



NEWS & VIEWS

Kindness, Honesty, Confidence, Perseverance, Safety

Headteacher: Miss V Townsend



Headteacher's Comment:

This week, Year 3 demonstrated great maturity during their visit to Saffron Walden Museum. The children were fully engaged and showed a deep interest in the exhibits, asking thoughtful questions and showing respect for the museum's collections. They particularly enjoyed learning about the fascinating artefacts. It was an enriching experience that sparked curiosity and a love for learning!

Last week, we introduced the WOW initiative to encourage children to walk to school, and we're delighted with the response so far! However, we've continued to see instances of inconsiderate parking, which can be dangerous for our children, our families and other pedestrians around the school in the local area. We are fortunate to have the Village Hall available for parking, and we strongly encourage families to make use of this facility. It provides a safe space to park and is just a short walk from the school. A big thank you to those who already park responsibly. Let's all continue to work together to keep our school community safe!

The conversations we have with the children are always such a joy, as they give us a wonderful insight into their interests and passions. It's especially lovely when children come to see me to receive their Reading Owls—hearing their enthusiasm about school and learning never fails to brighten the day. This week, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 have once again started their Forest School sessions. It's fantastic to hear about the valuable experiences they're gaining from these outdoor learning opportunities. The conversations we've had highlight just how much they are learning, exploring, and growing through these hands-on experiences!

Next week, we will be saying goodbye to our beloved chicks. They have been an invaluable part of our learning, offering a unique opportunity for the children to witness the life cycle first-hand. The good news is that the chicks are going to a wonderful new home, and we'll be able to receive regular updates on how they are growing and thriving. It's been so special to see the children's care and excitement as they've watched the chicks develop, and we can't wait to hear more about their progress.

We would like to remind everyone that our community is built on respect, kindness, and cooperation. Any form of aggression, both physical or verbal, is not acceptable and will not be tolerated under any circumstances. We ask all parents to set a positive example for our children. Our goal is to maintain a safe, welcoming environment for everyone, and we appreciate your cooperation in ensuring this. Please look at the parent code of conduct which can be found [here](#). Thank you for your understanding and support.

As this week draws to a close, we want to wish all the children taking part in Voice in a Million the very best of luck for next week. It's such an exciting opportunity, and we are all looking forward to cheering them on. I can't wait to see them perform at Wembley—it's sure to be a memorable experience for everyone involved!

On Monday 17 March, the children will all be taking part in a Don Rae dance workshop. Please can all children have PE kits in school ready for these workshops.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe weekend.



Diary Dates

Monday 17 March – Don Rae dance workshops

Wednesday 19 March – Voice in a Million

Thursday 20 March – Reception trip to Thorndon Park

Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 March – Year 3 parent's meetings

Thursday 3 April – PTA Easter Fair

Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April – Easter Holidays

Please note that some dates unavoidably may change. Apologies if this does happen.



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Weekly Attendance

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Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	94.7%	95.4%	93.7%	91.1%	91.2%	94.9%	92.6%	93.3%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 1	Year 5	Reception



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 3 September

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Attendance	94.7%	95.3%	94.5%	92.2%	91.6%	95.1%	93.3%	93.8%

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 1	Year 5	Reception



Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Santino	Autumn	Minnie	Joseph	Nelly	Oliver	Rose



Miss Townsend's Headteachers Award

We want to recognise Arron in Year 5 for his thoughtfulness and consideration towards others this week.
Well done, Arron!

Congratulations Year 4 for their confidence and enthusiasm during their class assembly! Well done!



Reminders

If your child is absent, please ensure you leave a reason as to why they are absent. If you are unsure if your child should be at school please check the guidance from the [NHS](#).

Please make sure the children are wearing the correct uniform, the website outlines what the children should be wearing. Please remember we do not allow jewellery in school. Thank you



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Reading at Home

Class	This table shows the number of children and percentages of children that have read this week.						Percentage reading 4 times or more
	Number of times children have read this week						
	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more	
Reception	2 (13%)	2 (13%)	3 (20%)		1 (7%)	7 (47%)	8 (54%)
Year 1		2 (8%)	1 (4%)	3 (13%)	1 (4%)	14 (60%)	15 (64%)
Year 2	3 (13%)	0	2 (9%)	3 (13%)	6 (26%)	9 (39%)	15 (65%)
Year 3	7 (27%)	2 (8%)	1 (4%)		5 (19%)	11 (42%)	16 (61%)
Year 4	0	2 (9%)	3 (13.6%)	2 (9%)	3(13.6%)	13 (59.1%)	16 (72.8%)
Year 5	6 (21%)	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	1 (3%)	9 (31%)	9 (31%)	18 (62%)
Year 6				2(10%)	4 (20%)	14 (70%)	18 (90%)

**Well done Year 6 for gaining this weeks
KHCPs Reading at Home Award**



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