



# Yox Valley Newsletter

Spring Term 2 | April 2025

Dear Families

Finally - there appears to be a few signs that Spring is on its way and the weather seems to be cheering up. This term, as always, seems to have gone very quickly and the children have all enjoyed a rich variety of curriculum and wider opportunities.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our parent consultations this half term, if you did miss the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher please arrange to meet to discuss their progress after the Easter break.

Staffing Updates - We are sad to be saying goodbye to Ms Rahman at Yoxford, who will be leaving us this Easter to enjoy her retirement. Mrs Gail Kirk will be replacing her in the role of Office Manager, and we have appointed Mr Steve Jaki to replace Mrs Kirk's teaching assistant role. Mrs Kirk has previously had many years of experience in a school office and will be super in this position. Mr Jaki is a familiar face to the children already at Yoxford and we are delighted to welcome him to the team.

We are we are pleased to inform you that we will be welcoming Miss Kate Smith to the team at Middleton after the Easter break. Miss Smith will work every day and cover some admin duties but will predominantly be working with Ash Class.

Please look out for class newsletters when we return after the break to inform you of your child's learning for the term. Generally, as a Hub we will be having a heavy focus on the presentation of everything in school. We will be having a big focus on handwriting, the presentation of our books, how the children present themselves in school, uniform and behaviour, and the presentation of our school sites. Please do talk to your children about this focus after Easter and ask them how it is going.

The Summer Term promises to be an exciting time with plays, sports days, class photos and assemblies coming up. Please keep an eye on the diary page and your emails for upcoming events. We wish you a Happy Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back into school on Wednesday 23rd April.

Happy Easter.

Katy Last - Academy Head



***NB: A reminder that we are nut free schools***



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# Diary Dates

7th April - 21st April - Easter Holiday

22nd April: PD Day

23rd April: Children return

## Middleton

- **5th May** - Bank Holiday
- **9th May** - Celebration Assembly 09.45
- **26th May - 30th May - Half Term**
- **20th June** - Class Photos
- **26th June** - Thomas Mills High School transition day Y6
- **27th June** - Celebration Assembly 09.45
- **4th July** - Alde Valley transition day Y6
- **15th July** - Joint Middleton & Southwold Sports Day
- **17th July** - Summer KS2 Play
- **18th July** - Middleton Picnic
- **21st July** - Leavers Assembly 09.00

## Southwold

- **5th May** - Bank Holiday
- **8th May** - VE Day 80th Anniversary commemorations
- **16th May** - Celebration Assembly
- **20th May** - Class Photos
- **26th May - 30th May - Half Term**
- **23rd June** - Southwold Arts Festival School Choir Concert
- **11th July** - Southwold BBQ
- **14th July** - Summer KS2 Play
- **15th July** - Joint Southwold & Middleton Sports Day
- **16th July** - Leavers Assembly 09.00

## Yoxford & Peasenhall

- **5th May** - Bank Holiday
- **13th May** - Willow class - Colchester Castle Visit
- **23rd May** - Celebration assembly 08.45
- **26th May - 30th May - Half term**
- **20th June** - Class Photos
- **26th June** - Thomas Mills High School transition day Y6
- **27th June** - Year 5 Enrichment Day - TMHS
- **4th July** - Alde Valley transition day Y6
- **8th July** - Sports Day
- **16th July** - Summer KS2 Play
- **22nd July** - Leavers Assembly 09.00



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# Middleton Primary School News

## *Ash Class*

This half term Ash Class have been busy planning a healthy meal and learning how to chop, peel, grate and juice different fruits and vegetables in DT. In Maths, they have been learning how to share and group using real objects. In English, they have written an explanation text about a meerkat and are preparing to write their own explanation text based on an animal of their choice. In Science, they have learnt the terms: 'omnivore', 'carnivore' and 'herbivore'. They have differentiated between animals using the words: 'domestic' and 'wild' and have also learnt about animals and their offspring. The children also enjoyed a day out at the Red House, where they participated in a Musical Maths Workshop.



## *Spruce Class*

Spruce class have enjoyed their Scout sessions this term, focusing on equality and diversity. They learned the signs for the letters of the alphabet and were able to spell out their names.

In DT we have been talking about where different foods are grown and how eating seasonal foods can help the environment. We tried lots of fruits that are imported from other countries, as well as cooking and eating some seasonal vegetables grown locally.

