



NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th April 2026

Message from the Leadership team



Diary dates

Welcome back to everyone to the summer term.

Over the last two weeks we have shared the exciting news that we are going to be part of the OPAL programme. This has been the culmination of many months of hard work and now we are in a position to launch OPAL after half term **but** we really need your help.

We have emailed explaining ways in which you can get involved. At the moment, we really need help with donations of items such as: toy cars, diggers, trucks, dinosaurs, buckets, spades, shovels, dressing up clothes & accessories and other items emailed out on the bingo sheet (an image of this is in this newsletter). These items do not need to be new but must be in a usable condition for play e.g. no broken parts.

We are also looking for support from anyone who thinks they may be able to help us to build simple structures e.g. mud kitchens from pallets and help on 'Groundforce' days to support the clearing of various areas on our site.

The aim is to make play times the best they can possibly be and we are really excited about this.

You can find out more about OPAL [here](#) but also by doing a simple online search for videos, you will see the amazing work of other schools involved in OPAL and the incredible impact that it has on the children.

Please let us know if you may be able to help us by clicking [here](#).

Kind regards,
Mrs Robinson, Mr O'Malley and Mrs Seagrave

Tues 28 Apr

Y3 tag rugby sessions

Wed 29 Apr

Y5 Bikeability (selected pupils)

Thurs 30 Apr

Y5 Bikeability (selected pupils)

Mon 4 May

Bank holiday - school closed

Tues 5 May

Y4 tag rugby sessions

w.c. 11 May

Y6 SATS week

Mon 18 May

Y4 tag rugby sessions

Tues 19 May

Y5 tag rugby sessions

Wed 20 May

Choir Wicked trip to London

Fri 22 May

Last day of term



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OPAL Loose parts

Are you having a spring clear out? We'd love any of the items below ready for our OPAL launch in May. We will be sending home a paper copy of our OPAL bingo card with every child. Please share the list with friends, family and neighbours.

THANK YOU!

Mr Adams' marathon fundraising

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported Mr Adams with his marathon fundraising for FOF. With our non uniform day, sweet competition, t-shirt design competition, movie nights and cake sale, we are so grateful for all your support! This weekend he will run the London Marathon and we know that the children will want to know how he gets on. His bib number is: **28839** and you can track his progress and send encouraging messages to him by downloading the official London Marathon app. He may see your message on the display boards as he is running.

We would like to wish Mr Adams every success with his run - we're all behind you Mr A!



Uniform survey

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our short survey about uniform. The responses have been really interesting to read and given us an insight into thoughts about different aspects of our uniform including comfort, colour and cost. We want to reassure parents that any changes to uniform would be thought through carefully and would always be introduced on a rolling programme and we would not expect parents with children already in Firside to change over immediately unless they wanted to. If you haven't yet completed the survey there is still time to do so by [clicking here.](#)

Double baby news!

We are pleased to let you know that Miss Mundford welcomed her baby boy just before the Easter holidays, arriving a little earlier than expected. Baby is doing well and Miss Mundford popped into school today to see her class. She is looking forward to coming back soon for them to meet him.



We are also pleased to let you know that Miss Bussey is expecting her first baby, due in the autumn term.

Congratulations to both Miss Mundford and Miss Bussey.

Bikeability

Once again this year, we have had a number of children taking part in Bikeability sessions. In Level 1 sessions, they learn essential bike safety skills off-road and then, at level 2, they build the skills and confidence needed for 'real-world' cycling such as making short journeys to school. We are grateful for these opportunities for our children as we know how important this is.



No scooters or bikes

We have had to remind several children and parents about our rule about bikes and scooters on the site recently. Everyone must **dismount** bikes or scooters on the school grounds to keep everyone safe. Thank you.



No nuts in snacks / lunches

A reminder that due to allergies, we do not allow nuts in school. Allergies can be very serious so we appreciate your support with this.



Second hand uniform

We have a uniform sale permanently in the School Office where we have a range of second-hand and new uniform for sale. If you need any pieces, please do pop by the office to see what we have. All items are just £1.

We are always looking for donations of second-hand uniform in good condition. Particularly jumpers, cardigans, ties and PE fleeces. All the money raised from our uniform sales go back into buying things for the school.

Rugby sessions

This year, we will once again be welcoming back coaches from North Walsham Rugby Club who will be running sessions with every year group. Children will need their PE kit on the following dates

Year 3 21st April & 28th April

Year 4 5th May & 18th May

Year 5 19th May & 2nd June

Year 6 8th June & 9th June



Mental Health Support Team

Upcoming Webinars for Parents and Carers
We run a series of free online webinars designed to help parents and carers better understand and support their child's emotional wellbeing. These sessions are relaxed, informative, and open to all families in our partner schools.

No need to pre-book. Just click on the link below to join the webinars.

- Friday 1st May at 10:00am- Sleep
- Wednesday 6th May at 6:30pm- Child Anxiety
- Friday 15th May at 10:00am- Managing big emotions
- Wednesday 20th May at 6:30pm- Sleep

[CLICK HERE](#)

