



# Yox Valley Newsletter



Autumn Term 1 | 18th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Gosh – where did those last seven weeks go?! It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school and see them settle back into the routine of school. It has been really lovely too, to welcome our families into celebration assemblies, our 'Come and Share with Us' sessions and Harvest Celebrations over this first half term. I hope you were all able to meet with your child's class teacher last week, and had the opportunity to review the progress they have made so far, and to celebrate the good work they have done. I know the teachers have found these meetings really valuable, especially where children have moved class or where the teachers have been new to our settings, and hope you have found it beneficial too.

## General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The Trust takes their responsibility of GDPR very seriously to ensure we meet and comply with the obligations in the use of, processing and holding of personal data. All our staff receive annual training as part of our statutory training in September and all our schools have an audit carried out at least once a year, by the CEO as the Data Protection Officer, to ensure we are following the procedures, and also ensuring that as parents you are kept up to date on the policies and the privacy notices.

GDPR can be a complicated process and so to help our pupils understand a little more about data protection, we will have an assembly at the beginning of the next half term, to explain what data we keep in school, who has access to that data and how we keep it safe. For those that are new to our schools, or for anyone who wishes to revisit the information, all our policies and privacy notices around GDPR are on the Trust website.

## Parking

Like probably most schools across Suffolk and indeed the country, when our small Victorian schools were built the people responsible probably never envisaged that one day in the future there would be such an issue with parking vehicles to facilitate children being dropped and collected from school. Parking for school drops off is a problem everywhere. We are trying hard to build links with our local community and therefore we ask you to think carefully about where cars are parked to avoid antagonising any of our neighbours.

## PD Day

We look forward to welcoming our children back to school after the October half term on Tuesday 31st of October. Monday 30th is a Professional Development Day and school will be closed for all pupils.

We really hope you all have a lovely half term and everyone can enjoy some glorious autumn sunshine.

Happy Half Term,

Katy Last, Christina Pates and Jo Garnett



## Important Diary Dates 23/24

**October Half Term- 23rd-30th, back to school 31st of October.**  
Dates and times will continued to be confirmed after October Half Term. Please keep an eye on your emails for further diary dates.

### Middleton

- 19/10 Harvest Festival
- 6/11 Individual School Photos 11am
- 16/11 PTA AGM
- 17/11 Children In Need Celebrations
- 17/11 Big Sing at Snape Maltings
- 30/11 Flu Immunisations at School
- 11am-1pm
- 13/12 KS1 & Early Years Christmas Performance
- Christmas Lunch TBC
- 19/12 Christmas Party, arranged by The PTA

### Southwold

- 6/11 Flu Immunisations
- 13/11 Individual School Photos
- 17/11 Children In Need Celebrations
- 17/11 Big Sing at Snape Maltings
- Christmas Lunch TBC
- KS1 & Early Years Christmas Performance TBC

### Y & P

- 6/11 Individual School Photos 9am
- 17/11 Children In Need Celebrations
- 30/11 Flu Immunisations at School
- 1:30pm-3pm
- KS1 & Early Years Christmas Performance TBC
- Christmas Lunch TBC



# Middleton Primary School News



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## Message from The PTA



The PTA would like to invite you to our fundraising bake sale after the Harvest Festival at school on Thursday.

Baked or bought good can be donated for sale the morning of the event, Thursday 19th October.

Please feel free to bring any family members or friends to the bake sale it raises vital funds for equipment and curriculum enhancing events for our children.

Our AGM is going to be held on the 16th of November- we hope our Middleton parents/carers will join us for this.



## Ash Class



In Ash Class this month we have been learning all about black history. We have been learning about different black women from Shirley Bassey to Naomi Campbell. We have been singing songs and dressing up.

We have also been busy practicing our Harvest Festival performances and cannot wait to show you on Thursday the 19th.



## Spruce Class



Students in Spruce class did, of course, enjoy a wonderful educational visit to Dunwich, seeing how its history has had an impact on the geography of today. Spruce students have also been looking into the types of rock and soil that can be affected by erosion in their science. They used drama to explore rock- showing the layers formed by sedimentary and how igneous is created from volcanic lava flow. They gained an understanding that the bedrock of our local area is soft and was unable to withstand the storms of the past. In English work, Spruce children enjoyed collecting autumn vocabulary- an essential tool for their upcoming poems.





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KS2 had a very interesting visit to Southwold town hall to vote for school council leaders. The Mayor was kind enough to show us round and to explain his role and that of local government. The children enjoyed their visit and were particularly interested in the use of the mayor's gavel.



