

# NEWSLETTER

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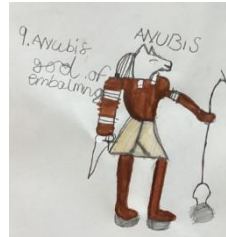
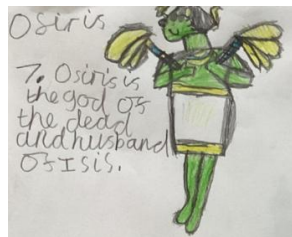
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## Year 3 Egyptians Day

Our Year 3 children embarked on a journey back in time to Ancient Egypt, bringing the rich history and culture of this ancient civilisation to life.

The atmosphere at the school was buzzing with enthusiasm as the children arrived in an array of brilliant costumes, truly immersing themselves in the spirit of Ancient Egypt. The day was brimming with a variety of engaging activities that allowed the children to experience, first-hand, the wonders of this fascinating civilisation. One of the highlights of the day was the exploration of hieroglyphics, the ancient Egyptian writing system composed of intricate symbols and characters. The children had the opportunity to decode and write their own messages using these symbols, unlocking the secrets of a bygone era. A huge thank you to Mr Miller and his team for planning and organising the day and to you all for organising the costumes. Well done Year 3!



Key Dates  
for your  
diary

16.12.24  
KS2 Carol Concert  
St. Peters Church  
1:30

19.12.24  
Class Christmas  
Parties

20th December  
Last day of term

2nd & 3rd January  
HAF Program



## Our Nativity 2024

Christmas joy filled the assembly hall as our Reception Class and KS1 pupils welcomed their families to their heartwarming performance of the Christmas Nativity.

Lots of hard work paid off as our young performers lit up the room with their enthusiasm and energy. The story, written by our very own Mrs Fisher, unfolded with humour, warmth, and plenty of festive cheer, reminding everyone of the meaning of the season.



**A huge thank you** goes to all the children, staff, and families who made this production so magical. It will no doubt be remembered as a highlight of the year. More photos to follow on our website.

## Father Christmas Visited the Academy this week!

We had a very special visit from Father Christmas this week! He arrived on his sleigh around 11am this morning, the children were soooo silent listening for his reindeer's bells!

The cheers and awe that followed from all of our children when he arrived was smashing to see. Thank you Mrs Fisher for writing to him and inviting Santa to visit, the children look forward to him visiting them all again very soon! Snap-on tool company based in King's Lynn, donated an advent calendar for each class again this year! Santa enjoyed giving these out to each class and the children are enjoying taking it in turns to open the doors each day. Thank you Snap-on!



## Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day!

Christmas Jumper and Christmas lunch day was full of Christmas joy. A very big thank you to Academy Committee member, Mr Tea for joining us and the members of the Trust that have popped in to see us too. A very big thank you to staff and our wonderful Aspen's Kitchen Team for the amazing food they prepare for us every day. More photos to follow on our website shortly.

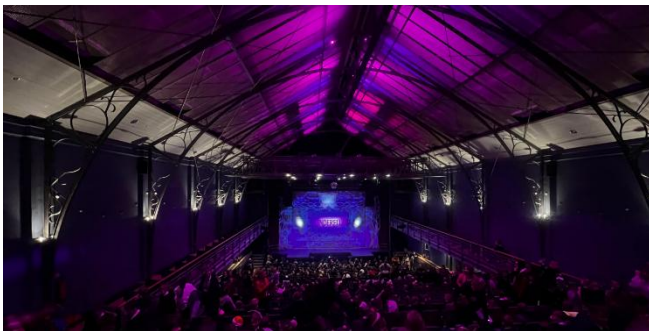


## Peterborough United Special Assembly

Peterborough United visited Monday of this week, to lead an exciting assembly. Peter Burrow, their mascot, turned up too and challenged some of the teachers to a hilarious dance off. Peterborough United is always willing to support us as a local football club and they have also **given two free tickets to each child for Saturday's game against Crawley K.O. 3:00pm** so it would be lovely if as many of you as possible take up the opportunity to watch and support them this weekend. It was wonderful to see and hear the children so excited! A huge thank you to Mrs Sharman for organising the surprise.



# Cinderella



We all had the most magnificent time at the Corn Exchange this week to watch the Live Panto: Cinderella! Children and staff danced and laughed and expressed what an excellent day it was all round. With their exceptional behaviour, our children did us all very proud!

**THANK  
YOU!**



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Thank you so much to our FOSA  
and to you all for fundraising to  
make the trip possible.



At the end of this term, we say a very sad farewell to our wonderful SENCo, Mrs Bull. We have a very special assembly planned for her next week. She has been a remarkable member of Team Ace and will be greatly missed by all of us. We know you will join us in wishing her the best of luck!



We welcome back, Mrs Larway, who has worked with the Academy as SENCo this past year and will continue in this role.

## Out of School Success!

Let's celebrate your achievements out of school! Upload to your portfolio and you could see them here next week.



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# Learning Highlights of the Week

## Reception: Cygnet Class

It's been the busiest week of the term and Cygnet Class have thoroughly enjoyed all of our Christmas themed activities! The highlight has to be their faces and the joy experienced during the whole school panto! It was truly amazing. The season joy has filled the classroom and we have been making the most of our wonderful outdoors regardless of the chill. Next week will be equally enjoyable, make sure you have your gloves and hats as we have more outdoor Christmas fun planned.

## Year 1: Waterlily Class

Waterlily Class have been on the ball this week, we have almost completed our science unit on Animals and categorising and have learnt lots from our PSHE work on healthy lifestyles. We have had the best time enjoying all of the Festive cheer that there's almost too much to mention – a exceptional Nativity, to our families, an amazing live panto and a very special Christmas lunch. It's been our favourite week yet!

