



# The Old School Henstead

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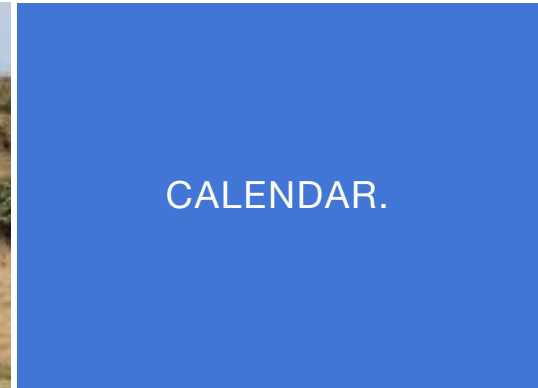
## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

The theme has very much been one of adventure this week, led by our intrepid Year Four explorers at Norwich Castle supported by the cricketers at the end of the week at an indoor tournament. The final preparations for LAMDA performances are also well advanced and the school transforms into an examination centre at the end of next week. Analysis of the choir - now it not only sounds, but looks angelic, resplendent in new ruffs gifted by the PTFA.

Rev. John was with us this week and is already looking forward to the Easter celebration - Lent was introduced with a festival of pancake related activities and the boys and girls have agreed to take something up, such as helping at home, to mark the season. We look forward to hearing from our parents how it is going...

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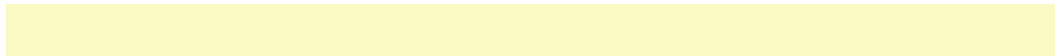


### Calendar for Next Week (the full term's calendar is viewable on the school's website)

- Tuesday 3 March 2.30 Years 4, 5 & 6 Gymnastics
- Thursday 5 March World Book Day (pupils may come in costume, representing their favourite book character)  
1.30 Nursery (pre-schoolers) Reception & Year 1 Swimming  
2.15 Years 2 & 3 Swimming
- Friday 6 March 8.45 Year 2 Assembly  
8.45 Year 1 visit to Orford and Framlingham Castles  
Years 2 & 4 Open Classrooms  
3.15 U11 Football at Beccles Primary Academy

### Dates for your Diary

- Friday 13 March Reception Assembly & Open Classroom (change of date)
- Saturday 14 March LAMDA Examinations at The Old School Henstead
- Thursday 19 March Big Day Out







## Shrove Tuesday



To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, after learning the meaning of the day, the children had much fun making and eating pancakes, with a variety of delicious toppings. The highlight of the day for the Lower School pupils was the pancake race, where there were great skills and much laughter on display.





## Sport - Kwik Cricket



With the Cricket season fast approaching the Under 8's took the opportunity to set the school off in fantastic fashion. Twelve schools took part and this was the largest tournament that Sir John Lemman High School had hosted. Indoor Kwik Cricket keeps everyone involved and on their toes. Extra runs were also on offer for sportsmanship, so The Old School had these in the bag before we even started.

Short sharp matches lasting 10 minutes with each batter having a maximum of 12 hits per game.

A steady start against Reydon with some excellent fielding restricted our opponents to just 22 runs. A steady batting from everyone in the team meant that we won our first game by 2 runs. We were remembering to run whether hit or miss, with Elliot leading the way. In our second game we batted

first, with some strong batting from Chloe, which meant that we accumulated steadily, reaching an all out total of 22. Fielding was tight and with Adam at backstop, Sam in short, we kept them to a slower target rate. However St Benet's fell just short of the run chase losing by 11 runs.

In very competitive groups, we missed the semi-final (on total runs scored) by 4 runs, coming fifth overall! Yet in our final game against Ringsfield, the Old School kept the level of performance high, with a comfortable victory after some heavy hitting. Well done to Adam, Bella, Chloe, Elliot, Jemimah, Ruby, Sam and Ted. A super effort overall and a great afternoon of cricket. As one team member said of the tournament on the journey home - we kinda won that..

