

Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"Let us progress together in seeking God boldly and in concrete ways. Let us keep our gaze ever fixed on Christ and remain close to one another in prayer."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Unfortunately, due to high Levels of Covid: w/c 31st January 2022 we will have to cancel:

Swimming, Music Lessons, Orchestra & Sports Clubs

We are very sorry for this.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to thank you all for continuing to support us with our current measures in school. At present we have 35 positive cases across the school including pupils and staff. There are positive cases in every class. This is a common picture across Ipswich schools with the number of cases being higher than the East of England and national averages. Please could I strongly encourage all pupils to test daily for the next 7 days. In addition, even if you have a negative LFD but are displaying any covid symptoms please book a PCR test and isolate at home until you receive your results. It is by working together that we will reduce the number of positive cases in school.

Remote learning for pupils isolating is provided via google classroom. Please let the office know if your child is not well enough to complete the school work. If you have any problems accessing google classroom please contact the office and they will help you.

We have a limited number of Chromebooks that we can loan out to pupils working at home. Please let us know if you do not have access to a device or are trying to access google classroom via a mobile phone as this may not work for you.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

YEAR R:

In reception we have been looking at capacity, using vocabulary such as empty, full, nearly empty/full. We have all had great fun experimenting.



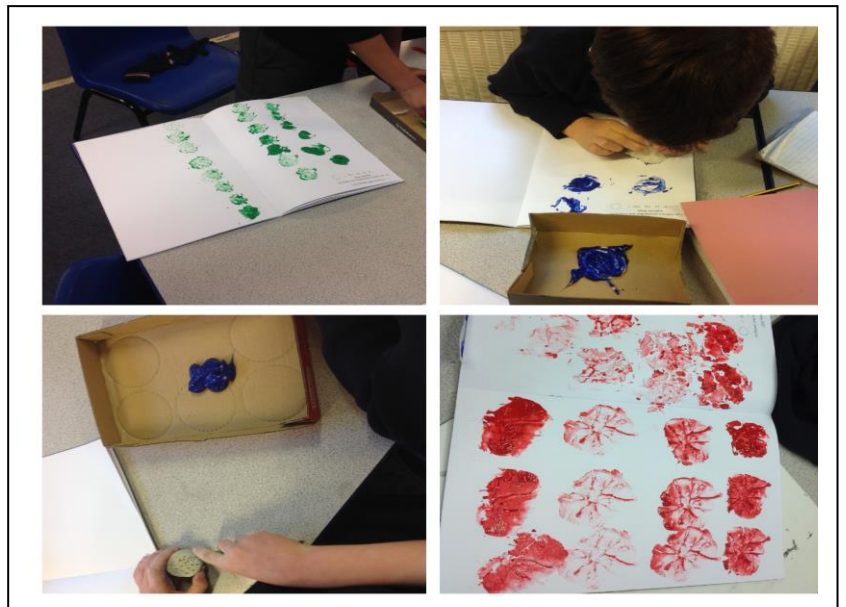
YEAR 1:

In geography we have been learning about the countries of the UK. We cut out the different countries and stuck them in the correct places to make a paper plate map. In science we have been learning about friction. We investigated which surface had the most friction by pushing cars across different surfaces and measuring how far they went.



YEAR 2:

Year 2 have been trying some printmaking in Art. We made our own printing blocks out of clay.



YEAR 3:

This week, in our computing lesson, year 3 have been creating musical instruments in the Scratch programme.

We used programming blocks, introduced in earlier lessons, and learnt that code can be copied from one sprite to another. It was pretty noisy, with some impressive tunes being created! Well done year 3.



YEAR 4:



Year 4 had a great time learning how to do some weaving using scrap cloth as part of our textiles and printing unit. We learned about the warp (fixed strings) and weft (the material that gets woven in and out). Really colourful and really good fun. Well done everyone.

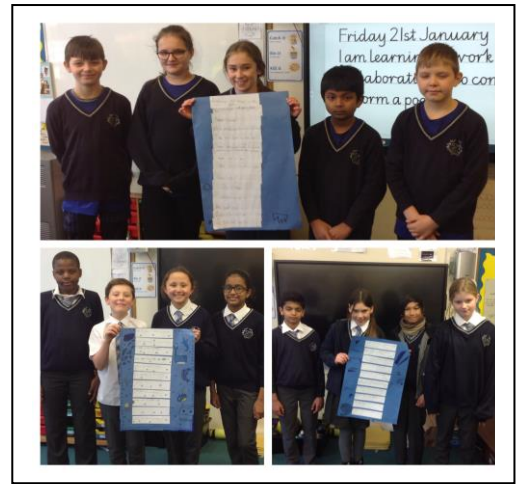
YEAR 5:

In Year 5, we have been practising our observational drawings for our new topic. We went outside and explored the textures of the trees and had a go at doing line drawings of them.



