

# NEWSLETTER

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## Anti-Bullying Week 2024

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 took place this week, with the theme: Teamwork - Choose Respect. This year, we'll continue to empower our children to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Our children were involved in workshops, a whole school assembly and sharing books throughout the week and on Thursday we had a fun filled day with special visitors leading a variety of teamwork activities and challenges which nurture our ethos of working collaboratively as a team. A huge thank you to the staff and visitors, since a significant amount of work and time went into planning the day and it was enjoyed all round.



**Key Dates  
for your  
diary**

**21.11.24**  
Aspens Special  
Lunch

**25.11.24**  
Y5&6 Tag Rugby  
Event

**28 Nov – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**  
Book Fair

**29.11.24**  
Y2 Romans  
Themed Day



Each year our Year 5 children lead an extremely special assembly in remembrance of those who have lost their lives to war. A huge thank you and well done to Willow Class. We welcomed Chief Technician Marsters, who joined us for the day. Following our whole school assembly and 2 minutes silence, he walked to Upwell War Memorial with our PLT from Y2-Y6 with Miss Stacey where they laid our Academy Wreath and our Head boy and girl said a few special words to mark the event. We were extremely proud of how respectful all children have been today. Well done.



## PLT NEWS: Children in Need



Children across the UK are facing greater challenges than ever, with mental health conditions such as anxiety & depression rising, high levels of poverty leading to inequality & lack of opportunity.

Many children are simply carrying a load that's too heavy to manage alone, so this year, Children in Need are asking you to help make life lighter for children and at Upwell we raised money to support their cause.

Children dressed in spots on Friday with a FOSA Cake Sale finale at the end of the day. Thank you to everyone, staff, parents, and children, and a special thank you to our FOSA Team who sold a record number of cakes in the quickest time ever!



## Panto 2024!



Every year our children enjoy a magical trip to the Live Panto staged at the Corn Exchange in King's Lynn. You would have seen in our key dates that we will all be going on **11<sup>th</sup> December** this year. We will be watching Cinderella!

In September we shared the date of the Panto trip on our newsletter and on our Website calendar too. This calendar of events can be directly linked to your own calendar for convenience.

More information and pupil consent for the Panto has been shared via email. We are all super excited and look forward to your children sharing their experiences with you all.

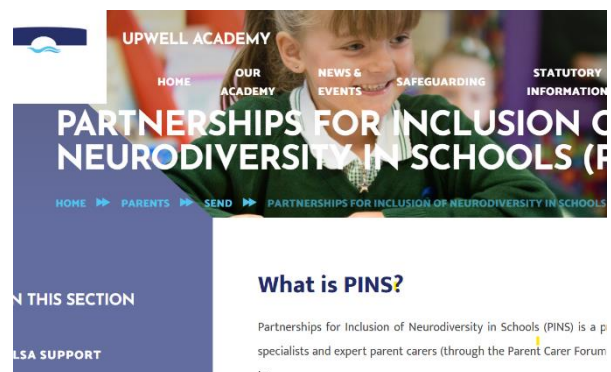
## Dunelm Winners!

A huge thank you to our parents and community members that put us forward for Dunelm's community giveaway. We won! Thank you Dunelm!



## Parent/Carer Feedback

In response to parental feedback, we worked hard last year to develop extra support channels for our parents and carers in relation to SEND. To continue to develop this further, we are taking part in a national project called the **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity In Schools (PINS)**. We have enlisted the support of Family Voice Norfolk (FVN). Many of you completed the survey shared last half term during phase one of the project. The next phase is for us to organise our first Parent/Carer SEND Café. Long-term, our goal is to set up and facilitate a SEND parent carer participation group in school. In the initial phases, Family Voice Norfolk will facilitate discussions and regularly feedback to the SEND Team in school.



Click above to view our dedicated page on our website. We will build this page as we develop the program and receive more feedback from you as to what will be useful to include.



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# 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

This week we have travelled all the way to Space in our new topic 'Light and Dark'. We have been busy exploring baby bears adventures in the story 'Whatever Next' and have enjoyed re-telling using props during continuous provision. We have begun learning about the 8 planets in our Solar System and the children have started to create their own paper mache planets! On Wednesday we learnt all about astronauts and what they need for a safe travel to space. We have lots of children in Cygnet Class who are aspiring to be an astronaut when they are older!

