the ideas presented.

We also enjoyed a music experience assembly from the Benedetti Foundation, which brought the joy of music to life in a truly memorable way. The children were captivated by the performances and inspired to think about the role of music in their own lives.

Our ongoing commitment to excellence in teaching and learning was reflected in the Trust writing review, which recognised the excellent progress being made in classrooms. This positive feedback is a testament to the hard work of staff and the determination of pupils to achieve their very best.

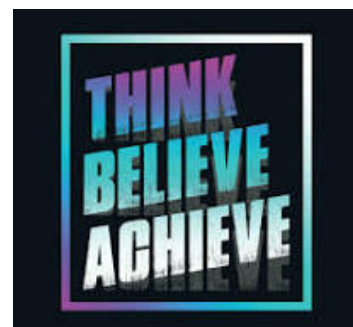
We were delighted to welcome Reverend Andy, whose visits continue to enrich our school community and provide opportunities for reflection and connection. In addition, pupils have taken part in trips to West Suffolk College and a range of sporting events, with further details to follow in upcoming updates. Please see the following pages for photos of the fun!

Looking ahead, December promises to be equally busy and exciting. Please see the PTA page for more information about upcoming events.

We are looking forward to our trip to All Saints Church on 9th December for the usual festive fun, with details to follow, as well as performances from the children. On 15th December, we are excited to invite parents into school to join us in singing Christmas carols and songs together. Finally, our school trips continue with the eagerly anticipated Year 3/4 visit to Colchester Zoo.

It is shaping up to be a joyful end to the term, and we thank everyone for their continued support.

Mr James Murray
Acting Head of School



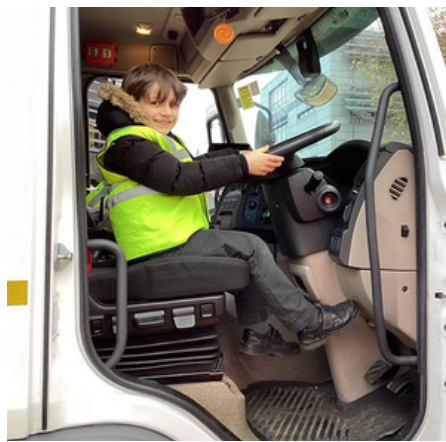
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Year 2 Trip to West Suffolk College

Year 2 had a wonderful time at West Suffolk College attending the skills escalator day. The children enjoyed twelve different sessions learning all about different professions, as well as sessions on healthy choices, emotional regulation and first aid.



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Year 6 Christmas Market Stall



Thank you to everyone who came to see Year 6 at our fundraiser stall in town, at the Christmas lights. They raised over £700!
Don't worry if you missed out because there will be more opportunities to purchase Christmas items before the end of term.
What an incredible achievement. Thank you to parents for supporting their entrepreneurial efforts.

Bury in Bloom

Wonderful News!

We are thrilled to share that our school has been awarded the Bronze Award at Bury in Bloom!

A huge thank you to Mrs Orchard and Mrs Davis for their fantastic support, and to all our amazing children whose careful planting and hard work truly shone on the day. We are so proud of everyone involved!



Benedetti Music Experience

On Thursday, Key Stage 2 had a Benedetti Workshop experience, organised by our music lead, Mr Titheridge. The musicians were so impressed as they had us singing and performing using body percussion as a collective, and then in rounds in groups of four. This musical celebration was a fantastic way of getting the children thinking of musical narrative and expression. It was great to hear the hall filled with music and laughter.



Mayoress Visit

The Mayoress visited our school this month to take part in some (whisper it!) Christmas art activities with year 5 and year 6. She enjoyed meeting the children and spending time in our school.

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Dates for your diary

Christmas film night- Friday 5 December
Valentine's disco- Friday 13 February 2026



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NOVEMBER SPECIAL MENTIONS



Sports Star



We are so proud of Freya!

