

4th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Easter

Thank-you to all our parents who attended our Easter assembly and applauded our pupils who took part in our Easter bonnet parade. I was amazed at the quality of Easter bonnets that were created this year and the amount of effort it must have taken to create them. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing in front of you and it was a lovely way to finish the spring term and start the Easter break. We look forward to welcoming all children back when **school reopens on Wednesday 23rd April**.

Attendance Matters

Being at school all day every day does make a significant difference. **Recent DfE research finds missing just 10 days of school in a year halves the chances of achieving a grade 5 or better in GCSE English and maths.** Excellent attendance is a priority for us and I am pleased to say that our attendance is ahead of where we were this time last year. However, we still are some way short of the 96.5% that we want to achieve. Please make an effort to have your children at school on time every day. If you need any support with this, please just ask.

Mrs Harvey

I am sad to say that Mrs Harvey will be finishing with us at Easter as she takes on a new position working with young carers in Norfolk. Mrs Harvey has been a huge part of our school community for over 19 years holding many different roles over this time. As Safeguarding and Pastoral Lead she has ensured the safety and well-being of our children, advocated for our most vulnerable children and families and ensured they have had the opportunities they deserve. She will be greatly missed. I am pleased to say that Mrs Branch will be taking on the role of Family Support and Pastoral worker. She is already well known to many of our parents and will ensure our children and families are well supported.

Sports update

Our Year 6 basketball team entered the East Norfolk Primary school tournament and came runners up which was an excellent result. Our Year 5 and 6 Football team played their latest league fixture vs Caister and continue to place well in the league.

Year 3 RE

Our Year 3 children finished off their RE unit on Christianity with a visit to St Mary's Church on Southtown Rd, learning about the different parts of the church and Christian traditions.





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Lion King rehearsals

Twice weekly rehearsals have been going well as the cast prepare for upcoming performances, the dates of which will be coming out shortly. The cast have been invited by the East Coast Truckers charity to perform a selection of songs from Lion King plus some of our school songs at their charity event on Sunday 25th May on their performance trailer outside the American Diner/ Joyland at 11am (a separate letter will be sent to these pupils with additional information).

Year 3, 4, 5 residential to Kingswood Activity Centre

The weekend before last 47 pupils from Years 3-5 and 6 dedicated staff boarded a coach for the North Norfolk Coast for this year's residential at Kingswood PGL, Overstand Hall. The children enjoyed a jam-packed two days of challenges, team work and in their words, 'a giant sleepover!'

The children did Nightline, rock climbing, archery, 'Leap of Faith bushcraft fire making, bushcraft den building,' and team-building. In the mornings we enjoyed a delicious cooked breakfast followed by a wake up dance to get us started. We were taught some great campfire songs and were also able to teach the instructors a few Edward Worlledge bangers too! Hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows also featured in the mix.

We were very impressed with the children's resilience in completing tasks and in their determination to challenge themselves embodying our 5 Rules for Success. Sharing a room, meals times and being part of a team encouraged them to be kind, they certainly dreamed big and showed that hard work works. A great, 'It can be done!' attitude was evident throughout the weekend and it was so lovely to see the older children, especially those who have been through our full residential programme, help and support the younger ones.

Well done everyone and a massive thank you to staff for giving up their weekend to make this happen for the children.



Science Week 2025

All children were excited to take part in Science Week this year, each year group took part in a different activity.

Year group	Activity
Reception	Raft building, Three Billy Goats Gruff
Year 1	Live video about reptiles
Year 2	Nature walk @ Fritton Woods and bug hotels- DT link
Year 3	Deep Sea Yoga Discovery (13.03.25)
Year 4	Animal adaptations, focus on camouflage
Year 5	Make and race an elastic band car (Summer term)
Year 6	Classrooms of the future
Haven	Volcanoes



Red Nose Day

We talk a lot to the children about the value of being part of a community and how important it is to give something back to that community. With this in mind it was great to see so many pupils dress up for Red Nose day, join in the activities and donate to such a good cause. **The total we raised was £160.72!**

Scholars Club

Our Year 5 and 6 scholars have handed in their essays on xxxxxx. The writing from our children this year was exceptional which xxxx firsts, xxx 2.1s. They will be heading off to xxx to take part in a graduation ceremony and receive their awards.

New Dinner Menu

After Easter there will be a new (and exciting) Dinner Menu!

This has already been sent out via Parentmail but paper copies are also available from our academy office.

There is a St Georges Day themed menu on our first day back, 23rd April, and we will send a reminder for this closer to the time.

Clubs

Both Breakfast and Care Club will start again on our first day back, please make sure you have booked in with us by 22/04 – you can do this in person or via phone call today, or email office@ewoa.co.uk over the Easter break.

SATs Booster Breakfast and After School Club will also start from the first day back, the registers will remain the same from this term.

Lion King will also continue next term, starting on 23rd April.

New enrichment club sign up will be sent out via Parentmail, you will receive an email confirmation if your child has been offered a place. These will start w/c 28/04/2025.