

November 2024



IMPORTANT DATES:

November

Thursday 6th—School photos

Thursday 6th—4pm, skiing

Friday 7th—Recycle Fashion Show

Wednesday 12th—Open Day

Wednesday 12th—2.30, Puffins Parent Consultation; 3.30, Kingfishers & Grebes Parent Consultations

Thursday 13th—8.30—Kingfishers & Grebes Parent Consultations

Thursday 14th, — 2.50, Grebes Class Assembly

Thursday 13th—4pm, skiing

Tuesday 18th—Flu vaccinations

Thursday 21st—World Philosophy Day

Thursday 20th—4pm, skiing

Wednesday 26th—9.30, Dance Festival at Ipswich High School

Thursday 28th, 2.50pm—Kingfishers Class Assembly

Thursday 27th—4pm, Skiing

December

Monday 1st—Christingle

Thursday 5th — 2.50, Puffins Class Assembly

Wednesday 10th—Christmas dinner and parties

Thursday 11th—Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th—Non-uniform day

Monday 15th—2pm, Celebration of Achievement

Tuesday 16th—Non-uniform day

Tuesday 16th—Meet Santa at Early Birds

Thursday 18th—2.50, Show 'n' Share

Friday 19th—2pm, Nativity followed by the Christmas Fayre

January

Monday 5th—PD Day

Message from the Head teacher

Dear Parents and Pupils,

Welcome back to the final half term of 2024, another year has flown by, and Christmas is just around the corner!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festival. The children sang beautifully, and we are so grateful for all the generous food donations you made. A special thank you to the members of the School Council who will be helping to deliver the donations to FINd for distribution.

Well done to our football team, who took part in the U11 7v7 football tournament at Whitton Sports Centre. They played brilliantly against some schools much larger than ours, a great achievement!



Before half term, the whole school enjoyed a wonderful day out at Jimmy's Farm. We were very lucky to get a sneak preview of the new lion and tiger enclosures — although, unfortunately, Kalinka the tiger didn't make an appearance during our visit!



We're pleased that Mr. Skingsly will continue as one of our *Night Owls* leaders on Wednesdays and Fridays. He'll be leading a range of sporting activities and is keen to be guided by the interests of the pupils attending the club.

Year 5 have also had a busy week taking part in *Bikeability* — well done to all who took part and demonstrated such excellent cycling skills.

The School Council would like to invite pupils to help raise money for *Children in Need* on Friday 17th November — please see their section of this newsletter for more details.

We are also supporting Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse) again this year. Please consider putting together a shoebox for this very worthy cause. They will be delivered next week.

I look forward to seeing you all on the playground in the mornings as I welcome the children into school. Please don't hesitate to speak with me if there is anything you would like to know or discuss.

Kind regards
Mrs Beverley Derrett

“From Small Wonders to Shining Lights”

TATTINGSTONE

Church of England Primary
School



Thursday 25th September,

Monday 20th October,

Wednesday 12th November



'We can do all things through Him who strengthens us,' adapted from Philippians 4:13



Puffins

Our Learning this Half Term

Puffins Class Parent Newsletter Autumn 2 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you are well and had a good half term. We were very lucky with the weather and hopefully you were able to get out and about. The children were a pleasure to have back this week and were certainly ready for learning in our run down to Christmas.

I look forward to catching up with you at gate and if you do need to pass on a message or speak to me in person please pop in and see Mrs Bartlett in the school office.

Mrs Cocksedge

Our Learning this Half Term

Maths

In Maths we will be learning about Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Shape.

English

Our learning in English will be centred around the story ‘Grandad’s Secret Giant’ by David Litchfield and then moving to another story yet to be decided.

Foundation Subjects

We are also going to be learning about the following :-

Science—Using Everyday materials

Computing— Computer systems and networks

R.E— Christianity—Saviour / Jesus—Why was Jesus given the name Saviour?

PSHE— Being Me

Music— My musical heartbeat

Geography—Life in a City

Art—Paper Art



Puffins

Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

- * Read with your child on a regular basis.
- * Number and Letter formation
- * Work with us on any of the areas within 'Our learning section' above that you think your child might need extra support on.

