



NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th May

Message from the Leadership team



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Diary dates

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated items for our OPAL programme, which we are excited to launch after half term. The generosity from our school community has been incredible, and we have been truly overwhelmed by the range of toys and loose parts shared. We know these will make a real difference to the children's play experiences. Thank you to those who have been able to offer extra support from businesses too - we are so grateful!

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will take their SATs. We are so proud of how hard they have worked and how ready they are. These tests only capture a small part of who they are. They don't measure creativity, kindness, teamwork, or the many talents our children bring.

Whatever happens, we are proud of all of the children and the most important thing is that they do their very best. Whatever the outcome, we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Due to SATS week, there are some changes to PE / games days which have been communicated separately via email and are included in this newsletter too.

Mrs Robinson, Mr O'Malley
and Mrs Seagrave



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

Wed 3 / Thurs 4 June

Y6 Bikeability

Wed 10 June - FOF discos (all year groups)

Mon 15 - Wed 17 June - Y6 residential

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Active week for all pupils

Mon 29 June - Y3 sports day PM

Tues 30 June - Y4 sports day PM

Wed 1 July - Y5 sports day PM

Thurs 2 July - Y6 sports day PM

Wed 15 July - Y6 Leavers disco

Thurs 16 July - Y6 Leavers performance

Fri 17 July - Last day of school year



Sports day 2026

As we look ahead to the summer term, we are excited to share our plans for this year's Sports Day events.

Due to the ongoing building work for our new school, the size of the field is currently reduced. As a result, Sports Day will look slightly different this year. We have made some adjustments to ensure that events can still take place safely and successfully. While the format may vary, our aim remains the same: to celebrate the children's enthusiasm, participation, and sporting achievements.

During the week commencing Monday 29th June, we will be holding an "Active Week" for all pupils. During the mornings, children will take part in some different sporting activities led by visiting coaches, providing them with opportunities to try new skills and stay active.

In the afternoons, we will host mini Sports Day events for each year group where children will earn points for their team. These will take place between 1:30pm and 2:30pm:

- Monday 29th June – Year 3
- Tuesday 30th June – Year 4
- Wednesday 1st July – Year 5
- Thursday 2nd July – Year 6
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We will be in touch nearer the time with more details but wanted to let you know the dates and times in advance if you wish to attend.

Throughout Active Week, children are invited to wear their PE kit every day. On the day of their Sports Day event, they may also wear a t-shirt in their team colour.

OPAL play UPDATE

We are still on track to launch our OPAL lunchtimes after half term. Which we are so excited for!

Phase 1, which will start in the first week back, will involve the introduction of small world play (small toys such as cars, dinosaurs, diggers,), water play, den building, music, dressing up and sand play.

Phase 2 will be in the autumn term and we will be sharing more about what this play will include soon.

As part of OPAL, we will be holding regular assemblies to help children understand how it all works. This week, we introduced the beginnings of our 'Play Charter'. We talked about what adults will do to support play, and the children have been thoughtfully contributing their own ideas about what they can do in return. We're looking forward to sharing the finished charter with you soon.

PE / Games changes next week

PE KIT DAYS

Monday – 3MD (PE) (4RL swimming)

Tuesday –, 3B, 3L, 5W (PE) **Y5 games**

Wednesday – Y3, Y4 games

Thursday – 5A and 4T PE (4RL swimming)

Friday – 4L, 5T (PE) and **Y6 games**

Coats / hats / suncream!

As we move into the warmer months, please make sure your child is equipped for the weather ahead. Rain does still catch us out at this time of year so a light jacket is very handy to have in school every day.

On warmer days, please make sure your child has a named hat in school and is wearing sun cream. A refillable water bottle is a must to keep everyone hydrated please!

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 15th May at 10:00am- Managing big emotions
- Wednesday 20th May at 6:30pm- Sleep

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