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# February 2026 Newsletter

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## Message from the Executive Head

Dear families

Thank you for a wonderful half term. It has been a delight to see the children continue to blossom and thrive.

A particular highlight was when we all came together for number day at Sutton last week. The children loved being together with their federation family engaging in a wide range of activities. There was so much laughter and care for one another. It was a joy to see.

Wishing you all a happy and safe half term break.

Kind Regards

Natalie Butcher

Executive Head, The Swallowtail Federation

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## Message from the Senior Teacher

Dear families,

I can't believe we are half way through the year, it seems to have flown by.

We have had a busy half term with 2 federation days, forest school at Hickling, a community event and cookery club. The children have all shown great enthusiasm in all events that have been carried out and appeared to have enjoyed them all too.

On Tuesday this week Caterpillars and Butterflies joined Dragonflies for their final lesson about flight, they told us what they had learnt and then everyone made a small aeroplane. There were lots of activities that everyone could take part in such as Top Trumps, ordering pictures, making paper aeroplanes and much more. The afternoon finished with everyone in the hall flying their aeroplanes and seeing who's went the furthest. Levi's paper aeroplane was the winner!

On Friday 6th March, 6-8pm we will be holding our quiz and spud fundraising night. It will be held in the school hall and all are welcome, please invite friends along too.

Payment for this is via Parentmail.

Cost:

£5 for a jacket potato with 1 filling.

£3 for half a jacket potato with 1 filling.

Fillings: cheese, beans, tuna mayonnaise.

Tea and coffee will be available to purchase on the night.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break, free of the coughs and colds.

*Sabrina Holmes*

*Senior teacher and DSL; Sutton CE Infant Academy*

*EYFS, R.E and D.T Lead Teacher*

*Swallowtail Federation of Church Schools*

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## News

- Don't forget our weekly cake raffle, entries can be made on Parent Mail. It costs £1.00 per entry.
- Wraparound Care- wraparound bookings must be at least week in advance and the office must be informed directly of your booking. This is to ensure transport arrangements are in place. Once booked please email the school office on [office@sutton.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@sutton.norfolk.sch.uk) with your booking dates.
- For World Book Day on Thursday 5th March Nourish will be hosting a special lunch. You can make your booking on Parent Mail.
- Payments for the KS1 trip and Reception class trip can be made on ParentMail.
- Mother's Day messages will be in the Great Yarmouth Mercury on Wednesday 11th March.

- Our World Book Day photos will be in the Great Yarmouth Mercury on Tuesday 10th March.
- **Federation Fete Planning-** We are at the very earliest stages of planning our Federation Fete for this academic year. Together with the volunteers from all three of our schools, senior teachers met to begin making plans. After our next meeting, we will be able to confirm the location, date and time with you. In the interim, please consider how you might be able to get involved. We are looking for raffle donations, sponsorship, stall holders. Please reach out to Miss Blake to express your interest. We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your support.  
[ablake2krs@nsix.org.uk](mailto:ablake2krs@nsix.org.uk)
- Norfolk County Council have been providing monthly vouchers per month per child to families who have children who are eligible for free school meals. This has been possible because of funding provided by government called the HSF. This fund comes to an end on 31 March, so no more vouchers will be submitted to families via the school.

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## 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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- Don't forget to order your Mother's Day Bouquet for someone special on ParentMail.

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## School attendance

Attendance to date for Sutton Infant Academy

Butterflies class: **87.65%**

Dragonflies class: **95.11%**

## **The Support First Approach**

The Support First approach replaces the Fast Track process in Norfolk and highlights the need for all possible supportive practices to be exhausted prior to the consideration of any legal proceedings.

This approach reduces the need for legal enforcement by taking a supportive approach to tackling the barriers to attendance, and intervening early before absence becomes Entrenched.

The Support First Approach encompasses the following key elements:

Engagement

Communication

Support

We work to build strong relationships and work jointly with families, listening to and understanding barriers to attendance and working in partnership with families to remove or begin to take these down.

Families cannot address problems if they do not realise that there is a problem. Therefore, we have a duty to ensure that we keep families fully informed of their child's attendance at school and raise any attendance concerns in a timely manner.

Good communication between school and families is essential to build trust and understanding between all parties and plays a crucial role in children's success at school. All staff within our Federation advocate the importance of good attendance. We will establish the best way to communicate with families on an individual basis.