We are very proud of the bug hotel we now have in the school grounds. The pupil parliament leaders came up with the idea to enhance our local environment and enlisted the whole school to help.

The children have also written some fantastic stories based on the Ted Hughes book 'How the Whale Became.'

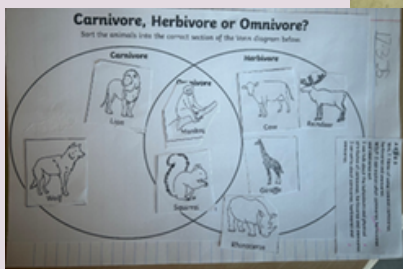
Well done Spruce!



## Oak Class

During Scouts, Oak class were seeing how they would adapt to disabilities; lack of sight and only using one arm when making a jam sandwich. With much concentration, everyone was successful and had a delicious sandwich to eat.

Oak class have been looking at animals, their habitats and this week we have been learning all about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.



## Elm Class

This term we have been enjoying the warmer weather which has taken lots of our learning outside. This term we have been focusing on the text Dear Zoo and have started to use the Talk for Writing format to create our own stories. In maths we have been learning about the numbers 9 and 10. We have been using manipulatives to help us count.





# Yoxford & Peasehall Primary School News



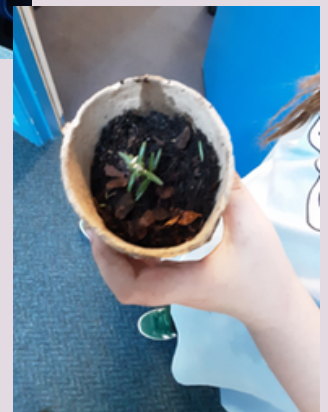
## *Willow Class*

In Willow class we have been practicing our collage skills in art and creating pieces that show natural disasters. We used our prior knowledge of water colours to create backgrounds to work onto.

## *Silver Birch Class*

This term Silver Birch Silver Birch found out what makes a 'perfect' flower and we also took stem cuttings from rosemary to show plants can reproduce in other ways.

In English, we enjoyed acting out the story 'How the Hare Became' and wrote our own animal creation stories.





# Southwold Primary School News

## *Astronauts Class*

Astronauts were very lucky this term to have some interesting visitors! We met a Bearded Dragon called Toothless, African Giant Millipedes called Milly, Molly and Mandy, as well as some Giant Stick Insects. We had the opportunity to hold these creatures, the children were so brave and keen to learn about them. Thank you to the Southwold Friends for helping us have this amazing opportunity.



## *Apollo Class*

As part of their 'Habitats' topic, Apollo class had a visit from Reverend Judy and Julia, whereby they listened to the Christian creation story, made a bug hotel and planted a variety of seeds. Continuing our Science theme, Apollo class visited the children at Middleton Primary where they worked together to create a diorama of a chosen habitat. There were some great models created and the children enjoyed the day that concluded with eating pancakes!





# Southwold Primary School News



## *Mercury Class*

Mercury Class has had a busy and exciting term, filled with enriching experiences. They visited the Red House in Snape, where they explored the home of composer Benjamin Britten and learned about his music and life.

For Commonwealth Day, they walked to Gun Hill, taking part in a reflective moment to celebrate unity and shared values. On World Book Day, they enjoyed a special visit from Charlotte, who inspired them with stories that brought books to life. They also had the wonderful opportunity to work with Rev. Judy, creating their own unique artwork based on the creation story, using different artistic techniques to express their ideas.





# School Scouting Sessions

## *Beavers*

The Beavers looked at different artists and how they adapted their painting with their disability. The Beavers had a go at painting with their feet. The children played 'go ball' where the players are partially sighted and use a ball with a bell to score goals.



## *Cubs*

The cubs have been working towards their disability awareness badge. To earn the badge they have learnt some BSL (British Sign Language), played some disability adapted games and made some tactile art which is created using different textures and layers in order to feel the artwork rather than see it.



# Academic Calendar 2024/25

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July 2025						
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PD DAYS						
2/9/2024 – School Directed						
3/9/2024 – Statutory Training						
25/10/2024 – School Directed						
6/1/2025 – School Directed						
22/4/2025 – School Directed/Wellbeing						