

# Little Melton Primary School



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## Newsletter 21st July 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support over a very challenging year. Well done to all of the children for adjusting so brilliantly to all of the many changes in circumstances they have had to cope with at different times this year. A particular well done and best wishes to all of our fantastic Year 6 children for making so much of their final year in primary school. The Eagle Owls staff team have also gone to really incredible lengths this term to make it as fabulous as possible for them, with so many special events organised, and I am hugely appreciative of them for doing so. I am sure that the Year 6 children are all ready now for the big step up, and will all make a great success of it. We of course wish them all the best for the future, as we do also to all of the families who are also now leaving us after some long and happy associations. Please keep in touch— it is always a pleasure to meet up and catch up again with past students and families.

The newsletter this week is predominantly a large gallery of pictures from some of the events of the last couple of weeks – along with some reflections and information ahead of September. I hope that the children have enjoyed the summer term. It has been one characterised by lots of outdoor sport and physical activity, in part to make up for some of the activities the children were sadly not able to do during the winter lockdown. Next term we intend to continue with this theme, but also add in a curricular focus on enhancement activities in Science.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful summer break.



Another goodbye goes out to our old mobile classroom! Various estimated at between 25 and 45 years old, it has certainly housed many former pupils across many years!

We are hoping to rejuvenate the attached mural, and also to film the demolition in the summer holidays for the children to enjoy! Thanks to Mr Mitchell and Mr McEvoy for kindly removing the mural for us this week.

Hopefully our new classroom will prove to be of major benefit for the school in the years ahead.



### Knowledge Organiser Quiz Winners!

A big well done to all of the prize winners this half term: New quiz next half-term!

Eagle: Leo, Annabel, Elsie and Matilda

Barn: Evie, Lily, Archie, Benji, Grace R, Tegan, Emily, Seb and William

Snowy: Pippa, William, Trixie, Oliver C, Ketty, Emelia, Hugo, Harriet, Ted, Flora, Rudi, Hal, Oscar, Seth, Jack, Lottie, Zac

### Donation

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Royle for a very kind donation to support sport and PE in the school. We used it to buy some exciting new equipment— here pictured with Grace!



### September Arrangements

As you may be aware, the Department for Education guidance for schools has now removed the requirement for restrictive 'bubbles' but does add that schools should ensure that '*outbreak management plans cover the possibility that in some local areas it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups.*' With this in mind we plan to go back to our **traditional start/end times of 8.45 and 3.15 in September for all classes. Children can all assemble and be collected from the playground. I will write to all parents again if circumstances change before September.**

Next term, we hope that we will also be able to welcome parents back into the school again. I was pleased that we were able to invite parents to our recent sports day and Year 6 leavers assembly at least, as a step in this direction. Going forward, we aim to have at least a couple of organised opportunities each half-term for parents to come into school to view their children's work and take part in shared activities with their child, for example craft afternoons and reading café's. We would also hope to be able to return to children mixing freely in whole school events and activity weeks. This includes a return to our traditional transition arrangements by next summer term, with children spending two full mornings with their new class and teachers. I decided not to do this this year because of my concern about the potential impact of one positive case leading to three year groups and associated staff all having to self-isolate and miss end of term activities and summer holidays as a result— particularly in light of the significant recent outbreak at the local academy. I have found that throughout the pandemic we have often had to strike a balance between education and public health considerations, in a context where they could be viewed as working in conflict with each other. We have done our very best to get this balance right and give the children the best provision we could within the restrictions, since their return to school. I have seen lots of happy children's faces in school over the last term, and fortunately minimal disruption, so I believe that we have largely got this right.

As a final note, we have also reflected on whether any of the enforced changes that we have made due to Coronavirus have actually had positive benefits and could usefully continue. We have identified a few areas including:

- we will continue to ask the children to wear PE kit to school on days when they have PE;
- we will continue to allow children to wear trainers or shoes to school,
- we will retain some play and lunchtimes during the week where children play just with their own age group.
- we will continue to hold some separate assemblies each week for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
- we will continue to offer Zoom meetings for parents as an addition to face to face appointments where this is helpful to the parents to do so

#### House Points Award 2020-21



Winners!

Topaz!

Garnet		4,003
Citrine		4,017
Topaz		4,181
Emerald		3,921

#### Sports Day Results 2020-21

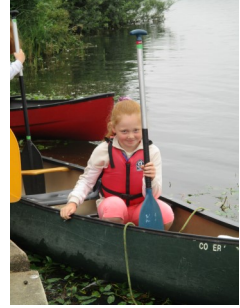


Winners!