## Year 2: Otter Class

The festive spirit has definitely landed in Year 2. We started off the week with special visitors and our Nativity shows. Thank you to everyone who came, we hope you enjoyed watching them. On Wednesday, we had a fantastic time watching Cinderella at King's Lynn Corn Exchange. On Thursday, we shared a fabulous Christmas dinner with our friends and staff at school. Next week, we will be enjoying another D.T. day, I wonder what we will be making this time.

## Year 3: Swan Class

We have had a very festive week in Year 3 this week with lots of different activities centred around getting in the spirit for Christmas. The children have been designing Christmas calendars, and we enjoyed a great Christmas dinner on Thursday. We also had a lovely time at the pantomime, I was so impressed with all the children and their behaviour during the trip. Well done this week Year 3, we have got a fun final week planned!

## Year 4: Dragonfly Class

In History we are learning about The War of The Roses. This week we focussed on what happened between Richard III and the princes in the tower. We completed a class crime scene investigation. Each group sifted through timelines, evidence, theories and facts to try and decipher what may have happened. A very exciting lesson and similarly to historians, we had many differing ideas. We have also been reciting many Christmas poems and are excited to share them with you in our Christingle next Friday.

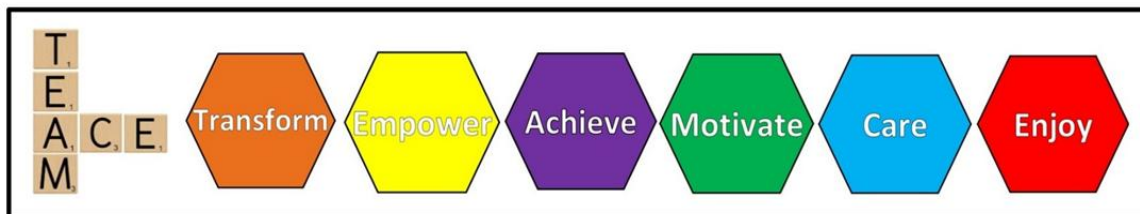
## Year 5: Willow Class

We have been festive in Year 5 this week, creating our own pop-up Christmas Cards that we are very happy with. We have also continued our creative work in art, creating a painted tile from air-drying clay. Finally, our Christmas Carol Concert rehearsals have been going very well and we can't wait to perform them on Monday!

## Year 6: Kingfisher Class

Year 6 have enjoyed rehearsing for our carol concert which will be held Monday. The class thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime on Wednesday, with lots of giggles, singing and cheering. Next week, we look forward to some Christmas crafting and watching Holes.





Our 'Date for your Diary' will be added to each week and can also be found on the [Academy Calendar](#) page of our website.



Autumn Term 2024	
16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 1:30pm at St. Peters Church. KS2 parents invited
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Aspens Festive Fun Special Lunch
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends. Christmas Holiday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> January Upwell Academy HAF Program – Book a funded spot <a href="#">Norfolk HAF</a> Or a paid space through <a href="#">Premier Education</a>	
Spring Term 2024	
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Inset
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
8 <sup>th</sup> January	King's Lynn Police Visit
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Key Stage 1 Dance Workshops start
16 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS Reading Bears Naming Ceremony (parents invited 9am)
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Zoo Lab Visit EYFS, Y1 & Y5
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Maths Subject Showcase (parents invited 9-10am)
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Cluster Football Competition
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Aspens 'Lunar New Year' Special Lunch
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Reading subject Showcase (parents invited 9-10am)
20 <sup>th</sup> January	KS1 Active Kids event
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	National Handwriting Day
29 <sup>th</sup> January	PSC Meeting for Year 1 parents plus crafty cuppa (2pm)
30 <sup>th</sup> January-5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	National Story Telling Week
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Story Writing Day
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Pizza Making – Pizza Express
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Mathematics Subject Showcase 8:45-9:45am (Parents Invited) Number Day – Mathematics Professions
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Crafty Cuppa Parents invited 2pm
17 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Half-Term
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March	National Careers Week Year 5 & 6



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10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Bee Netball Festival
24 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Bikeability
14 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	British Science Week – STEM Week
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day: Dress as your favourite book character & Best Dressed Competition! +Author Visit (tbc) & Aspens Special Lunch
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Tempest Whole Class Photos
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception class Vision & Hearing Tests
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief – wear a comic relief or red accessory
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu (Bookable on Pupil Asset)
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu (Bookable on Pupil Asset)
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Planetarium Visit YR, Y2, Y5
21 <sup>st</sup> March	FOSA Easter Disco
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Young Sports Leaders Interviews
27 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSA Easter Disco
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Assembly
28 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Farm Trip
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Downham Cluster Football Tournament
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 5 <sup>th</sup> April –22 <sup>nd</sup> April
<b>Summer Term</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Staff Inset
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children return to school
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Earth Day – Energy Sparks Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Crucial Crew visit
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Harry Potter Writing Day
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2, Yr 6 SATS Week
TBC	Year 4 Oliver Cromwell House Trip
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Aspens 'Out of this World' Special Lunch
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 – 4:15pm
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Potential RNLI Assembly to KS2
25 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half-Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
TBC	Year 3 Houghton Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Mini Tennis Lynnsport
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics & Times Tables check
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Aspens 'Dive into the Deep Blue' Special Lunch
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Sports Partnership Quadkids Athletics
30 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Residential Claythorpe Court
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Downham Cluster Area Sports
7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sport Week
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Mini Tennis event Lynnsport



15 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
10 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSA End of Year Disco
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Week - Move up Assembly 14 <sup>th</sup> July 9am
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Aspens 'The Big Picnic' Special Lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop 3:20-3:50pm
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Pupil Leadership Team Speeches and Polling Station
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Term ends



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