Over the summer, she took part in a talent competition. She was the youngest competitor. Despite this, her gymnastics skills saw her win this competition and take part in the regional competition. She proudly showed us her medal and certificate in Special Mentions assembly.

Well done, Freya.

Times Table Rockstars

Your child will have their TTRS login glued onto the back page of their homework book. Please look out for this and let class teachers know if it is not there.

Little and often is best with TTRS — studies show that just 3 minutes a day can lead to great progress in arithmetic.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Huyghe



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Year 5 Longships

Our Year 5 learners really embraced the challenge of creating their own Viking longships over the half-term break.

The amount, variety and quality of creations was inspiring, if not a little intimidating!

Have a look at their incredible efforts below.



Budding Authors

Year 5 have been selected for publication in a Young Writers book... AGAIN!

This incredible achievement shows just how talented and dedicated our young authors are! If you'd like to celebrate their literary success, visit: www.youngwriters.co.uk/celebrate/class and use code 208008-CD6F.

We are so proud of these budding writers who continue to impress with their creativity and imagination! Who knows, we might have the next J.K. Rowling or Roald Dahl in our midst!

SEXTON'S MANOR

PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY



OUR NURSERY WELCOMES CHILDREN FROM THE TERM AFTER THEY ARE 3 YEARS OLD.

OUR SESSIONS ARE FROM 8.40 – 11.40AM.



We offer a unique opportunity to be a part of an Ofsted rated 'Good' school, with the Nursery led by a qualified teacher.

We have opportunities to use the whole schoolsite for exploring and using indoor and outdoor play equipment.

Our Nursery class site has a large outside area for super-fast car races, muddy kitchen recipes, sand for digging and special role play moments!



Our aim is to develop the whole child through moments to take risks, grow confidence and become independent learners through play. Children are nurtured and inspired; laughter is encouraged; friendships and trust are formed.

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SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Safeguarding plays a crucial role in our school community. We remain vigilant and committed to educating all stakeholders, ensuring they are kept informed with the most relevant information. Each month, we will provide important resources to help enhance your understanding of safeguarding.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Children regularly use different websites and apps from their parents, and it can be hard to keep up in this ever-changing digital world.

But the things that help keep children safe online are often similar to the things that keep them safe offline.

Connection is the key – encourage them to talk about their activities and relationships, teach them about where they can go if they need help, and be open and supportive to let them know they can come to you.

This short video offers some helpful advice on keeping children safe online.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81aKC1owwAY&t=14s>



If you have a safeguarding concern, please ask to see one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.



Mr. James Murray



Mrs K. Steele



Mrs D. Ballam

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KEY DATES

Friday 5th December: PTA Film Night

Tuesday 9th December: All Saints' Church Visit

Wednesday 10th December: Christmas lunch

Monday 15th December: school Christmas carol singing

Tuesday 16th December: Early Years nativity- 11am

Wednesday 17th December: Year 1 and 2 Nativity- 2pm

Thursday 18th December: Year 1 and 2 Nativity- 5:30pm

Friday 19th December: PD day (no children in school)

CLASS REMINDERS

Whole school	Please remember snacks should be fruit or vegetables only, and water not squash in bottles.
Nursery	Please help your child to put on their coat, socks and shoes to encourage independence.
Reception	PE- Monday Wellies to be left in school and come in coats, hats, gloves for outdoor provision If you are able to have a change of clothes in a named bag to be left on a peg, that would be useful (in case of accidents or getting wet).
Year 1	PE- Monday (PE kit will be kept in school for the half term). Spellings- these will be tested each Friday. Reading books- these will be sent home Friday and collected Monday.
Year 2	PE- Tuesday and Friday.
Year 3	Homework and spellings- Friday PE- Tuesday and Friday Forest Schools- Wednesday (please bring Forest School clothes in a named bag on a Wednesday morning).
Year 4	PE- Wednesday and Friday Homework and spellings- Wednesdays.
Year 5	PE- Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Year 6 Homework- Fridays, Spellings- Mondays, PE- Wednesday morning for both indoor and outdoor