

NEWSLETTER

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Year 2 Dance Festival



What an incredible afternoon we had at Kings Lynn Corn Exchange for the annual Dance Festival. Our Year 2 pupils, along with other local schools, took to the stage performed their hearts out!

The atmosphere was electric as our talented young dancers smashed a vibrant routine. The creativity and energy radiated from every corner of the stage, and we couldn't be prouder of how our children shone under the spotlight!



A huge thank you to all the parents who booked tickets and filled the auditorium with enthusiasm and support. Your cheers and applause gave our little stars the confidence to dance! This event wasn't just about showcasing talent; it was about unity, joy, and celebrating the hard work our students put into their performances! We can't wait to see what our next dance celebration will bring in March 2026!

Key Dates for your diary	31.3.25-4.4.25 Y5 & 6 Sports Leader Interviews	4.4.25 Year 6 Football Tournament	4.4.25 FOSA Chocolate Tombola & last day of term	Wed 23rd April Children return to school
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EYFS Church Farm Visit

Today, our youngest pupils enjoyed a trip to Church Farm for the day. Our day started with a coach ride which the children absolutely loved!

At the Farm, we were able to explore all the farm, learning about the different fruit trees that were growing and explore the mini beasts. Some of the activities were meeting the animals, feeding the lambs and tractor ride. We were all ready for our beds by the end of the day! Thank you to the staff, parent volunteers and Mrs Hartley, our Academy Committee member for ensuring the trips success.



FOSA Easter Disco

This week our pupils enjoyed their Easter Disco! The children were thrilled to see the hall beautifully decorated and loved the music from the DJ. It was an excellent event!

A huge thank you to our FOSA team and School staff for making this wonderful treat available for all pupils to enjoy!



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Parent Consultations & Aspens Taster Menu.

Thank you to you all for joining us for our Parent Consultation evenings earlier this week.

A special thanks to our Pupil Leaders who were exceptional in preparing the hall for your arrival on both days and to Mrs Goodrum, for preparing some of the new menu choices for pupils and families to try.



Colour Run Raffle Donations

As well as our Easter Discos this week, pupils enjoyed dressing in home clothes while kindly donating a hoard of amazing rainbow-coloured items towards our Colour Run Raffle which will take place in the Summer Term.

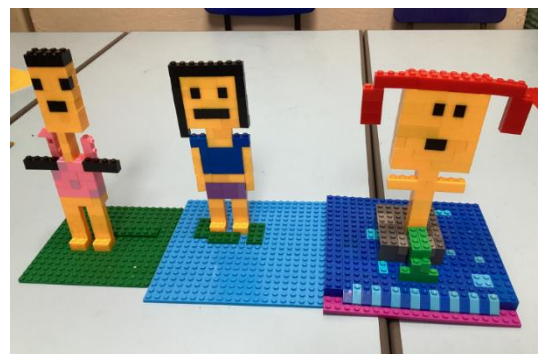
Thank you to our families for their generous donations and to FOSA for organising the collection.

Kids with Bricks Club

This weeks build was - a magical fire or water creature. Children had the option of building either a mermaid, kraken, phoenix or a dragon.

The Builders of the Week this week were: Sofia (4), Marnie (4), and Scarlet (4)

Please remember to vote for them on the kids with bricks website: <https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>



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Year 2 Crafty Cuppa

On Wednesday for our Crafty Cuppa, we read the story *The Paper Dolls* by Julia Donaldson. We discussed the characters and chose our own verbs to change the story. We then created our own paper dolls with names that rhyme just like the story.

It was wonderful that so many of our families joined us. Thank you to Mrs Fisher for leading the afternoon and to Mrs Sarah Downes from Norfolk School and Community Team to joining us and answering your questions.



School & Communities Team Parent Workshop

This week, we welcomed the School and Communities joined us on Friday to lead the second of two workshops for parents and carers which explored understanding children's behaviour. The feedback from staff and families has been very positive and we look to continue this community offer further in the Summer Term. We hope more parents will look to take this up too. Do not hesitate to enquire at the office for further information.



