



# Apple Press

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## Newsletter

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Dear parents / carers,

I hope that everyone has a really enjoyable Easter break and manages to do some fun things when the weather allows!

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support this term, in particular the staff who have worked really hard to ensure that the school is returning to 'normal' as possible as we all continue to navigate these uncertain times.

The children have continued to make progress in their learning across the school and are rightly proud of their achievements as are we.

We have really enjoyed being able to 'reopen' the school to parents including the recent cake sale, parent meets teacher evenings and the Rock Steady concert.

A big thank you must also be said to the School Council and to the FOBS who have managed to raise money for a number of causes as well as to provide the children with some lovely opportunities such as the cake sale, World Book Day, Easter egg raffle and the weekly cake raffle as well as the end of term 'treat' today for the children.

We wish you all a very happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all once again on the 20th April.

Best wishes,  
Mr Gamble

**Robins** went on a bear hunt around our garden! We have drawn and written beautiful postcards describing what we have seen on our way to school. This week we have been learning about the reasons why we celebrate Easter and have made Easter baskets and had a very exciting Easter Egg hunt around the garden! In Maths we have been learning all about odd and even numbers and trying really hard to write our numbers to 10 the correct way around!

**Wrens** have been learning about African folk tales, writing the story of Anansi the spider and how he got his long thin legs. In maths we've started looking at the divide sign, 3D shapes and their properties. In science we learnt about food chains and its impact on our lives.

**Skylarks** have had a technical and scientific couple of weeks, testing soil to make predictions and observations in addition to looking at decimal numbers in maths.

**Swifts** have been writing newspaper reports this week in literacy and have learnt how to draw translations and reflections in maths. They have also been working hard to master written methods for arithmetic. For topic, we have made a model of a hill fort - just like the one at Maiden Castle. In science we have finished learning about electricity by finding out about famous inventors such as Thomas Edison. We have also completed our Buddhism topic with creating our own prayer flags.

Thank you all for contributing to the Easter egg raffle!



### School Council

We are so proud of our School Council and how busy they have been with organising fun events and raising funds for charities. Keep up the good work!

### Gardening Club

Starting Monday 25 April, Mrs Goymour and Mrs Martin will be holding an after-school gardening club 3:15 – 4:30pm for free! This will only be open to Swifts and Skylarks at this time with max 10 pupils. Please send Ms Shahdadi a Dojo if you're interested. 🌸

### Easter FSM Vouchers

There will not be any vouchers for Easter break. 😞

The Chancellor has announced there are further FSM funding in his mini-budget, but we do not yet know the detail behind this, such as how much funding Norfolk will get, when we will get it or the rules on spending it which has unfortunately affected schools. We will let you know as soon as we hear anything.



Wishing you all a Happy Easter and a fun filled holiday!

### Note from our caterer

As you will appreciate we will have no access to the kitchen during the holidays so that we can receive orders or get things ready for the roast that is traditionally served on a Wednesday when the children are back.

As a one off we will need to serve the Monday menu on Wednesday ie it will be margarita pizza, smoky bean stew and apple flapjack. Thursday onwards will run as normal. Many thanks



### Dates for your diary

- Easter Break – Monday 4 April ~ Tuesday 19 April
- Children Return – Wednesday 20 April
- Bank Holiday – Friday 29 April & Monday 2 May
- Year 3,4 & 5 swimming – Thursday 28 April ~ Thursday 21 July
- Half Term – Monday 30 May ~ Friday 3 June