

Dates coming up

12th to 15th

May YEAR 6

SATS week –

please make sure children in year 6 are in this week so they do not miss out.

2nd to 13th June

Year 4 will take

their

Multiplication

test for the

government.

Please make sure they are not off school during this time.

Week

beginning 9th

June Year 1

phonics test

will be taken this

week. Any year 2

who did not pass

last year will also

have to resit the

test.

13th June Sport's

morning and picnic –

We are excited to invite all families to join us for our school sport's morning. After the races end, you will be able to enjoy a picnic with your children on the field.

reserve date 30th June

Look at our fabulous Dodgeball team. We are so very proud of them.

Ofsted Inspection

We hope that you have all had the chance to read our recent Ofsted report. We are really proud to be good in so many areas after being in special measures for many years.

We have made lots of progress and are now working on our next steps to ensure our children have the best education ever and leave us ready for their next steps.

Some of the areas the inspectors praised included:

- Pupils are enthusiastic to come to school
- there is plenty to do at break time,
- they are well behaved and sensible poor behaviour is rare and dealt with quickly and sensitively.
- Pupils are proud and have many responsibilities.
- Attendance has risen from being very low
- School leaders are highly ambitious for what pupils can achieve.
- The pace of change has been rapid.
- The school ensures that focused teaching enables pupils to catch up

We have two targets for the future which are already in place to improve the children's writing and to ensure we fill gaps from the past where children may not have had a good curriculum or were absent.

If you are struggling to download the report we are happy to give you a printed copy. We will add it to our website and by next week it will be available on the Ofsted website.



In the news this week..

Ofsted

Sorting excellence

Curriculum

School uniform

Sporting Excellence

There's no stopping us!

Another WIN in the bag for Bishop's!!

This time it was KS1 dodgeball.

We played 10 games against all the Thetford primary schools.

Won 9

Lost 1

We all have high hopes for our youngest sporting champions. The other schools dread playing against us because we are the champions.

Well done to all children taking part, not only for their wins, but for their behaviour and sportsmanship.

Just look at them in play.

**Sports Morning**

Just a reminder that our sport's morning will be the 13th June. We appreciate Friday is tricky for some parents, however we need additional adults who are only available on a Friday. After the races parents will be able to enjoy a picnic lunch on the field. Each year group will have a race and each child who wishes to, will be involved.

History in Thetford

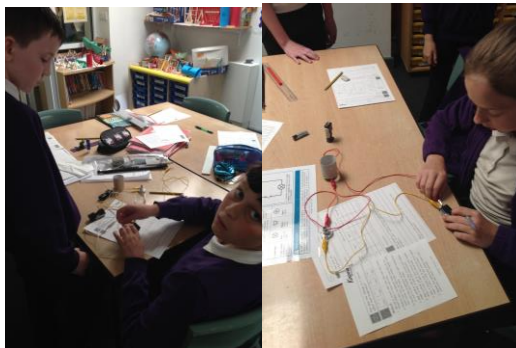
This term to support our World War II learning, Year 6 have been working with Thetford Town Council to create some artwork for an art installation for VE Day to remember the 80th anniversary.

The artwork focuses on the themes of celebration and loss. The Town Council will then display the art work at the Guildhall on the 8th May 2025 and a selection will also be on display at their VE Day celebration at Melford Common on 10th May 2025. Year 6 are very proud of their creations and are looking forward to sharing them with the community of Thetford.

We are excited to include some examples in the next newsletter. I hope that you might be able to go and see the display.

Mad scientists

Year six have been studying electricity to grow their knowledge. They enjoyed the lessons and were excited to learn more.



School Uniform

We are proud to see the vast majority of children wearing school uniform. The children feel it is so important that they want to lead a worship on it themselves. A very small number of children are not in uniform. We usually give these children uniform for the day and let parents know.

When children all wear the same, it helps them to feel calm and settled. When some children wear different clothes, it causes anxiety. Children worry that the rules are not going to keep them safe, they worry that they feel pressured to also not wear uniform and parents become frustrated because it is difficult for them to reinforce the rules because they are told that other children don't wear uniform.

Recently we have had concerns around coloured trainers, Colourful hair extensions, joggers and black sweatshirts.

We value your support in making sure children are in uniform and so don't have to worry about what they are wearing.

KEEP US UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure the school office has your most up to date contact details to ensure we can contact you in an emergency and so you do not miss updates.

For questions and queries, please contact:

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Attendance winners this week

1st place Rowan 98.

2nd place Elder 98.

2nd place Pine 98.

Unfortunately our attendance last week was not a good start to the term and we had 5 classes, Mulberry (Yr2) 89.2% Cedar (Yr4) 89.1%, Oak (Reception) 87.2%, Hazel (Yr5) 80.8% Holly (Yr1), with less than 90% attendance. If you are not sure if your child is not well enough to attend school, please contact Mrs Knight or Mrs. Ratcliffe who will be able to help.

Community Café

We enjoyed welcoming you all to community café at the end of the spring term. I hope you enjoyed spending time with your children. We can see where the children get their creativity from, you are all very talented.

Geography

Year 3 wanted to show you their skills in Geography. They followed instructions involving compass points on a map they had drawn, to follow a route around the school. It was brilliant fun and they enjoyed working in teams! Year 4 conducted surveys on how the public use the local area.

