



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Please note that swimming sessions resume on Tuesday 30 April.

Calendar for next week

Monday 25 March	Junior Inter-House Benchball Competition
Tuesday 26 March	2.30 Years 4, 5 & 6 Gymnastics
Wednesday 27 March	2.00 Inter-House Cross Country (parents welcome to spectate)
Thursday 28 March	8.50 Easter Service at St Mary's Henstead (family welcome to attend)
Friday 29 March	Big Day Out Cambridge (pupils should wear normal uniform, including blazers)

Dates for your diary

Monday 1 - Wednesday 3 April Holiday Club (bookable via the office). See Page 7 for details.
Tuesday 23 April Summer Term Begins



Message from the Headmaster

I am pleased to note that our School Council is already gearing up for the end of term buffet - their initiatives in suggesting activities and resources for the school are always welcome. I look forward to reading the minutes of the Council's meetings every week and the buffet proved so popular last term that it may well become a more permanent feature. Well done to all members of the School Council for this term - keep up the good work!

Mr McKinney

We're off to Cambridge.

We are very much looking forward to visiting some of the academic landmarks of the University of Cambridge next Friday, as part of our Big Day Out: the Scott Polar Research Institute, Fitzwilliam Museum and Zoology Museum.



Pharology.



We have been counting our nights of sleep to this field trip! Thursday was the day we had all been waiting for. A short minibus journey transported us to the seaside town of Southwold. We knocked on the door of the lighthouse and were greeted by a Trinity House Lighthouse Custodian, the informative Mr Hopwood. From the bottom of the cylindrical tower, we tested the echoing nature of the building with full school cheer. We climbed 95 steps to the control room and another 20 ladder steps to the lantern at the top. The lighthouse is now powered by rechargeable batteries and we were careful not to touch any switches. At the lantern room we could see out to sea and across Southwold including a fair few pesky seagulls. The lighthouse bulb is surprisingly small and is magnified by a Fresnel lens which reflects and magnifies the light range. The light blinks every 10 seconds so that boats know where they are at night time and other local lighthouses blink for 5 seconds and 15 seconds respectively.

Our guide also told us that Southwold Lighthouse was built by Trinity House in 1887 as a coastal mark for passing shipping and as a guide for vessels sailing into Southwold Harbour. The lighthouse is situated near the centre of the

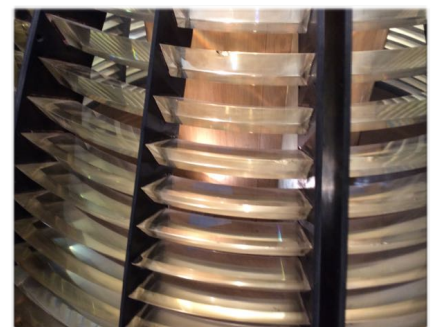
seaside resort of Southwold; midway between Lowestoft and Orford the round white tower stands among rows of small houses.

Construction of Southwold Lighthouse began in 1887 under the supervision of Sir James Douglass, Engineer in Chief to Trinity House. The lighthouse replaced three local lighthouses which were under threat from severe coastal erosion at Orfordness to the south. While the masonry tower was built a temporary light was shown from a wooden structure which was first lit on 19 February 1889.

The present lighthouse came into operation on 3 September 1890. The light was originally provided by an Argand burner. This was replaced by a Matthews incandescent oil burner in 1906. A Hood 100mm petroleum vapour burner was installed in 1923 and remained until the station was electrified and demanned in 1938. The character and range of Southwold lighthouse were changed in December 2012 with the main light being increased from 17 to 24 Nautical Miles in advance of the decommissioning of Orfordness Lighthouse.

After our spiralling journey back down to the ground, we opened the door to the fresh fermenting odour of the famous brewery next door.

Mrs Loader



Back to Nature.



The very excited Reception children boarded the school bus ready for an outdoor adventure at Minsmere nature reserve. On arrival we were greeted by Hannah, our guide for the day, and a friendly rabbit. Perhaps he was looking for his jacket? Fortunately Mr McGregor was nowhere in sight!

Our first stop was in the visitor centre, where we watched a short educational film on the diverse wildlife we might see on our visit, ranging from woodland creatures to wetland ones. It was noted that Minsmere was a bit like a zoo, except the animals were able to roam free in their natural habitats.

Next stop the woods! We used our listening ears as we strode through the idyllic surroundings for the stirrings of nature. Working in pairs the children had to unearth whatever insects, animals and man made objects they could find. Upon discovering a yellow butterfly, squirrel and even a timid deer, the children were invited to use special tools to inspect the smaller wriggly creatures more closely. Our final session of the morning was a creative one, working with the natural materials found to construct our very own mini beasts.