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

Wow, what a week! We have been unbelievably busy in Reception class this week.

Year 1: Waterlily Class



Year 1 have worked extremely hard this week in all areas of their learning! I am particularly impressed with their English writing of their innovated ending to the fairytale 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children used some excellent story telling language to really bring their endings to life and make it an exciting read for the reader. Next week we will be reviewing our English skills we have learnt so far this year with some Easter themed writing prompts too!

Year 2: Otter Class

We were blown away by Year 2's dance performance this week. The children worked so hard to put on a great show. In English we have finished and edited our Traction Man's adventures. We have started a non-fiction unit all about plants, based on the book Eddie's Garden. In Maths, we have finished our addition and subtraction unit and we have shown much better fluency and accuracy. I wonder what we are learning about next week? Here's a clue, you can spend it!

Year 3: Swan Class

In Year 3 this week we have started to write up our explanation texts about how bees make honey! The children have really impressed me with how quickly they have remembered the process and their descriptive language to help improve their writing. In Maths we are reaching the end of our unit about mass and capacity, the children have been focusing on adding these values together this week. Next week we will be taking the final reading results and doing one last thing with our celery from our science experiment, can you work out what it is?

Year 4: Dragonfly Class

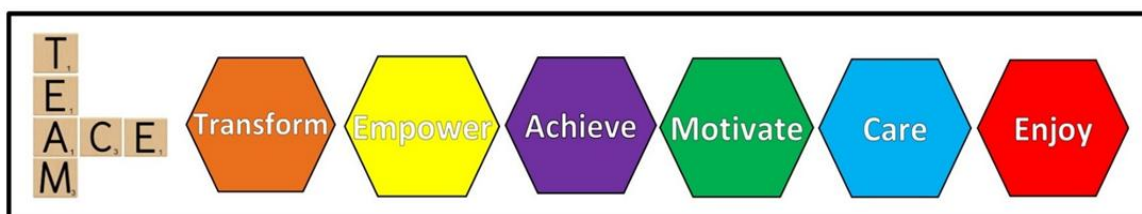
This week Year 4 have begun their independent writing of a traditional tale after exploring the characters and setting of Hansel and Gretel. The children have also worked hard to improve their handwriting and presentation with a focus on what is expected in Upper Key stage 2. With the Multiplication check upcoming we have also focused on improving our knowledge of all timetables tables up to 12x12. We are making great headway here, so please remember to continue to secure these with practice at home.

Year 5: Willow Class

We have had an excellent week in Year 5. We have been exploring literary devices in English following completion of our story writing unit. We have explored cohesion later in the week, to improve and up-level our draft work using cohesive devices including coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. We had some special visitors including Mrs Cook, our AC Chair, who was extremely impressed with our focus and determination to show off our new found knowledge. In maths, we've enjoyed developing our methods for calculating area and perimeter of shapes. In history, we have started a new unit of work exploring the origins of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. In PE we are enjoying improving our Teamwork skills through tag rugby. A great week Year 5.

Year 6: Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher Class continue to work hard on their Maths and English. This week we have had a big push on Times Tables with the introduction of the times table cards, which you will hopefully start to use at home as well. Year 6 are also learning a grammar poem to aid them in remembering grammatical terms, this should also have found itself home for children to read once a day. Next week we look forward to using another Harry Potter novel alongside our English; being inspired by the writing of J. K. Rowling.



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	
4 th April	Downham Cluster Football Tournament
4 th April	FOSA Chocolate Tombola
4 th April	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 5 th April – 22 nd 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
7 th May	Year 5 Crafty Cuppa – Y5 parents invited 1:30-3pm
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
16 th May	FOSA Colour Run & Rainbow Raffle!
21 st May	EYFS Crafty Cuppa – Reception Class parents invited 1:30-3pm
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
18 th June	Year 6 Crafty Cuppa – Y6 parents invited 1:30-3pm
19 th June	Aspens 'Dive into the Deep Blue' Special Lunch
23 rd June	School Sports Partnership Quadkids Athletics
27 th June	Year 6 Afterschool Leavers' Event
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



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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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