



*Where the journey begins*

**Parent Communication Letter – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Academy News**

**Welcome Back**

The children have returned well after the break, everyone looked very smart, and the children have all been focused on their learning and everywhere was calm and purposeful. We are looking forward to our favourite term of the year and if this week is anything to go by, it is going to be a very successful one.

**Fidget Toys**

We have had quite a lot of children bringing fidget toys into school. Whilst these can be a useful tool for children who have certain diagnosed or suspected conditions, these are not necessary for the majority of children. Teachers are reporting that these are becoming a distraction in some classes, therefore, unless pre-agreed with the class teacher or part of a SEND Action Plan / EHCP, these should not be brought into school.

**Summer Dresses**

As the weather warms up, children may wear their blue gingham dresses to school if they wish.

**Bikes and Scooters**

A reminder that bikes and scooters should be walked through the Academy grounds to keep everyone safe.

**Academy Staff INSET Days**

The Academy will be closed on the following dates for Staff INSET Days:

- Monday 20 July 2026

**Diary Dates**

- Thursday 23 April: Dodgeball Competition.
- Thursday 23 April: U10 Football vs Martham Primary.
- Thursday 30 April: Y1 Moving Workshop.
- Monday 4 May: Academy Closed for Bank Holiday.
- Monday 11 May: Y6 SATS Week.

- Friday 15 May: Y6 Non-Uniform Day.
- Wednesday 20 May: Y3 Norwich Castle Visit.
- Wednesday 20 May: Y4 Horstead Residential.
- Friday 22 May: Academy Closes for May Half Term.
- Monday 1 June: Academy reopens to pupils for Summer Term 2.

### Weekly Winners

Each week, teachers select a pupil who has particularly impressed them with their attitude to learning, behaviour, effort etc. This week's stars are:

- Adventurers: Kane
- Explorers: Daisy
- Searchers: Sylva
- Seekers: Roman
- Pioneers: Max
- Investigators: Olivia-Rose
- Wayfarers: Alfie
- Navigators: Rocco
- Creators: Olivia
- Pathfinders: Leo Ca.
- Voyagers: Susie
- Venturers: Leo
- Crusaders: Jezreel
- Discoverers: Riley TL.

This week's Principal Awards goes to Olivia Y (Y2), Lukas (Y4), Maya (Y5), Clara (Y5), Harper (Y6).

### Attendance

All children whose attendance is 98% or above for the Autumn Term will be entered into a draw to win a special prize.

The winning classes for the collective highest attendance this week are:

Early Years and Key Stage 1: Seekers

Key Stage 2: Creators

A big well done to both classes!

We are always striving to improve our attendance figures. Children who are in school are safe and accessing education to help them thrive. They are socialising with peers and learning how to be positive members of their community.

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Our year-to-date attendance target is 96%, the whole school's attendance is 93.54% this week.

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