



Where the journey begins

Parent Communication Letter – Friday 24th April 2026

Academy News

Chess Competition

This week, 10 children from across Years 5 and 6 took part in a Chess competition against 66 other teams from across the Academies Trust. The children showed excellent strategic thinking throughout and enjoyed the experience!

Y6 Dodgeball Competition

This week, 18 children from Year 6 visited East Norfolk Sixth Form College for a Dodgeball Competition. The children showed great sportsmanship which was recognised and commented on by the organisers. The children placed third and fifth out of 17 teams!

Y1 Moving Workshop

Next week, children in Year 1 will be taking part in a Moving Workshop. During the workshop, pupils will explore ways their bodies can move—twisting, stretching, spinning and squeezing, transform movement into creative 3D artwork, build and manipulate handheld sculptures using threading, pulling and rotating techniques, experiment with colourful, tactile materials and textures, discover simple engineering elements through junk modelling and design and create their own unique “moving masterpiece” to take home.

Community News

Learn to Swim

The Phoenix Leisure Centre is currently offering Learn to Swim membership which includes free general swimming, 25% off Aqua Play and Clip n Climb at Marina Centre, 25% off InflataZone, access to an online progress portal and a free swimming cap. For more information call 01493 664575 or visit www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/phoenix-leisure-centre. In addition to this, they are running a Refer a Friend offer for one month half price.

Academy Staff INSET Days

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

- Monday 20 July 2026

Diary Dates

- 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: Mia
- Explorers: Ralphie
- Searchers: Aoibhe
- Seekers: Alfie
- Pioneers: Isla-Mae
- Investigators: Yuan
- Wayfarers: Amyra
- Navigators: Roman
- Creators: David
- Pathfinders: Aadhi
- Voyagers: Noah
- Venturers: Andreea
- Crusaders: Jimmy
- Discoverers: Harrison B.

This week's Principal Awards goes to Brooklyn (Y1), Leen (Y2), Ellie (Y3), Isabella (Y4), Lily C. (Y5), Connor (Y5), Arianna (Y6), Lija (Y6).

Attendance

All children whose attendance is 98% or above for the Summer 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: Investigators

Key Stage 2: Venturers

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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