Mr McKinney & Mr Hunter



# Egyptian Experience



Year 4 visited Norwich Castle for a day with some real Egyptians! They met two villagers who taught them all about village life and ancient Egyptian jewellery. They were also lucky enough to meet an archeologist from 1865 and a modern day curator who helped them learn about mummification and even explore real objects from ancient Egypt. A great day was had by all!

There are more photographs on the next page.

Mrs Solomon & Miss Dougherty





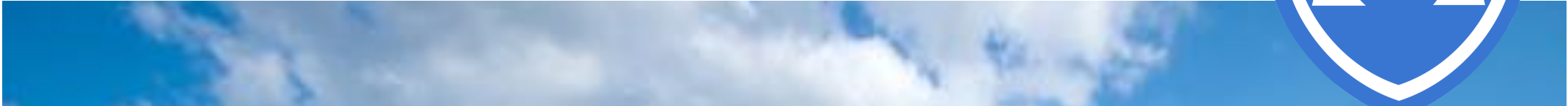


## Egyptian Experience (continued)





# Reception News



After a week's break, we are back and raring to go in Reception.

Monday was a day of much discussion on what we get up to during school holidays. Even Dash had his adventures and fortunately made it back in time for our mascot assembly.

Shrove Tuesday inspired our maths and writing, and of course, we had a go at making pancakes too.

We continued our busy week of games, music, French and art lessons, thinking about our upcoming assembly, which is now on Friday 13th March, and our new topic Earth.

Mrs Scriven







## Active Times Tables



The pupils in Year 4 were taking charge of their learning this week by designing games, activities and tests to help them learn their times tables. They have been testing each other and recording their progress. - Miss Doughty





## Nursery News



The photographs for this week demonstrate how well the children are developing their fine motor skills.

They have been really interested in fitting the pegs in the boards, filling up miniature bottles with glitter and water and twisting the tiny caps back on, threading shoelaces round the picture cards and placing our precious gems in the numicon holes during maths. The children are also doing well with their zips and buttons when changing for swimming. All these activities are strengthening the muscles in their hands ready for writing.

Nursery Star of the Week

Congratulations to Ethan. John the Chicken is happy to see you taking turns and listening to the ideas of your friends.

Mrs Vorster





## Junior Cookery Club



In cookery club this week the children made nutritious egg muffins. They added their own ingredients of peppers, ham and cherry tomatoes and had fun sprinkling the ingredients into the cake tins. - Mrs. Webster





## AWARDS AND NOTICES.

### World Book Day

On Thursday 5 March pupils are invited to come into school as their favourite book character. (No superhero costumes please.) We will also distribute the World Book Day vouchers, redeemable at book shops.

### Easter Holiday Club

Save the dates - Monday 30 March to Friday 3 April. Booking forms out soon.

### Thank You

Huge thanks to our PTFA for the purchase of new smart choir ruffs, which arrived this

week and will be on view at our next church service. Thank you to all the parents who support our PTFA fundraising events.

### LAMDA Examinations

The schedule for the upcoming LAMDA examinations, which will be held at the school on Saturday 14 March, has been sent home with pupils.

### PTFA Appeal for Help

During the Easter holidays the PTFA team plans to spend a day at school transforming the music practice rooms. It will be a quick job with a team of volunteers. If you would

like to help, please email [ptfa2@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk](mailto:ptfa2@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk) so that a suitable date can be arranged. Thank you for making a difference.

### Mascots

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

Reception: Rafferty for analysing large numbers and subtraction.

Year One: Jayden for an adventurous attitude when writing and drawing.

Year Two: Jude for analysing information about Amelia Earhart.

Year Three: Jemimah for approaching her work in an analytical and adventurous way.

Year Four: Luca for adventurously trying new food and drinks.

Year Five: George for adventurously drinking chilli chocolate.

Year Six: Harry S for excellent character analysis in English.



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