



# Apple Press

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Newsletter

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## School Council

We are the new School Council for the year! Our names are Eleanor, Cerys, Jessie, Teddy, Neve, Darcey, Polly and Zachary. These are the reasons as to why we decided to join the school council.

"I wanted to be a School Councillor because I wanted to help everybody. I can now have an impact on the whole school and can help people to get their message through" Eleanor.

"I wanted to be a School Councillor because I am kind and thoughtful and every year School Councillors help raise money and help people who maybe need support" Cerys.

"I wanted to be a School Councillor because I can help the school with ideas" Jessie.

"I wanted to be on School Council because I can help people in the school" Teddy.

"I like to ask questions and help people. I want to raise money" Neve.

"Because I get to see Miss Hales!" Darcey.

"I want to and like money" Polly

"I want to come up with really good ideas as I have lots of them all the time" Zachary.

This year we have chosen Feline Cats as our Charity of the Year and we are looking forward to raising lots of money for them.

Our first fundraiser will be on 15<sup>th</sup> November. We would like to hold a Rainbow dress up day where you come dressed in as many different colours as possible!

# LOOK what we're LEARNING!

Robins have had a fantastic first half term and have settled in brilliantly. We have been busy with finding out the reasons as to why we celebrate Halloween and have enjoyed playing with pumpkins, making lots of different potions. In phonics we have been busy learning to read and writing lots of different words including tricky words. In maths we have been mastering the numbers 1 2 3. We have enjoyed our Forest School sessions and we will be continuing this every other week after half term. Miss Rout and I are extremely proud of the progress and we look forward to seeing you back after half term.



Wrens We have reached the end of our first half term and we couldn't be prouder of the wrens! They are all working so hard and are showing such a great attitude towards their learning! They have really impressed us with their independent writing! They are using sentences, great adjectives and using their phonics to sound out words. We have really loved our Arctic topic and the children have brought in some super homework collages to share. We had a go with some 'Ice Art' this week to finish this topic! Well done everyone and have a lovely half term together with your families.



# LOOK what we're LEARNING!

Skylarks what a busy couple of weeks we have had! And this week in particular is the culmination of a lot of our projects!

In Art we have been working hard to finish our still life paintings using paint to create a 3D effect. In History, we have learnt about Roman numerals and who Boudica was from the perception of the Iceni tribe and the perception of the Romans. In Music we have been working in pairs to learn our motifs off by heart and teach them to another other group and then perform as an ensemble. We have also been preparing a performance in French as we learnt the French rhyme Deux petits chatons (based on two little dicky birds) and made finger puppets for our final performances to the class. In Maths we have focused on Subtracting with decomposition and estimating numbers on number lines. We have moved on to our Reading focus in English and have been enjoying the book *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit which links in to our Roman topic and has given us the opportunity to practise our VIPERS skills when reading new texts. And finally, in Science we have been writing a conclusion for our cleaning coins experiment. We certainly deserve a restful break over half term!

Swifts have had a busy end to the term, we have had a lot of discussion about learning behaviours and being our best selves in order to be the best learners we can be and taking ownership of our own learning. We have done incredibly well with multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We have also written our own continuation of our whole class reading book *The Malamander*, and have used some amazing description and vocabulary in our chapters! We are all looking forward to next term and improving upon our learning behaviours and engagement.



# Diary Dates

The highlighted dates are new/amended dates

- 25<sup>th</sup> Oct-1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Half Term
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Reception Open Afternoon 2:00-3:00pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Reception Open Morning 1:00-11:00am
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – NHS dentist visit for the whole school for those who have returned forms
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5/6 Norwich City Football Fixture 1
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Sports Club begins after school for Skylarks this half term
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 Taster Day @ OBHS  
Please sign consent form: <https://forms.gle/DqJMWxSMQ6EdMcot7>
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – KS2 Cross Country at Bunwell  
please sign consent form: <https://forms.gle/Vpfj5vXQTnqKyEHk8>
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Non-Uniform Day, colours of the rainbow
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent's Evening
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Parent's Evening
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Adult Learning KS2 Maths for parents 1:00-3:00pm  
*Maths Matters 'I wasn't taught like that in school'. Adult family members come in to listen to a maths expert about key mathematical reasoning to support your child and then spend time working with your child (free resources to take home for those that attend). This will be a different theme to the meeting last year so please feel free to come again. Please let the office know if you're attending.*
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Non-Uniform Day, a suggested donation for the tombola would be appreciated
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – FOBS Christmas Fete in school 11:00am-1:00pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Adult Wreathmaking, £30 please book via Rachel 07900027220
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Adult & Child Wreathmaking, £30 please book via Rachel
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Rock Steady Concert @ 9:30am
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec-6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Christmas Break
- 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Adult Learning Robins & Wrens for parents 1:00-3:00pm  
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- 20<sup>th</sup> Jan – Y3/4 Girls Norwich City Football Fixture 2
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Swifts trip to Norwich Castle, Ancient Egypt Discovery & Debate
- 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Book Fair
- 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Half Term
- 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Skylarks trip to Norwich Theatre, Horrible Histories – Awful Egyptians
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Y5/6 Norwich City Football Fixture 2
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Bikeability

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- 4<sup>th</sup> March – Active Outdoor Discovery for the whole school  
<http://activeoutdoordiscovery.com/>
- 10<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 Bikeability
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Rock Steady Concert @ 9:30am
- 7<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Break
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Y3/4 Girls Norwich City Football Fixture 3
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Swimming begins at Diss Leisure Centre for Y3, 4 & 5
- 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May – SATs Week
- 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term
- 11<sup>th</sup> June – Y5/6 Norwich City Football Fixture 3
- 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June – Swifts Residential
- 14<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Crucial Crew
- 16<sup>th</sup> July – Rock Steady Concert @ 9:30am
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July-2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Summer Break



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- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Fete at school, choir to perform @ 12:30pm
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Zoo's Christmas Fete @ 2:00pm
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – St Mary's Church in Diss, arrive @ 5:30pm
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Banham Church Christmas Carol Concert 7:15pm, 7:30pm start

