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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to our final half term this academic year. Where has the time gone? This half term is a busy one, so check the diary dates to ensure you do not miss some of the exciting things we have coming up like Entrepreneur Market, Transition Week and Sports Day to name just a few.

Year 3 Trip to Houghton Hall



Year 3 had an amazing time this week at Houghton Hall, they very much enjoyed the building, learning about the history of it and discovering some magic within the rounds. Most agreed their favourite part was seeing the beautiful deer.



Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children and well done Swan Class for your outstanding behaviour!

Key Dates for your diary

Year 4 & 6 Cricket
Tuesday 10th June

Year R & 6 Height and Weight Checks
Tuesday 10th June

Saturday Morning Library
Saturday 13th June

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We were very excited to welcome two members of Marshland High School this week. Mr Jansen, headteacher, and Mrs Swinburn, assistant head and KS3 lead. They both had a tour of the school and introduced themselves to many students and spent quite a while speaking to year 5 and getting to know them; our year 5s will be the first year group from Upwell Academy where Marshland High School is a feeder school for them in year 7.

They are very much looking forward to meeting the year 5 students on 17th July at their Taster Day. They also hope to come back soon to meet year 5 and other students again very soon.

Thank you to Mr Jansen and Mrs Swinburn for their time today.

Out of School Success!

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



Fantastic, congratulations on your success at the gymnastics competi-



We know some of you had you had a football tournament over half term.

Well done to the winners and for everyone who took part!

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



Learning Highlights

Reception: Cygnet Class

We've had a fantastic first week back in Reception! We began our exciting new topic, *Stories from the Past*. Our focus story this week has been *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*. The children enjoyed drawing the Lighthouse Keeper and designing their own picnic, even writing their very own lists of what they would include in it.

In Maths, we explored Rekenreks for the first time, and the children were absolutely amazing in using them! We also learned all about the summer season—discussing the types of clothes we wear and the fun activities we can enjoy during the warmer months.

Year 1: Waterlily Class

A fabulous week back to learning for Year 1 this week! They have jumped straight into their learning and have shown a great enthusiasm and confidence using their skills, especially phonics. We have done some fabulous reading this week as well as learning all about directional language in maths. We have been practising our lefts, rights and turns! Next week I am really looking forward to starting some more of our new topics, especially art!

Year 2: Otter Class

A fantastic week back with Year 2! The children have been super focused this week in every aspect of their learning. In English, we have begun writing our travel leaflets using all of our knowledge about Northern Europe from last half term. The children have really enjoyed their new Maths unit on 'Position and Direction', using lots of their mathematical language skills to describe different positions of an object! We have also really enjoyed starting our new unit on Astronomy, learning all about our amazing solar system! Keep up the good work Year 2!



Year 3: Swan Class

This week in Swan class we were so lucky to go and visit Houghton Hall, especially as we were the only visitors that day! We spent our day exploring the grounds at Houghton and the children had a lovely time. We have also started exploring some new topics in History and Geography. In our History work we have started to look at The War of the Roses and in Geography we have begun to look at India and China. Keep up the hard work for this final term Year 3!

Year 4: Dragonfly Class

This week Year 4 have completed their Byzantine style mosaics, based on images from the Hagia Sofia in Istanbul. We have also completed our end of year tests. We are looking forward to starting our new Geography topic, learning all about Japan.

Year 5: Willow Class

This week we concluded our work on the Highway Man by writing a newspaper report. In maths we have continued to practise our division skills. We completed our topics on Astronomy in science and New Zealand in geography and we are very much looking forward to continuing to make our bags in DT. Sewing was challenging but fun.

Year 6: Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher Class have been extremely motivated in maths this week, planning a summer holiday for Mrs Marsters! They have put so many of their maths skills into practise as well as sticking to a budget. We look forward to the groups presenting their holidays next week!

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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 Whole School Sports Day Monday 7th
8 th July	Great Athletes – Olympian Visit
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



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