On-going Learning for the Term for Puffins

Spellings	Read Write Inc or SPAG
Handwriting	Regular Reading
Cross-Curricular Activities	

Routines to Remember

Wednesday and Friday- P.E – P.E kits do need to be in school at all times.

Spellings will be tested on a Friday each week. It would be appreciated if children could learn their spellings as we are noticing that many children are not learning them.



Kingfishers

Kingfishers

Our

Learning this Half Term

Kingfishers Class Parent Newsletter Autumn (2) 2025

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to see all of the Kingfishers back in class, with their positive attitudes and readiness to learn, I hope you all have a good half term. The children worked really hard on their topics last term and they will finish off the Ancient Maya topic this week by making and eating tortillas, and drinking hot chocolate the way the Mayans did. They will also use clay to make Mayan tiles. The following week is when they will begin the new topics.

For design and Technology the children are sewing! Mrs McCulloch would be enormously grateful for any help with these lessons on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon. There will be many needles to thread and stitches to unpick!

Thank you to those of you who hear your child read regularly and ensure they are reading every day. Unfortunately, we have lots of children not reading at home or taking reading quizzes and this has a negative impact on the progress they could make. Please encourage your child to spend a few minutes reading each evening.

Below is the summary of what we will be covering this half term in each subject.

Our Learning

English

We will continue to read the novel Oh Maya Gods for our Guided Reading lessons, which the children have been enjoying. These lessons will focus on our reading fluency, technique and comprehension. For grammar we will continue to study word classes and then homophones, parenthesis and semi colons (yrs 4, 5 & 6) and apostrophes.

Our focus for writing is based on a novel called Letters From The Lighthouse, which is set in World War 2, which is our History topic. We will be learning how to write informal letters and diaries.

Maths

This half term will continue to learn addition and subtraction, exchanging 10s, 100s and 1000s before moving onto multiplication and division. We will continue to have a daily focus on times tables to improve our recall of those number facts. We all follow the same times table every week and the focus is to recall them and related division facts at speed.

Science

Our topic is forces, and we will be investigating the effects of gravity, air and water resistance and friction. Within these topics, the children will learn how to plan and carry out experiments fairly, interpret results and make conclusions.

History

Our topic is World War 2. We will be learning about: the causes of the war, the roles people played, The Blitz, evacuation and how people lived and rationing.

Design and Technology

We are sewing, with the aim of producing our own Christmas stockings by the end of half term.

PSHE

Our topic is Safety First, where we will focus on our responsibility to keep ourselves safe and also dangers both outside and inside of the home.

Computing

We are studying Computing Systems & Networks: Bletchley Park, which relates to World War 2.

RE

Our topic is Islam: How does tawhid create a sense of belonging to the Muslim community?

Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

Enjoy books with your child – even 5 minutes a day is fine. Let them see you reading & highlight the purpose of reading i.e for pleasure, to read menus, to buy tickets, to find information out.

Encourage your child to use spelling shed to practise their spellings. Log ins will be stuck in their reading records.

Practice your child’s spellings with them each day for their weekly test on Friday.

Encourage your child to use TTRockstars to practise their timestables.

Go on a nature walk; focus on the texture of things, the noises they hear, the different habitats.

Allow your child some ‘down time.’ This means evenings or weekend days where they do nothing structured. Academics believe that an element of boredom helps to develop a child’s creativity, resilience and independence.

Turn off all electronic devices at least one hour before bedtime. This includes TV. Encourage your child to read in bed or read/make up bedtime stories with them.

Key dates and routines to remember:

Monday: Spelling test and new spellings given out

Tuesday:

Wednesday: County Music lesson (bring instrument in), PE (PE kit)

Friday: Spelling test and new spellings given out, timestables test, PE (PE kit)

Please can children bring in their reading book and reading diary every day so we can listen to them read.

The children are welcome to bring items for show & tell any day – We cannot promise we will get time every day but will try our best. Please do encourage your child to share any recent achievements such as a new swimming group, trying something new, a certificate.

