

Swallowtail News



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March 2026 Newsletter

Message from the Executive Head

Dear families

Welcome to our March newsletter and the last one of the Spring Term.

It may have been a short term but has certainly not been any less busy.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our World Book Day parent events. Thank you, also, for supporting your children with their wonderful costumes. They all looked fantastic!

A big highlight this half term was the Key Stage 2 visit to Young Voices where the children sang in a choir of thousands of children at the O2 arena. One child commented that it was better than a trip to Disney Land!

In the coming days we will be taking part in our Easter activities and celebrations. We look forward to welcoming you in to join us for these.

Kind Regards

Natalie Butcher

Executive Head, The Swallowtail Federation

Message from Miss Blake

Dear families,

Our Reception and Key Stage One children have been fortunate in both attending school trips this week. The Reception children visited Gressenhall for a Spring on the Farm day. Their day was linked to both recent and upcoming CUSP texts which the children explore during their Structured Story Time. A huge highlight for the children was the horse and cart ride! The trip to Gressenhall has allowed the children to better understand the signs of Spring as well as learn more about a variety of farm animals and their young.

KS1 visited the Synagogue and Norwich Cathedral allowing them to explore different world religions and compare places of worship, linking to our RE learning in school. Mrs Holmes, our Federation RE lead attended the trip with the children.

Abby Blake

Senior Teacher, Swallowtail Federation

This month's curriculum focus - Art

This year, we are continuing with our CUSP Art curriculum. So far, the children have enjoyed a wide range of activities from sketching to painting to collaging. They have learnt a variety of new techniques and put these into practice in their super sketchbooks!

In the Summer term:

- Year 1 & 2 will be looking at the work of John Kindness and creating some 3D sculptures.
- Year 3 & 4 will be exploring the work of Gilbert Ahiagble, experimenting with weaving and printing to create unique textiles.
- Years 5 & 6 will be investigating techniques used by Patrick Hughes to create printing blocks and produce resist art.

We cannot wait to share the children's artwork with you at the Summer Arts Festival!

Miss Abbie Everett
Art Lead

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Whilst you will already be aware that we are a nut free school, I wish to stress the importance of nut and nut products not coming into school. A member of our school community is anaphylaxis therefore we must ensure high vigilance at all times. Thank you for ensuring we keep everyone safe in school.

Attendance - Responsibilities of pupils and families	
Pupil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be aware of the school's attendance policy and when and where they are required to attend. This will be communicated to them by school staff, parents and through the school timetable.• Speak to their class teacher or another member of staff if they are experiencing difficulties at school or at home which may impact on their attendance.• Attend all lessons ready to learn, with the appropriate learning tools requested and on time for the class.• Follow the school procedure if they arrive late. This will help the school to monitor attendance and keep accurate records for the child's individual attendance. This is also vital for health and safety in the event of a school evacuation.
Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask the school for help if their child is experiencing difficulties with any aspect of their schoolwork or home and family life so that we can offer support at the earliest opportunity.• Take a positive interest in their child's work and educational progress.• Ensure their child has regular attendance at school.• Instil the value of education and regular school attendance within the home environment.• Contact the school if their child is absent to let them know the reason why and the expected date of return, following this with a note wherever possible.• Avoid unnecessary absences; for example, by making medical and dental appointments for outside of school hours.• Inform the school of any change in circumstances that may impact on their child's attendance.• Support the school by becoming involved in their child's education, forming a positive relationship with school, and acknowledging the importance of children receiving the same messages from both school and home.• Maintain effective routines at home to support good attendance.• Attend all meetings requested to discuss attendance issues.

Abby Blake
Assistant Head Teacher, Swallowtail Federation

Attendance Year -to -Date for Harriers: **93.19%**



Gressenhall



Rainbow Wands - CUSP

Diary Dates

- **Thursday 26th March** - Easter Craft morning - 8.50am
- **Friday 27th March** - Non - Uniform Day, in exchange for a raffle prize
- **Friday 27th March** - Easter Service at St Mary's Church - 2pm

EASTER HOLIDAY – 30th March - 13th April

SUMMER TERM 2026

- **Tuesday 14th April** - Summer term begins
- **Thursday 23rd April** - Summer Fete planning meeting at Sutton 2pm
- **Monday 27th April** - KS1 and EYFS Sports event at Hickling
- **Friday 1st May** - Key Stage 1 reports to families
- **Friday 1st May** - Non-uniform Day in exchange for a bottle of wine for the Summer Fete, Water or Wine Game
- **Friday 22nd May** - Maths café - 8.50am Families welcome (change of time)
- **HALF TERM HOLIDAY – 25th May – 29th May**

Day	Information
Monday	Cookery Club at Sutton - 3.20pm - 4.20pm
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Family Reading Hickling House Visit (children only)
Thursday	Easter Craft Morning - 8.50am Forest School ALL Painting Club at Hickling- 3.20 - 4.20pm
Friday	Easter Service at St Mary's Church - 2pm Non-school uniform Day

Safeguarding

Some links for e-safety:

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

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

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

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