We are aware of barriers for families that may impact on pupils' attendance and welcome these to be discussed sensitively, followed by the offer of appropriate additional support through relevant agencies and services. Making referrals to wider support service where appropriate.

If you are receiving a call or invited to a meeting about your child's attendance, please know that this is a supportive measure and that we want to work with you for positive future outcomes.

Miss Blake

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## Diary Dates (all subject to change):

Half term- Monday 16th- Friday 20th February.

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day. Reading cafe in the morning, more information to follow.

Friday 6th March- Quiz and Spud night 6-8pm. Bookings to be on ParentMail.

Thursday 12th March- EYFS parent consultations. Bookings made on Parentmail.

Friday 13th March- Mother's Day worship at 8.50am.

Tuesday 17th March- Reception class trip to Gressenhall.

Thursday 19th March- KS1 RE trip.

Friday 20th March- Community afternoon event **9.00-10.00am. (Please note change of time)**

Friday 27th March- Easter egg hunt, bonnet parade and egg decorating competition.  
Easter service at the church at 2.30pm.

Children break up on Friday 27th March and return to school on Tuesday 14th April.

### Summer term

Thursday 23rd April- Community morning event 9-10am.

Friday 22nd May- Math's cafe 9.00-10.00am.

Tuesday 2nd June- KS1 trip to West Runton. KS1 Consultations.

Thursday 4th June- KS1 consultations.

Tuesday 9th June- Community afternoon event 2-3pm.

Thursday 12th June- Federation Day, Global awareness/around the world. Children will spend the day at Hickling Infant Academy.

Thursday 12th June- Bingo night 6-8pm.

Friday 19th June- Father's Day scavenger hunt 8.50am.

Friday 26th June- Sports day and picnic 12-3pm

Tuesday 30th June- Reception class trip to Wroxham Barns.

Friday 3rd July- Reserve sports day and picnic. 12-3pm.

Thursday 9th July- Swallowtail arts festival. More information to follow.

Wednesday 15th July- Reserve Swallowtail arts festival.

Children break up for summer break on Friday 17th July.

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## This month's curriculum focus - Computing and PE

### PE

This year, we have adopted an exciting new PE curriculum called Get Set 4 PE which covers a wide range of different sports for children to learn. Fundamental skills underpin all lessons in Get Set 4 PE and it builds upon their skills as they move through school. We are able to create a bespoke curriculum to meet the needs of our learners and the outcomes of the National Curriculum.

Below is our curriculum map for this year:

2025/2026						
	TERM 1		TERM 2		TERM 3	
<b>Nursery / Reception</b> <i>Tigers and Cubs, EYFS Harriers, Butterflies and Caterpillars</i>	Introduction to PE : Unit 1	Introduction to PE : Unit 2	Dance : Unit 1	Ball Skills : Unit 1	Fundamentals : Unit 1	Games : Unit 1
<b>Year 1/2</b> <i>Lions, KS1 Harriers, Dragonflies</i>	Fundamentals Team Building	Fitness Ball Skills	Dance Gymnastics	Dance Gymnastics	Sending and Receiving Athletics	Striking and Fielding Games Target Games
<b>Year 3/4</b> <i>Cheetahs</i>	Swimming Fitness	Dance Football	Dance Dodgeball	Gymnastics Cricket	Gymnastics Netball	Athletics Tennis
<b>Year 5/6</b> <i>Panthers</i>	Swimming Fitness	Dance Rugby	Dance Dodgeball	Gymnastics Volleyball Y5/6	Gymnastics Handball	OAA Rounders

Staff and children have really enjoyed the PE lessons that have been taught so far and are excited to take part in upcoming lessons too. Many children have said how much they enjoy the fun games they are able to take part in as well as all the different sports they have the opportunity to try.

### Computing

This year in computing, we are continuing to use the Teach Computing curriculum. Below is what children have and will cover this year in their learning:

Year 1&2-

- Creating media- digital photography
- Computing systems and networks- technology
- Programming- moving a robot and introduction to quizzes
- Data and information- pictograms
- Creating media- digital writing

Year 3&4-

- Creating media- stop frame animation and desktop publishing
- Computing systems and networks- the internet

Programming- repetition in shapes and games  
Data and information- branching databases

Year 5&6-

Creating media- video production and vector drawing  
Computing systems and networks- internet communication  
Programming- variables in games and selection in quizzes  
Data and information- introduction to spreadsheets

Online safety-

We continue to regularly teach children how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly and what to do when they recognise that something is not right.

Miss Fiddeman

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