



Where the journey begins

Parent Communication Letter – Friday 1st May 2026

Academy News

Hedgehog Awareness Week

Next week, we will be celebrating Hedgehog Awareness Week. To help children learn more about how we can protect these much-loved animals, pupils will be taking part in a hedgehog house design competition, a whole-school litter pick and a fun hedgehog quiz during assembly. We would love to encourage families to get involved too by making small changes at home to help protect hedgehogs in our local community. Ways you can help:

- Avoid using pesticides and slug pellets – these harm hedgehogs and their food sources.
- Create wildlife-friendly gardens: small hedgehog-sized gaps in fences, wild corners or log piles.
- Provide fresh water and suitable food (meaty pet food or hedgehog food).
- Check carefully before mowing, strimming or lighting bonfires to protect hidden wildlife.
- Dispose of litter responsibly and make ponds or pools safe with ramps or sloping edges.

Summer Uniform

Children may wear blue gingham summer dresses during the Summer Term. As the weather warms up and children start to wear their skirts and dresses without tights, for modesty, we would encourage children to wear shorts underneath. Children may also bring in sunhats and suncream which they should apply themselves and not share with others. Thank you.

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.

Diary Dates

- Monday 4 May: Academy Closed for Bank Holiday.

- Wednesday 6 May: Y5 at ENSFC for Young Out There.
- 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: Aurora Rose
- Explorers: Katherine
- Searchers: Gabriel
- Seekers: Jaxon-James
- Pioneers: Olivia
- Investigators: Juan
- Wayfarers: Janvika
- Navigators: Filip
- Creators: Kieran
- Pathfinders: Chloe
- Voyagers: Oliver PJ.
- Venturers: Oliver
- Crusaders: Lylah
- Discoverers: Amelia

This week's Principal Awards goes to Miguel (Y1), Benni (Y2), Diana (Y3), Bryanie (Y3), Ivie (Y3), Stanley (Y3), Darcie (Y4), Zac (Y4), Adam (Y5), Evangeline (Y6), Maisie (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: Pioneers

Key Stage 2: Crusaders

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 95.4% this week.

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