### Jupiter Class

Our big question this term for art has been "How can art be used to link humans to the sea?" As part of this, we explored the famous art piece 'Another place' by Anthony Gormley. The children then designed and created their own sculptures out of clay. The aim was to make their sculptures show an emotion. We had happy, sick, bored, tired, lazy, freedom and strong.



### Mars Class

Mars Class have worked tremendously for this first half term as pupils of Year Five and Six. Our studies have been broad and spanned the globe and different points in history. During our Art topic, 'How do different cultures represent the human form?', the children have observed various pieces of art from works by Henry Moore, the local 'Yoxman' and treasures from the Olmec period of Mesoamerica. The children have sketched and investigated the proportions of the human body and have explored how these proportions are often exaggerated by artists when creating sculpture. Our Geography topic has tested our map skills as we understand the lines of latitude and longitude that circumnavigate the planet. The children have learned about the natural and engineered landmarks around the globe, plotted temperature graphs and understood the impact of the northern and southern hemisphere has on this, as well as understanding how time zones work around the world.

What brilliant half term, Mars!



### Astronauts Class

Astronauts have really been enjoying exploring the water table; we have added different levels to support physical development and a wide range of resources to support their exploratory play.



### Mercury Class

In Mercury class we have loved learning to write instructions. We have had lots of practical lessons and especially enjoyed making sandwiches. We have also been busy in art learning about sculptures. We looked at abstract sculptures inspired by Barbara Hepworth using recyclable materials and then made our own.





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### WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have had a busy half term linking our subjects to our 'Humankind' topic. We have learned about Rocks, Soils and Fossils in Science; land change in and around Dunwich in Geography and we've also been learning some songs ready for the Big Sing too!! We had a walk around our school site to find different types of soil and we could see how decaying leaves/plants break down to make up part of the soil we see.



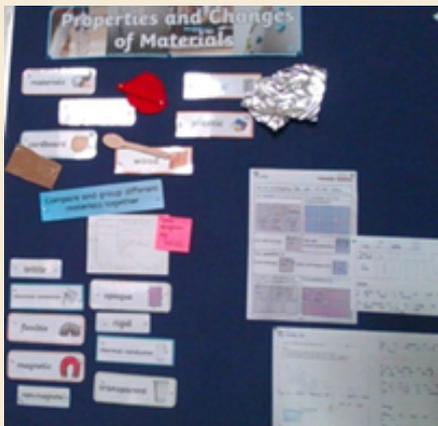
### ELM CLASS

Elm class has enjoyed the new mobilo this week, they have been very busy building combine harvesters, trains, cars and much more. They have been working collaboratively and supporting each other with their builds. We also welcomed our new baby doll Aphina Sunflower, she and the other dolls enjoyed being washed and cared for. We also had lots of new sand delivered so we were able to learn how to make super sandcastles.



### SILVER BIRCH CLASS

Silver Birch have enjoyed learning about longitude and latitude in geography and how this impacts time and temperature and have developed our skills of annotation and drawing line graphs. In science, we conducted a fair test enquiry to explore how different variables affect the speed at which sugar dissolves.

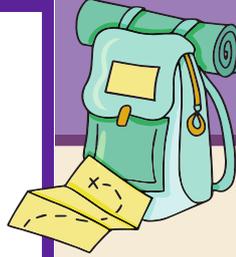


### OAK CLASS

'Come and Share session'

On Thursday 5th October, Oak Class welcomed parents and carers to their class, to join in with their Science lesson. Everyone had a wonderful time sorting different events that take place during certain seasons, along with matching the right clothes to the seasons as well.





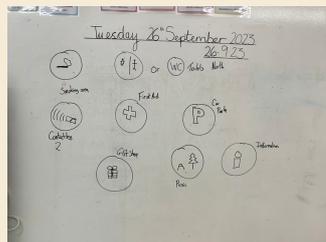
# School Scouting Sessions



## ***Yoxford & Peasenhall and Middleton Primary Schools Cubs & Beavers Autumn Half Term***

The cubs have been earning their communication badge. To earn this badge they have learnt to communicate through fingerspelling, signing a song, using radio and guiding each other blindfolded.

The beavers have been earning their navigation badge by learning North, South, East and West, looking at compasses and maps and learning what a key is.



# Dates for the Academic Year 2023/2024

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PD DAYS	
01/09	Statutory Training
04/09	School Directed
30/10	School Directed
03/01	Trust Directed
12/04	Wellbeing