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"A Place to Learn and Achieve"



With faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains. – Matthew 13 verses 31- 35

Friday 27th March, 2026

Dear Families,

School News!

Here we are, at the end of a short but busy term. The children have been working hard in school and they are ready for a rest! I wish everyone in our school community and beyond a happy, healthy, relaxing Easter and look forward to seeing the children return on Monday 13th April.

Our Faith Council, helped by Miss Fisher, led a lovely Easter service at St Mary's Church with fantastic singing and messages about the Easter story. Well done to everyone involved and leading the service. Thanks also to Mrs Dix and her choir – they once again entertained us with their beautiful voices. Speaking of entertainment, we have also enjoyed this term's Rocksteady concert since my last newsletter. I really love watching the children perform in bands, getting their first taste of playing music for a large, live audience and of working collaboratively and coordinating playing an instrument with other group members, which is no easy task. The children, supported by Jacob, did a wonderful job; who knows – we may be creating the rock stars of the future?!

Our Christian value for the first half of the summer term is 'friendship'. Ready for discussions and messages in collective worship, please talk about the value at home, helping the children to think about what friendship means in real, everyday situations and how they can be a good friend.

PGL

At the time of writing, most of our Year 6s are still on their residential trip to PGL at Bawdsey Manor. On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of visiting the children and staff at PGL and finding out about what they have been doing. The site is absolutely fantastic, with lots of amazing activity equipment in such a beautiful location. I was really impressed with the standard of the bedrooms and the en-suite facilities for the children. I also thoroughly enjoyed a katsu curry dinner! Almost every child I spoke to told me that their favourite activity so far had been the 'giant swing', which is an exhilarating ride high in the air. A number of children told me that they were nervous at first but then went all the way to the top and were 'buzzing' from the sense of achievement! It's a brilliant example of how PGL helps children overcome fears and barriers in order to build their resilience and independence. The organisation and welcome from the PGL team was also excellent. By the time you read this, the children's week away will have flown by and they will have returned, tired but full of stories and lasting memories.

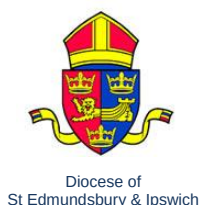
Headteacher Awards!

As ever, the children have been busy with their learning and have been engaging really well in lessons. Lots of children have taken the time to share their work with me and I've given out Headteacher Awards to some of these hard-working children. Well done to the following children, who have been given a Headteacher's Award since the last newsletter:

Rebecca – PSHE (Year 3)

Keziah – writing (Year 4)

Dougie – writing (Year 5)



Suffolk County Council

Julia Grainger – Interim Assistant Director for
Education Skills and Learning

Sea Shanties

Last week, Unit 2 were treated to a sea shanty workshop by the famous Salty G. The children used 'call and response' techniques to learn new songs and listened carefully as they heard tales of seafarers and the boats they worked on. Salty was especially impressed when the children already knew a particularly difficult shanty - John Kanaka, which they sang with gusto. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon!



School Sport

I joined Miss Moore and Mrs Plummer at the cross-country event at The Royal Hospital School this week. The children were fantastic! They performed really well in their races, showing great determination, and were brilliant at cheering each other on. There were separate boys and girls races for Year 4 and Year 5 and we entered 4 children in each race. All our runners can be very proud of their achievements, competing against well over 100 children in each race. A big mention to those who finished in the top 20 in their races: Jack who finished 10th, Scarlett who came 19th and Freya at 18th.



Easter Art Competition

Thanks to the PFA for organising an Easter art competition. Well done to all the children who took part – I was really impressed by all your careful colouring! Please see the winners below:

	Early Years	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Winner!	Luxmigaa	Olivia	Charlotte	Rohaam
2 nd Place	Ronnie	Lillia	Denzel	Elle
3 rd Place	Maisie	Maggie	Lawrence	Rockee



Early Years



Unit 1

Charlotte
Lynette Jones



Unit 2



Unit 3

We must say a huge thank you to the Premiere newsagent for donating the Easter egg prizes for our amazing Easter artists! This was really kind and the children were very grateful!

Dates for Your Diary:

We have agreed dates for a number of events over the course of the year, which are listed below for your convenience. Any new dates on the list have been **highlighted**. Further details about individual events will be shared closer to the time.

Date	Name of Event
27th March 2026	Last day of term – break up for Easter
1st April 2026	SCS Football Holiday Camp
2nd April 2026	SCS Football Holiday Camp / Creation Station Holiday Camp
8th April 2026	SCS Football Holiday Camp / Creation Station Holiday Camp
9th April 2026	SCS Football Holiday Camp
13th April 2026	Back to school after Easter
15th April 2026	Outdoor learning session - Hedgehogs
22nd April 2026	Outdoor learning session - Foxes
29th April 2026	Outdoor learning session - Polecats
6th May 2026	Outdoor learning session – Bumblebees Class
W/B 11th May 2026	Year 6 SATs week
13th May 2026	Outdoor learning session – Ladybirds Class
20th May 2026	Outdoor learning session – Squirrels Class
W/B 25th May 2026	Half Term week
W/B 1st June 2026	2 week window for Year 4 Multiplication Check
W/B 8th June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Screen week
9th June 2026	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
15th June 2026	PFA – Father's Day present wrapping activity
17th June 2026	Early Years / Key Stage 1 Sports Day
3rd July 2026	PFA – Summer Fayre
7th July 2026	Summer Celebration event – parents and carers are invited to join us
13th July 2026	Annual reports out to parents