

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back Everyone!

First of all, Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all have had a restful break after what was an incredibly busy Autumn term - 14 weeks and 3 days! It was a particularly long for our youngest children, some of whom had previously only ever experienced perhaps 'mornings' within a Nursery setting. They did however, equip themselves admirably and this was no more evident than during our Christmas festivities. Well done Cygnets Class!

As we embark on another exciting school year, we are thrilled to see familiar faces and welcome new members to our school community at the start of 2025. At the end of January, we will say a sad farewell to Mrs Miller, who has been a true asset to the team, we all wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavours and know she will be back to see us in future. From next week, we welcome Mrs Webster in the role of administrator.

This year promises to be full of learning, growth, and memorable moments. This week, I have been asking children, what are they looking forward to in the new school term? What opportunities are they going to make the most of? Some are excited about becoming School Leaders, others are full of enthusiasm for their learning and others are looking forward to our newly established enrichment opportunities such as Norfolk's Wonderdome visit and Year 6's trip to Duxford.

I am looking forward to us continuing to work together to make this year one of achievement, kindness, and fun. A reminder to explore our website, which continues to provide a wealth of information, including details of upcoming events and if you have any queries do not hesitate to pop in or contact the school office.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Achievement & Endeavour Awards Assembly 2024



Our end of term Celebration Assemblies are always eagerly awaited for. A huge well done to all pupils that received our Endeavour and Achievement awards and to Frederick (YR) and Sophia (Y5) who were awarded our shields.

Key Dates for your diary	11.1.25 Community Library Open 9-10am	15.1.25 Cluster Football Event	16.1.25 Zoolab Visit	16.1.25 Aspens Special Lunch
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**Ruth Miskin
Training**



[Read Write Inc](#) is our chosen systematic phonics program. Our children make excellent progress in phonics and as you are aware with the support of Myland English Hub we are continuing to develop our Reading Curriculum. All staff have recently received extensive training, and we are excited to further develop and embed the practice this year.

English Hubs

Myland English Hub

We are often asked by families 'how can I help my child' and there is nothing that comes close to establishing a habit of daily reading. It is by far the easiest way to support and has the greatest impact on their education with those reading daily for at least 15 minutes estimated to be exposed to 5.7 million more words by the age of 16, than those who do not read.

Specialist Dance Classes

Every year, during the Spring Term our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children receive specialist dance lessons, organised by Miss Payne and delivered by an external professional instructor. In March each year, our Year 2 pupils then have the exciting opportunity to perform in the SSP Dance Festival at the Alive Corn Exchange.

This year, Otters Class will perform on 25th March at 10am. Parents are encouraged to join us and show their support. Please book your tickets via [the Corn Exchange Website](#).



School Sports Clubs

This half term, netball continues to be offered fully funded by the school. This is currently open to our KS2 Pupils. Gymnastics is a fee-paying sports club open to all year groups. Please click below to find out more information and book your child's place. Sessions start next week.

After School Netball Club

Upwell Academy

16th January 2025 - 27th February 2025

[Book this Activity](#)

14

places remaining

After School Gymnastics Club

Upwell Academy

17th January 2025 - 28th February 2025

[Book this Activity](#)

12

places remaining

PE DAYS Spring Term

Tuesday:	Reception, Y1, & Y2
Tuesday:	Y4 (swimming)
Wednesday:	Y3
Thursday:	Y4, Y5, Y6



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Our Pupil Leadership Team

We have a very active Pupil Leadership Team, who alongside all pupils across school contribute ideas on ways in which we can further improve our Academy. Our PLT meet regularly with Miss Payne, our Pupil leadership Lead and prior to Christmas they met to discuss, choose and organise new activities which our children can access at lunchtimes.

They have created a timetable so that each day, children have access to a range of different activities and this alternates throughout the week.

It has been wonderful to see children using the expressive movement kit, skipping, bobbly wobbly balls, building with foam blocks and many more. We hope to continue to add more equipment onto the playground over the next coming weeks to maximise enjoyment at lunch times.



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Read Write Inc. PHONICS

ENGLISH HOME LEARNING

- ✓ DAILY READING -DEVELOPING COMPREHENSION SKILLS
- ✓ WEEKLY PHONICS & SPELLINGS
- ✓ GRAMMAR TASK SET ON CLASS DOJO

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TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

MATHS HOME LEARNING

- ✓ DAILY TIMES TABLES PRACTISE
- ✓ NUMBOTS & TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS
- ✓ SUMDOG 20 MINS A DAY
- ✓ MATHS TASK SET ON CLASS DOJO