### Year 1: Waterlily Class

The children have had a fantastic week. From learning about family trees in History to creating beautiful paintings using a variety of lines in Art. It is safe to say we have been very busy. I am especially proud of the children's hard work and focus during our team building activity day. They have demonstrated excellent communication and friendship skills which has strengthened their working relationships already. I am super proud of Water lily class this week and I am excited to see what next week brings.

### Year 2: Otter Class

This week we have loved reading Issun Boshi, a Japanese folktale. We have explored the story, discussed the similarities and differences between traditional tales, examined the vocabulary and sequenced events from the story. We have started our new topic in Mathematics, Introduction to Multiplication. We have learnt about the link between equal groups, repeated addition and multiplication. Next week, in History we will be learning about when and how the Romans invaded Britain!

### Year 3: Swan Class

This week the children have come towards the end of their narrative writing surrounding The Man on the Moon. The children have finished planning their final part of this and will be writing up their final section on Monday ready for publishing. We have also looked at Ancient Egypt and the Nile, discussing why it is so important. Well done this week Year 3!

### Year 4: Dragonfly Class

We have really enjoyed our week, particularly our team building day to mark Anti Bullying Week. In class we have been exploring poems and wrote our own odes to snow. In Art we are exploring how artists use space to create the illusion of three dimensions. We began a project where we will be focussing on the background, middle ground and foreground to create depth in our own artwork.



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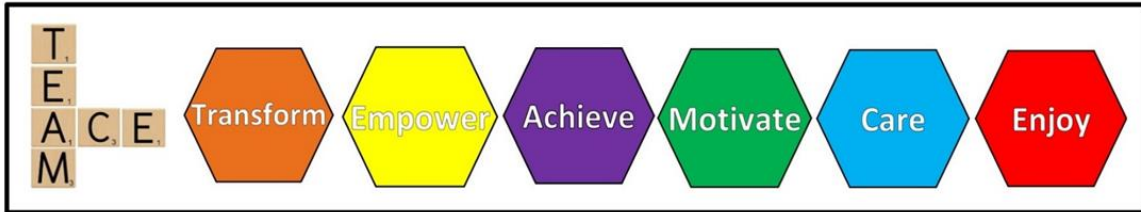


### Year 5: Willow Class

I was delighted with the Remembrance Assembly that Year 5 delivered – we did lots of work so that we understood why we have Remembrance Day every year, and why it is so important that we don't forget. In English, the children put together some amazing explanations of how several machines work. Next week, we will start writing our own explanation for a new piece of technology – and I'm sure the children are excited to delve deeper into the wonderful world of fractions in maths!

### Year 6: Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher Class created some wonderful free verse Remembrance poems on Monday after working collaboratively to generate word banks based on images to reflect Remembrance. Next week, we look forward to our second assessment week on the year.



A FAMILY EVENT RUN BY UPWELL GARDEN CHURCH



**Family Advent Afternoon**  
at Upwell Methodist Church

- Crafts
- Games
- Songs
- Refreshments

**Saturday 30th November 2024**  
**3pm - 5pm**

Suggested donation £1 per person  
Children must be accompanied by an adult  
Booking is essential



To secure your place:  
Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/upwelladvent24>  
Alternatively contact Simon 07930148094 or Niccy 07584432695

The Methodist Church



**Christingle Service**  
**St Peter's Church, Upwell**



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**  
**at 4.00 pm**

There will be a collection for the Children's Society

**Everyone welcome,  
Come and join us!**



Any questions contact: **Mrs Raine Thorold - 01945 774322**  
Children and Families Authorised Lay Minister



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	
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 3rd Nov	Half-Term
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Height & Weight
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Aspens 'Sparkle Spectacular Bonfire Bangers' Special Lunch
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Cross Country Finals
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 & 6 Develop Tag Rugby
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 & 6 flu immunisations
28,29 Nov, 2,3 Dec	Book Fair Visit 3:30-4:30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Romans Day – Come dressed as a Roman
29 <sup>th</sup> November	9am Christingle Service – at School (Y4 Parents Invited)
29 <sup>th</sup> November	FOSA Christmas Fayre 3:15 in the School hall – All welcome
30 <sup>th</sup> November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 3 Egyptians Day - Come dressed as an Egyptian
9 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Parents Invited 1:30pm 2 tickets per family
10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Parents Invited 1:30pm 2 tickets per family
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto Day – Cinderella: King's Lynn Corn Exchange
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children: Christmas Jumper Day & Whole school Christmas Lunch
17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm
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
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 Stage1 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 & Year 5
12th 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
19th 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
29th 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



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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
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
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
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




**2025  
School Start?**

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School Tour**

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