

Swallowtail News



The Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools



Our Federation's mission is to work together to create successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

With friendship, trust and kindness we fly!

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January 2024 Newsletter

Message from the Executive Head

Dear families

Well we have certainly had a busy start to 2024.

Mrs Moore and I have had the pleasure of moderating writing across the three schools over the last few weeks. To say it has blown our socks off is an understatement. It is clear to see the impact CUSP is having in this area. Here are just a few snippets for you to enjoy:

"Nala hastily finished her ugali and chugged down her sweet, black tea. Next, she gently put flower-coloured beads in her dark black braided hair before she went out into the sunshine." (Year 2 pupil)

"Laying in the golden cornfield, listening to the wind while it sung. The sun beamed down on me bringing glistening light to the whole field. Contentedness filled my mind. The corn waved at me as I shut my eyes and drifted off to sleep." (Year 6 pupil)

I am sure you agree that the quality of this writing is exceptional, especially as this is after just one term. Well done to all the staff and children for their hard work. I couldn't be prouder.

We look forward to showcasing more of the children's fantastic learning throughout the year.

*Kind Regards
Natalie Butcher
Executive Head, Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools*

SENCO

Mrs Moore our Federation Deputy is also our SENCO. To ensure both roles are given the time and commitment required, designated days are set aside. Days for SENCO are Monday and Tuesday.

Safeguarding

Some links for e-safety:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/digital/5-a-day/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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@ CatfieldPrimary



Catfield CE VC Primary School

Message from Miss Amis

Dear families,

Wow what an unsettled start to the term we have had! We are in the process of trying to sort a long term plan to prevent any future flooding but I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to those who came and filled sand bags for us, you are amazing! I am also proud of our children and how they have taken all the changes in their stride and carried on with their learning.

Despite being a short term, we certainly will be packing lots of learning and events in! This week EYFS and KS1 parents joined us for some reading practice sessions. It was wonderful to have parents in to share how we can really get the most out of our new Little Wandle books and the positive impact this has on children's reading.

Our PTA are busy planning events for the year. There will be a valentines disco in February so keep an eye out for more information about that.

Don't forget to have a look on our Facebook and Twitter pages where we will be showcasing our learning in school.

Lucy Amis
Senior Teacher

Diary dates

January

Thurs 25th— School and communities parent workshop 9am-10.30am

February

Thurs 1st—School and communities parent workshop 9am-10.30am

w/c 5th—Children's Mental Health Week

Fri 9th—Olly Day Road Safety Magic Show (Years 1-6)

Thurs 15th—School and communities parent workshop 9am-10.30am

Thurs 15th — Valentines Disco 3.15pm-4.15pm

HALF TERM 19th—23rd February

Mon 26th—KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham

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Diary dates

March

Mon 4th— KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham

Fri 8th—Mothers Day worship 9am

Mon 11th— KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham

Thurs 14th—EYFS Trip to Wroxham Barns

Mon 18th— KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham

Mon 18th—Share work with parents 3pm

Mon 18th—EYFS Parent consultations

Tues 19th—EYFS Parent consultations

Mon 25th— KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham

Mon 25th—Easter service at Church 2pm

EASTER HOLIDAYS—Thursday 28th March—Friday 12th April

April

Monday 15th April—Children return to school

Monday 15th April— KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham

Monday 22nd April— KS2 Swimming @ Victory, North Walsham—**Last session**

2023–2024 Academic calendar



Norfolk County Council

2023-2024

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 4th & 5th September, 3 January, 28th March and 22 July. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.

This Month's Curriculum Focus: Computing

Across the federation we use Teach Computing to deliver computing lessons. Teach Computing has been created by The National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE) which is funded by the Department for Education. This marks a significant investment in improving the provision of computing education in England. NCCE aims to transform the way computing is taught in schools across the country and enable more young people to benefit from studying such an important subject, which in today's technology driven world, will enhance young people's skills and career opportunities.

The Teach Computing curriculum is structured into units for each year group, and each unit is broken down into lessons. Each lesson is sequenced so that it builds on the learning from the previous lesson, and where appropriate, activities are scaffolded so that all pupils can succeed and thrive. There are also exploratory tasks which foster a deeper understanding of a concept, encouraging pupils to apply their learning in different contexts and make connections with other learning experiences.

Every year group learns through units within the same four themes- computing systems and networks, programming, data and information and creating media.

These are the areas each year group covers within these four themes -

<u>Year 1-</u> Technology around us Digital painting Moving a robot Grouping data Digital writing Programming animations	<u>Year 2-</u> Information technology around us Digital photography Robot algorithms Pictograms Digital music Programming quizzes
<u>Year 3-</u> Connecting computers Stop frame animation Sequencing sounds Branching databases Desktop publishing Events and actions in programs	<u>Year 4-</u> The internet Audio production Repetition in shapes Data logging
<u>Year 5-</u> Systems and searching Video production Selection in physical computing Flat-file databases Introduction to vector graphics Selection in quizzes	<u>Year 6-</u> Communication and collaboration Webpage creation Variables in games Introductions to spreadsheets 3D modelling Sensing movement

Online safety

Keeping safe online is an important part of both our computing and PSHE curriculums and is visited regularly throughout the year. Children are taught how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly and to recognise when something is not right and what they should do.

Miss Fiddeman- Federation computing lead