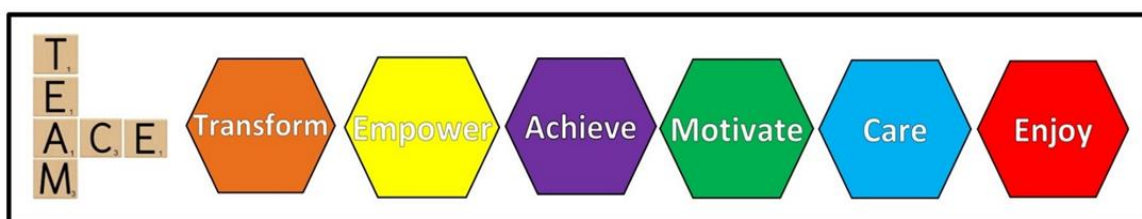
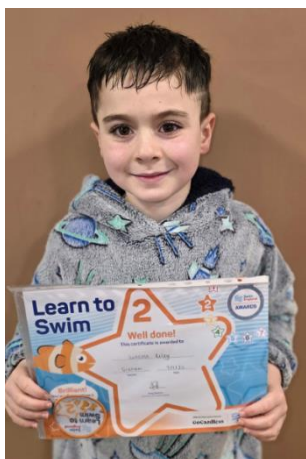
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Out of School Success!

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



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



Spring Term 2025	
6 th January	Staff Inset
7 th January	Children return to school
8 th January	King's Lynn Police Visit
11 th January	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
13 th January	Key Stage 1 Dance Workshops
15 th January	Cluster Football Competition
16 th January	Zoo Lab Visit EYFS, Y1 & Y5
16 th January	Aspens 'Lunar New Year' Special Lunch
17 th January	EYFS Reading Bears Naming Ceremony (parents invited 9am)
20 th January	KS1 Active Kids event
23 rd January	National Handwriting Day
29 th January	PSC Meeting for Year 1 parents plus crafty cuppa (2pm)
30 th January-5 th Feb	National Story Telling Week
30 th January	Story Writing Day
5 th February	Year 3 Pizza Making – Pizza Express
7 th February	Mathematics Subject Showcase 8:45-9:45am (Parents Invited)



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	Number Day – Mathematics Professions
11th February	Safer Internet Day
13 th February	Year 3 Crafty Cuppa Parents invited 2pm
17 th – 23 rd February	Half-Term
24 th February	Children return to school
28 th February	Reading subject Showcase (parents invited 9-10am) New Date
1 st March	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
3 rd –8 th March	National Careers Week Year 5 & 6
10 th March	Y3/4 Bee Netball Festival
24 th – 27 th February	Year 5 Bikeability
14 th – 22 nd March	British Science Week – STEM Week
6th March	World Book Day: Dress as your favourite book character & Best Dressed Competition! +Author Visit (tbc) & Aspens Special Lunch
10 th March	Tempest Whole Class Photos
14th March	Reception class Vision & Hearing Tests
21st March	Comic Relief – wear a comic relief or red accessory
24 th March	Parents’ Evening & Aspens Taster Menu (Bookable on Pupil Asset)
25 th March	Parents’ Evening & Aspens Taster Menu (Bookable on Pupil Asset)
21 st March	Planetarium Visit YR, Y2, Y5
21 st March	FOSA Easter Disco
25 th March	Year 2 Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King’s Lynn
27 th March	Year 5 Young Sports Leaders Interviews
27 th March	FOSA Easter Disco
27 th March	Easter Assembly
28 th March	EYFS Farm Trip
4 th April	Downham Cluster Football Tournament
4 th April	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 5 th April –22nd April
Summer Term	
22 nd April	Staff Inset
23 rd April	Children return to school
22 nd April	Earth Day – Energy Sparks Assembly
26 th April	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
30 th April	Y6 Crucial Crew visit
2 nd May	Harry Potter Writing Day
12 th May	Key Stage 2, Yr 6 SATS Week
TBC	Year 4 Oliver Cromwell House Trip
15 th May	Aspens ‘Out of this World’ Special Lunch
22 nd May	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 – 4:15pm
19 th May	Potential RNLI Assembly to KS2
25 th – 1 st June	Half-Term
2 nd June	Children return to school
TBC	Year 3 Houghton Hall
5 th June	Mini Tennis Lynnsport
9 th June	Year 1 Phonics & Times Tables check



14 th June	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
19 th June	Aspens 'Dive into the Deep Blue' Special Lunch
23 rd June	School Sports Partnership Quadkids Athletics
30 th June – 2 nd July	Year 6 Residential Claythorpe Court
1 st July	Downham Cluster Area Sports
7 th - 11 th July	Sport Week
9 th July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)
10 th July	Mini Tennis event Lynnsport
15 th July	Reserve Sports Day
10 th July	FOSA End of Year Disco
14 th July	Transition Week - Move up Assembly 14 th July 9am
17 th July	Aspens 'The Big Picnic' Special Lunch
17 th July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop 3:20-3:50pm
21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
22 nd July	Pupil Leadership Team Speeches and Polling Station
22 nd July	Term ends



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