Citrine!

Garnet		236
Citrine		248
Topaz		237
Emerald		222

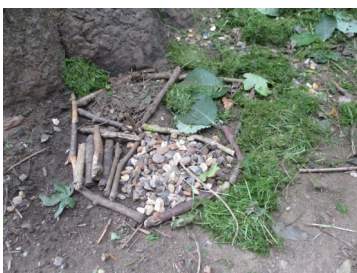




Eagle Owls Canoeing at Whitlingham Broad,  
July 14th, 2021







Andy Goldsworthy Outdoor Art by Barn Owls



Orienteering Day– Eagle Owls





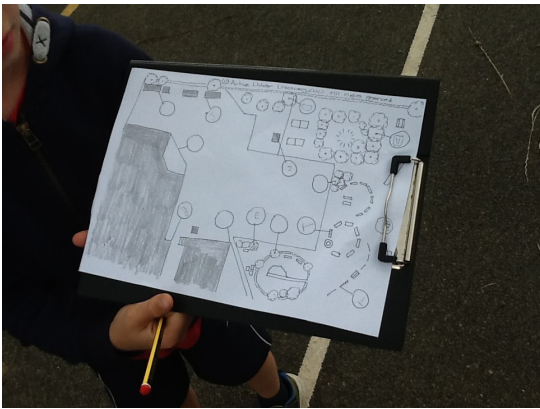


Orienteering Day–  
Barn Owls

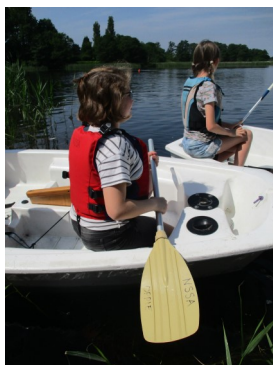




Orienteering Day– Owlets and Snowy Owls







Year 6 Sailing at Filby Broad





Sports Day Eagle and Barn Owls





Sports Day– Owlets and Snowy Owls







Sports Day– Owlets and Snowy





Banham Zoo– Owlets and Snowy





Banham Zoo– Owlets and Snowy







Den Day







### **Birthdays this week**

Lucas age 6  
Grace R age 8  
Rudi age 7  
Seb age 9  
Jaydan age 7

### **In the holidays**

Eloise age 10  
Elsie age 11  
Arthur age 6  
Ethan age 5  
Lewys age 6  
Ayva age 9  
Summer age 5  
Seth age 6  
Thea age 9  
Verity age 8  
Astrid age 6  
Alfie age 6  
Ketty age 7  
Masie age 11  
Sydney age 9  
Lily age 8  
James age 8  
Ben age 12



N.B. These dates/times could be subject to change

**Summer holidays commence**  
Thurs 22nd July 2021

**Return to school Monday 6th September**

**October Half-term**  
25th—29th October 2021

**Christmas Holidays**  
20th December 2021 —3rd January 2022

**Staff training Day—School Closed**  
Tuesday 4th January 2022

**February Half-term**  
14th to 18th February 2022

**Easter Holidays**  
4th April to 18th April 2022

**Staff Training Day—School Closed**  
Tuesday 19th April 2022

**June Half-term**  
30th May—3rd June 2022

**Summer holidays commence**  
25th July 2022



Owlets - the whole class

Snowy - Oliver, Emelia, Lottie, Rudi, James, Rufus  
& Jude

Barn - the whole class

Eagle - Annabel, Sam, Elsie, Eloise, Riley, Bailey,  
Emily, Harriet, William

Yours faithfully

Alex Pritchard

Head Teacher



Last week's attendance was: 97.32%

No year group achieved 100% attendance

Attendance year to date is 97.83%  
(excluding self-isolation)



Launches on  
10th July!



Summer Reading Challenge 2021



# WILD WORLD Heroes



Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries

Keep the kids busy during the summer holidays  
with our wild world themed reading challenge.  
It's all free and kids can earn themselves  
a medal by reading 6 books of their choice.

Sign up for your free pack  
at your local library and get  
ready to collect your stickers  
to solve the Summer Reading  
Challenge clues!

**YES!**

your local library is  
back open again and  
we welcome all families  
and new members!

Plus we've got loads of exciting wildlife themed  
online events taking place throughout the holidays.  
To find out more about the challenge contact your  
local library or visit: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries)

**borrow discover connect**



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A background image featuring a tennis racket and several tennis balls. The racket is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its head in the upper left and handle extending towards the bottom right. Several yellow tennis balls are scattered around the racket. The background is a mix of orange and green colors.

