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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 the Senior Teacher

Dear families,

How lovely that the sun has finally come out!

This past week reception and keystone 1 have been on trips to enhance their curriculum learning and I was lucky enough to attend both days.

On Tuesday, our reception pupils visited Gressenhall farm and workhouse museum to explore "Spring on the farm". It was a truly glorious day, we met the shepherd who talked to us about his sheep, showed us his shepherd's hut and told us about lots of things we use at home that come from sheep. We saw the lambs who were only 1 day old and met the pigs. We helped clean the farmhouse and wash some of the clothes. We were going to go on a tractor ride around the farm but we were lucky enough to be taken on a horse and cart ride instead. I was extremely proud to have taken the reception children, I had many comments from the staff and public who said they were amazed at how well they all listened and behaved throughout the whole day.

On Thursday our keystone 1 pupils visited Norwich synagogue and Cathedral to find out about these two beautiful places of worship, compare them and find out about the Jewish festival of Passover (Pesach). We found out about the Seder plate and all the elements that this contains, along with what they symbolise. We listened to the story of the Passover and why this festival is important. Many pupils enjoyed putting on the Kippur (skull cap) and the Tallit (prayer shawl). They were amazed at the Ark and the Torah scrolls that are kept in there. When we looked around the cathedral we talked about the shape of it, looked at the roof bosses which Norwich have the biggest collection of in the world. We talked about the spire, the weathercock and the stained glass windows. We looked at the font which is made from a chocolate drum that was originally used in Rowntrees chocolate factory before it was shut down. Overall keystone 1 had a fabulous day, Mrs. Gilbert and I were proud to be out with them.

I hope you enjoy your Easter break.

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 (including breakfast club) must be booked at least a week in advance and the office must be informed directly of your booking. Once booked please email the school office on office@sutton.norfolk.sch.uk with your booking dates. If you need a last minute booking please ensure you call the school office directly, if children arrive at school without contacting the school first we may be unable to accept your children due to staffing.
- Our Easter service next Friday is being held at church at 2.30pm. Once finished families can take their children home, if you are not attending the service and need your child to go back to school with the teachers please let your class teacher know.

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/>

School attendance

Attendance to date for Sutton Infant Academy

Butterflies class: **88.63%**

Dragonflies class: **95.03%**

Attendance - Responsibilities of pupils and families
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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.

Diary Dates (all subject to change):

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.

Monday 27th April- EYFS Sports Event at Hickling Infant Academy. More information to follow.

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.

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 Everett

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