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NEWSLETTER

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What a wonderful half term it has been, special visitors, fun events and lots of learning. Thank you to all of you, for ensuring your child has the right uniform and equipment for school. We would also like to thank all the staff and children for their hard work and commitment this half term. Have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd June.

Year R Crafty Cuppa—A Creative Afternoon of Fun

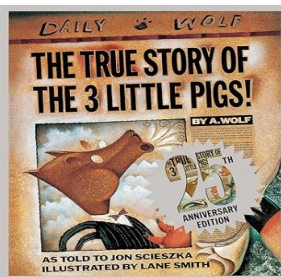
This week, our year R class and their parents enjoyed a wonderful Crafty Cuppa afternoon. The session began with Mrs Fisher sharing an engaging text 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' by Jon Scieszka. Mrs Fisher also talked about reading strategies and using our phonics to decode challenging words. Mrs Fisher was very impressed, Cygnet Class students are amazing readers.



After the story, families got creative with a cuppa and a biscuit while creating some stick puppets of the three little pigs and of course, Al—the big bad wolf.



We were thrilled to have the schools and communities team join us again, bringing their expertise in SEND and support and advice. Their involvement provided valuable insights, making the event even more special. It was a fantastic example of the community coming together to support children's growth.



Thank you to everyone who participated—it was a truly enjoyable afternoon of creativity, learning and community spirit!



Key Dates
for your
diary

Back to school
Monday 2nd June

Year 3 Trip to Houghton Hall
Tuesday 3rd June 2025

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Year R Castles

Here are some wonderful examples of the Castles Cygnet Class have been producing for in their home learning. Well done Cygnets

Out of School Success!

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



We know some of you had your football presentations at the Corn Exchange this week. Well done to all!

Don't forget to upload any photos so you can be in the next newsletter!



Well done to Cygnet Class for completing some fabulous home learning by making their own castles. They look absolutely amazing.



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Learning Highlights

Reception: Cygnet Class

This week in Reception, we have been busy learning all about *The Great Fire of London*. The children have enjoyed re-telling the events of this significant moment in history and have even created their very own story maps to help them sequence and remember what happened. As part of our learning, we explored the stories *Vlad and the Great Fire of London* and *Toby and the Great Fire of London*, which brought the topic to life and helped us to understand it from different perspectives.

In maths, we've been exploring number tracks through a fun and engaging race between Paddington and his friend, the Gruffalo! This exciting activity helped us practise number recognition and counting in a playful way.

We also had a lovely time during our *Crafty Cuppa session*, where Mrs Fisher treated us to a wonderful story. It was a perfect way to relax and enjoy some quality storytelling together.

Some children also created some amazing castles, which we have loved playing with and sharing with the class! What a fantastic week of learning and fun!

Year 1: Waterlily Class

Waterlily Class have been very busy completing assessments and practising their phonics this week. They also found time to write some wonderful instructions on planting seeds. In maths we have been learning to tell the time.

In DT we made our very own sock puppets. They were incredible. Well done year 1!

Year 2: Otter Class

We are super proud of Year 2 this week! They have shown lots of dedication and perseverance when completing their national assessments in reading, GPS and Maths. The children have also enjoyed completing their last Science lesson on materials where we learnt all about solids and liquids. We have also been making our very own poems all about the five senses. The children have each chosen a theme for their poems and they have been coming up with lots of creative sentences to build their poem into something special. We will be entering our poems in a Sense Poetry competition run by Young Writers, where the children will have the chance to be featured in their poem book which will be sent to our school! The children are so excited about this, and we cannot wait to receive the book!



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Year 3: Swan Class

We have had a productive and enjoyable week in Swan Class! This week we wrapped up our history learning focusing on Law and Power which the children have been thoroughly enjoying. Our final lesson looked at Simon De Montford and how he fought to help the people of England against Henry III. We also had a great time using some magnets in our Science this week! The children had the chance to use magnets themselves and understand more about the poles of a magnet and magnetic fields! The children really impressed me with their engagement and enthusiasm throughout the unit. Well done this half term Year 3! I can't wait for our final half term and to start our new exciting units!

Year 4: Dragonfly Class

Dragonfly class have been super busy creating some beautiful descriptions using very powerful vocabulary and creating amazing imagery. We have also continued to learn and revise our multiplication tables. Don't forget to keep practising over the break! Linking art and history we have been exceptionally creative by making our own mosaics. The standard of work from all has been epic!

Year 5: Willow Class

Year 5 have been enjoying working on The Highway Man by Alfred Noyes. They have been looking at imagery and metaphors and character descriptions. In maths we have been solving division questions and problems, and our times tables are getting much speedier. In geography this week they have continued to focus on New Zealand, and this week we looked at the climate difference between the North and South Islands and what affect humans have had on the biomes of New Zealand and particularly the effect on the kiwi bird.

Year 6: Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher class continue to write in different genres, for different purpose and audiences, carefully considering their word choice and punctuation. We are getting better at editing and improving our work and see this as a challenge now. In science/DT we have made our own periscopes that were challenging, fiddly but so much fun!



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



25 th – 1 st June	Half-Term
2 nd June	Children return to school
3 rd June	Year 3 Houghton Hall Trip
5 th June	Mini Tennis Lynnsport
9 th June	Year 1 Phonics & Times Tables check
10 th June	EYFS & Y6 Height & Weight Check
14 th June	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
18 th June	Year 6 Crafty Cuppa – Y6 parents invited 1:45-3pm School & Communities Team available for parents
19 th June	Aspens 'Dive into the Deep Blue' Special Lunch
23 rd June	School Sports Partnership Quadkids Athletics
25 th June	Yr4 Trip to Oliver Cromwell's House, Ely
26 th June	Sports Leaders workshop with WNSP
27 th June	Year 6 Afterschool Leavers' Event
30 th June – 2 nd July	Year 6 Residential Claythorpe Court
30 th June	KS1 Active Kids Event
1 st July	Downham Cluster Area Sports
3 rd July	Sports Leaders workshop with WNSP
4 th July	Yr 5 & 6 Cambridge Hands-on Science Workshops all day
7 th - 11 th July	Sport Week
8 th July	Great Athletes – Olympian Visit
9 th July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)
10 th July	Y5 & 6 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
17 th July	Year 5 Marshland High School Taster Day
19 th July	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
22 nd July	Pupil Leadership Team Speeches and Polling Station
22 nd July	Term ends