**Wymondham Tennis Club  
& Hingham Tennis**

# *Summer* **TENNIS CAMPS**

**Sessions running throughout the  
summer holidays for all ages!**

**OPEN TO GIRLS & BOYS AGES 4 - 15**

**KIDS CAN LEARN HOW TO PLAY  
TENNIS, MEET NEW FRIENDS, AND  
HAVE FUN DURING THE SCHOOL  
HOLIDAY**

Offering a combination of LTA Youth Start  
Courses, Mini Tennis sessions and groups for  
older children too!

**[Samhowletttennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Samhowletttennis@yahoo.co.uk)**



## Messy Church comes to Little Melton!

Who? Messy Church is a way of being church for families and friends. It is based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

What? Come and hear the story of Noah's Ark and why it is so important to the world TODAY!

When? Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 11am to 1pm

Where? In the church

We will hear the story, take time on some fun activities and then share lunch.

All are welcome, young people need to have an adult with them.

RSVP [sjrc.sjrc00@gmail.com](mailto:sjrc.sjrc00@gmail.com)



As we move forward from the last year All Saints are reviewing their services. If you have a particular time or type of service you would like us to include do let us know.



For children who love to act, dance and sing

# MARY POPPINS SUMMER SCHOOL

Starting from  
2nd August

From 4 years old No experience necessary

visit: [abbottsdance.com](http://abbottsdance.com) for more information and bookings

# Football Fun Factory



## Summer Holiday Football Fun Camp



### Camp Details

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**Easton College**

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**26th-30th July  
&**

**16th - 20th August**

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**09:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

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**secure a HAF Funded Place by emailing  
[trevor@theFootballFunFactory.co.uk](mailto:trevor@theFootballFunFactory.co.uk)**



# Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

 Norfolk County Council

**Big Norfolk Holiday  
Fun Scheme for  
families eligible  
for means tested  
free school meals**

*Children will be able to access  
up to 16 days of free activity  
throughout the summer holidays,  
the sessions will be varied and  
include a free meal each day.*

**Book  
your child  
a place  
today!**

**Don't miss out on your first  
choice – spaces are limited.**

**Free activities  
for 5-16 year  
olds during the  
Summer Holidays**

- Sports and fitness
- Outdoor fun
- Art and craft
- Youth clubs and projects
- Science and nature
- Drama



To register and to get your unique code  
for the free activity days visit  
[www.activenorfolk.org/getmycode](http://www.activenorfolk.org/getmycode)

# Free activities during the summer holidays taking place near you!

***If you claim free school meals you'll be eligible to take part in free activity days during the summer holidays.***



***Keep busy and active, make new friends and learn new skills during the holidays - plus you get a free healthy meal too***



## **Choose from**

- Football and multi sports
- Water sports (kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding)
- Drama, theatre and dance
- Music
- Mad Science camp
- Cooking

***And lots more!***

**Don't miss out!**

Ask your parent or carer to book you on today with your free promo code.  
[www.activenorfolk.org/getmycode](http://www.activenorfolk.org/getmycode)





# Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

## **Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is now open – FREE summer holiday activities for children aged 5-16 who are eligible for means tested free school meals**

Following on from our successful Easter holiday scheme we're pleased to announce that our summer holiday scheme for 5-16 year olds is now open for booking. We have a fantastic range of face to face activities for children taking place this summer including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a free nutritious meal each day.

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Norfolk by Norfolk County Council in partnership with Active Norfolk.

**Please share the flyer provided with any families that you work with that are eligible for means tested free school meals to encourage parents and carers to book their children onto the activities.**

Please do encourage families to sign up as soon as possible. The earlier families sign up to the scheme the better so they can get their first choice of activity. Families can access up to 16 days of activities.

Some families may need support with booking and we appreciate any help you can offer to help them to take advantage of this scheme.

### **Booking can be done in 3 simple steps**

- 1) Parents should visit **Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Active Norfolk** to register and receive their Big Norfolk Holiday Fun booking code
- 2) They can check out all the fun activities here [www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun) and decide which ones they'd like to book
- 3) Parents need their booking code to hand and click on the links provided for their chosen activity. Using their booking code will ensure that the activities will be completely free of charge.

Please remember that the free holiday activities are likely to be popular and we really don't want families to miss out! **Securing a code does not guarantee a place on activities and places are booked on a first come first served basis.**

If you have any questions please get in touch at [BNHF@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:BNHF@norfolk.gov.uk)

Thank you in advance for your help with sharing this information with Norfolk families.

Looking forward to a fun and active summer.

Best wishes

**Tim Eyres**

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