



## Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents

### New School Governor

We are pleased to announce that following his recent institution as Rector of the St Edmunds Way Benefice, Revd Jeremy Parsons has been appointed Ex-Officio Foundation Governor of our school. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Jeremy and his family to our school community.

### Jelly Challenge at the South Suffolk Show

A team of 4 Woodpeckers will be competing in a Jelly Challenge at the Suffolk Show on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, at 11am. Your support at the event would be much appreciated. We have to provide our own jelly and will be needing a lot, so any donations would be very welcome—early next week would be great! It has to be Hartleys jelly (not pre-made) – which is on offer in B & M at the moment! Thanks. Mr Sharp.

### PTFA Thank you

A huge thank you to the PTFA for their on going support to improve our school. Following the relocation of the bike shelter and signage, they have moved on to playground markings—these are coming along nicely now and our children are delighted with them!



### Next PTFA Meeting

This will take place at 7.00pm on the 20th June at the Rushbrooke—please come along and share your ideas and support us.

## Year 6 SATs

Last week our children completed the very first Year 6 SATs to be taken at this school. I was incredibly proud and impressed with the very mature way in which Year 6 conducted themselves and with the effort they all put in. A huge thank you to the staff across the school who all helped in some way to support this important week, but especially to Mrs Lockwood and Mrs Dunn for the way in which they prepared the children for these tests. We are also very grateful to our Year 6 parents for ensuring early nights, full attendance and for their continued support. We received some lovely messages of thanks from some of our parents which we really appreciated. Thank you all again and well done Swans!



## Transition

### Thurston Thursdays

Thurston Community College has invited Year 5 pupils and their parents/carers to visit the college during the summer term for a tour of the school and an opportunity to ask questions regarding transition at the end of Year 6. Their staff are available between 9.30-10.30am and 2.00-3.00pm. To make an appointment they ask that you call Susie Hancock on 01359 230885 ext. 1079.

## King Edward School

Tour dates for Year 5 pupils and their parents to look around King Edward VI School are as follows:

Monday 22nd May—9.30-10.30am

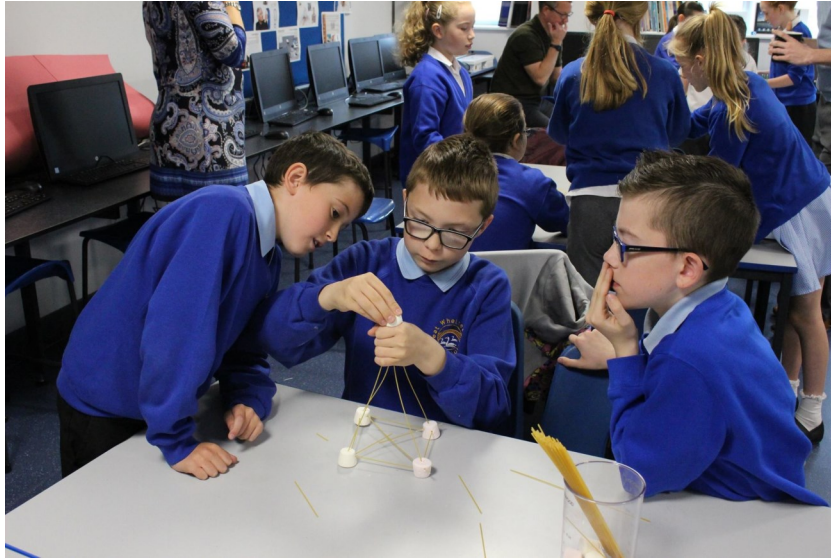
Thursday 25th May 9.30-10.30am

If you have any enquiries about going to look round this school contact Debbie Dunning on 01284 761393 (ext 252) or email her on [admissions@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk) to book a place.

A whistle-stop tour of the school can be seen on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v+1LPOsaGuHg>

### Year 5 Trip to Sybil Andrews Academy

Woodpeckers enjoyed a taster morning at Sybil Andrews Academy last Friday. They did some artwork based on Kandinsky's thinking about colour, emotions and music, and then a science and technology activity building spaghetti and marshmallow towers. The highest was an impressive 73cm! Everyone had a great time and were impressed with the new facilities at the Academy.



### School Disco Reminder

If you haven't yet placed your order for tickets to the Disco, it's not too late. Just a reminder that there are 2 discos, one for Reception, Years 1 and 2 and Cygnets and takes place from 5.30-6.30pm Thursday 25th May at the Community Centre. The Disco for pupils in Years 3-6 takes place from 7.00-8.00pm. Tickets costing £2.50 each (with reductions for 3 or more in a family) are available from the office or from Cygnets. We look forward to seeing as many children as possible attend these fun evenings organised by our hardworking PTFA.

### P D Day—Friday 26th May

A further reminder that Friday 26th May is a PD Day when children do not need to come to school and this is immediately followed by the May half term where I am sure you are all hoping to see an improvement in the weather! We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 5th June.

*Kath Parkin*

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