After lunch and a quick run around the children transformed into birds. Using their beady eyes to find some juicy worms to feed their young was trickier than they thought. Strands of wool in a variety of colours were retrieved, James assured us he could sniff them all out! The children realised the darker strands of wool were harder to spot as they were well camouflaged against the foliage. A walk down to the beach and another visit from an inquisitive sea creature was the perfect end to our day.

Mrs Dakin





Nursery News.



Last Friday the children decided to set up a surveillance camera in the garden, desperate to catch Orange Annie on video. On Monday morning they were delighted to see the results - actual footage of her sneaking into the garden and returning the blue bike!



Desperate to keep their links with her, they decided to write to her or draw pictures of her. The teachers set about creating a special Orange Annie Writing Area which has become a very popular place to be. Mostly the cards and letters are to thank her, but some have been quite stern, warning her off coming in again. However, Orange Annie has not been put off. She has continued to send the children questions to answer and more problems to solve this week. This time though, instead of stealing things she has left the children gifts.



Thank you Orange Annie for another week of problem solving and of course all the chocolate orange!

Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Congratulations to Rafferty. Tilly has been enjoying watching your exciting games and interesting constructions at Nursery this week. She is looking forward to having some fun at your house this weekend.



Reception Roundup.



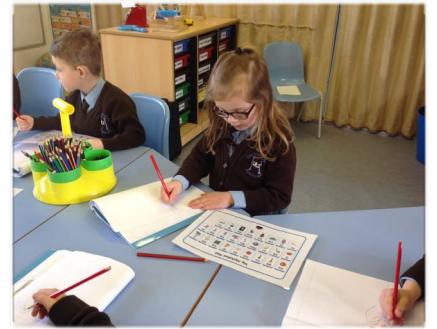
As we continue our focus on earth, we started the week getting to grips with independent writing and continuing to understand the value of money.

We enjoyed learning about the work of bees and how important they are to us. We even did our own 'bee waggle dance'.



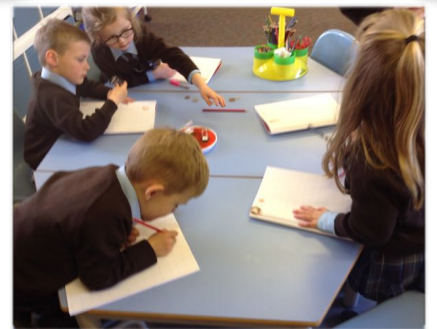
On Wednesday we went on an adventure to Minsmere, which you can read about on page 3 of this newsletter. This supported our learning on Thursday as we explored our school for signs of spring, minibeasts and wildlife.

We enjoyed an in-depth discussion about recycling and how we can do our part to help the natural world around us.



We enjoyed creating our own wildlife flower garden and planted carrots, spring onions and radishes. We will continue to monitor the growth of our vegetables in maths, as we learn about measurements and germination.

Mrs Scriven



SPORTS ROUND UP

House Netball & Football



TODAY'S HOUSE SPORTS RESULTS

Netball	
1st	Waveney
2nd	Orwell
3rd	Deben
4th	Yare

Football	
1st	Yare
Joint 2nd	Orwell
Joint 2nd	Waveney
Joint 2nd	Deben



Mascot Awards.

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term - **Adventure and Analysis:**

Reception: William for an adventurous approach to writing

Year 1: Robin for analysing how lighthouses work

Year 2: Chloe for adventurously settling in to her new school

Year 3: Amelie for quality analysis of maths questions in her end-of-term assessments

Year 4: Gabriel for an adventurous attitude in gymnastics

Year 5: Isabelle for effectively analysing and reproducing different cell formations

Year 6: Honor for an adventurous attitude to story writing.



Tennis & Pony Club



Next term (after the Easter holidays) our Tennis Clubs and Pony Club will resume. Pony Club will continue on Friday afternoons at the end of the school day and Tennis Clubs will be held on Mondays and Thursdays (for different levels). Mr Thompson will also run some free lunchtime taster sessions for those keen to try tennis. Our full programme of After School Clubs and booking forms will be circulated at the start of next term.



Summer Uniform



Girls may start to wear their school summer dresses after the Easter holidays. However the winter uniform may continue to be worn while the weather is cooler next term, as parents choose. Summer dresses must be worn with white ankle socks.

Our new stock of summer dresses will be available in the Uniform Shop soon.

Boys may wear long or short trousers during the Summer Term.

Holiday Club



Please return Holiday Club booking forms to the office by Wednesday 27 March. The programme will run for three days:

Mon 1 April Easter Craft Activities

Tue 2 April Science & Technology

Wed 3 April Cookery & Movie Day

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15

Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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