Grebes



Our Learning this Half Term

Grebes Class Parent Newsletter Autumn (2) 2025

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Mrs Derrett will continue to teach for the whole day on a Friday.

Music will continue to be on a Wednesday – please can you ensure that your child brings in their violin on a Wednesday. Last half – term we had many children each week without a violin and we do not have spares for them to use.

Please feel free to catch up with me after school or by email if you have any concerns about your child.

Mrs McCulloch

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Maths

This half term will focus on fractions and how multiplication and division relate to them. We will continue to have a daily focus on times tables to improve our recall of those number facts. We all follow the same times table every week and the focus is to recall them and related division facts at speed.

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- Please encourage your child to practise their times tables every day for 5 minutes. It will help access the Maths curriculum more easily. We will be practising every day in class and having a weekly test.
- Remind your child to use Spelling Shed. Log ins are stuck in their reading records.
- Practice your child's spellings with them each day for their weekly test on Friday.
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(bring instrument if it has been loaned to you)

PE (PE kit)

Friday:

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New spellings are stuck into their reading records.

**Please can children bring in their reading book and reading diary
every day so we can listen to them read.**

School Groups

Eco-Council

Friday 7th November 2025



Recycle Fashion Show

Children come to school wearing their recycled outfit and bring their school uniform to change into afterwards.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

It is only £1 to enter the competition which will go towards supporting future Eco-Council initiatives.

E-Safety Ambassadors

Children have been busy talking about to keep safe online and are currently creating posters to share with the rest of the school. Watch out for these around our school.



School Council

Guy and Edward have been busy preparing a fantastic PowerPoint presentation to share during Collective Worship, helping to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. We are very proud of their efforts to promote kindness, respect, and understanding across our school community.

The School Council is also excited to announce our plans for Children in Need Day! Pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite superhero in return for a donation to this very worthy cause.

In addition, there will be a cake sale after school—please support by donating cakes and giving generously. Throughout the day, pupils can also look forward to some fun challenges and activities to help raise even more funds for Children in Need.

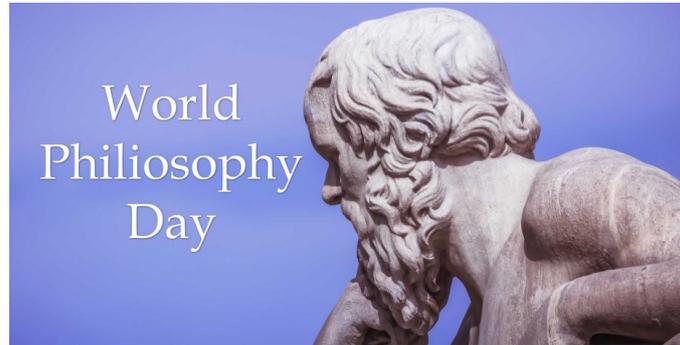
Let's work together to make a real difference while having lots of fun!



This year's JRSCs are Vicky, Sophia, Violet and Ruben. They will prepare their first presentation to the rest of the school during Road Safety Week, November 16th–22nd. They also have details of an exciting road safety poster competition for all primary schools in Suffolk. The winning designs will be made into lamp post bollards, installed near their school, to share road safety messages. The pupils with the winning designs will also win a goodie bag. Designs must be portrait orientation on A4 paper, be clear, eye-catching and focused on road safety. Posters will be judged on Monday 17th November.

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Mrs Derrett's
Philosophical thought for the month
World Philosophy Day



This year's theme is:

The Human of the Future

What do you imagine the human of the future will be like? What are your hopes and fears for the future? Should we write a "Manifesto for the Future Human," outlining the values and principles we believe are most important for a positive future?

Collective Worship

Our Christian Value for this half term is **Peace** – Jesus said *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”* (Matthew 5:9)

Peace-making actions can range from helping to resolve conflict to creating space for stillness. Peace, in the sense of total well-being, is God's intention for the whole of creation, and is a promise that awaits ultimate fulfilment.