YEAR 6:

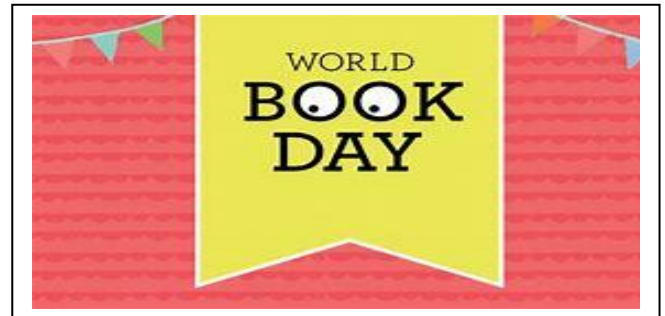
Year 6 represented our learning behaviour of collaboration very well this week to compose and perform a poem linked to our exploration topic. Some wonderful actions, vocabulary and confidence shown. Well done Year 6.



WORLD BOOK DAY:

Key date: World Book Day - 3rd March

This year World Book Day will be on Thursday 3rd March. On this day, we would encourage children to come dressed up a character from a book they have read. We would also like them to bring in their favourite book, so we can share these in class.



SCIENCE CHALLENGE:

Please find attached this week's science challenge. Mr Cook would love to hear how you got on making bright new penny. Please feel free to send in photos of your attempts

BRIGHT AS A NEW PENNY

SCIENCE CHALLENGE 09

Designed by Roy,
Design engineer at Dyson

The brief

Clean a penny using cola.

The method

1. Place the penny in the container.
2. Add enough cola so the penny is covered.
3. Leave overnight.
4. In the morning, you should find that your penny is clean.

Materials

Shallow container
Cola
A penny – the older and dirtier the better



How does it work?

Pennies have a copper coating. As the copper gets older, it reacts with the oxygen in the air and begins to form a copper-oxygen compound. This compound is what makes the penny look dull.

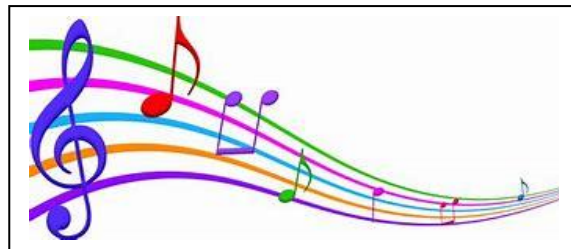
Meanwhile, cola contains phosphoric acid. This acid breaks down the copper-oxygen compound chemical bonds allowing a fresh, unoxidized layer of copper to be exposed.



MUSIC TUITION:

Instrument tuition has started. Spring term tuition fees are due for payment please 28th January 2022.

Polite reminder that when you sign your child up for music lessons that begin every September, that you are financially committed to this for the whole school year. Thank you



PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL MEALS:

School Dinners should be paid for in advance. If your child's dinner account is in arrears, please clear within the school week. Thank you. If you have any issues with payment, please email the school office.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

Universal Free School meals are available for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

However, you may be eligible for what is known as 'Free School Meals', this is available for all families to apply who are on a low income from Reception to Year 6. If your application is successful the school will be provided additional financial support which will then enable us to help you. To ascertain if you are eligible please apply using the link below.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

COOL MILK:

If any of our Free School Meal pupils would like morning milk, the school would pay but please email the school to request this. If any other parent would like to pay for morning milk they can register and pay cool milk.

A promotional flyer for Cool Milk. The top left section has a blue background with a white milk bottle icon and the text 'FREE and subsidised school milk Register your child today!'. The top right section has a white background with the question 'Is your child entitled to FREE milk?' and two circular icons: 'Child under 5?' and 'Child over 5?'. Below these are two columns of text: 'Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk. Register your child online for FREE school milk today.' and 'Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £14 per term. Register online now and you can pay straight away!'. The bottom left section has a photo of a child in a red school uniform holding a glass of milk, with the text 'Register your child for school milk today. Sign them up in a few clicks...'. The bottom right section has a blue background with the text 'Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com' and 'Need help? Contact our Customer Service team on 0800 321 3248 or via email at register@coolmilk.com'. The bottom of the flyer features the 'Cool Milk' logo and website address 'www.coolmilk.com' on both sides, with small text in the center: 'The UK government continues to support school milk. Milk for school is fully funded by the UK government. Cool Milk is a registered charity. The UK government continues to support school milk. Milk for school is fully funded by the UK government. Cool Milk is a registered charity.' and '©2021 registered. All rights reserved.'.

CARITAS EAST ANGLIA:

Caritas is holding two online events – 3rd Feb at 1pm & 10th Feb at 7.30pm – to listen to those on the margins of the Church. Be part of the Synod – we want to hear your voice! More information: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/synod-zoom-meetings-to-reach-those-on-the-margins/> Any questions and to register, email Jacinta Welch: caritas@rcdea.org.uk



VACANCY:

Deputy Headteacher required at St Alban's Catholic Primary School Cambridge.

Are you an inspiring Deputy Headteacher who would like to work in a very successful school in the heart of Cambridge city? We are looking for someone new to fill this position due to the promotion of our current Deputy.

For more details contact Joanne Koehler, School administrator, on 01223 71214-8, office@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk or visit website: www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk

Ideally, this post is from the start of the summer term 2022 but we accept it may have to be in the autumn

Closing date: noon Friday 4th February

Shortlisting: Monday 7th February

Interviews: Thursday 10th February



HOME GROWN:

Online family growing course - £20 worth of free growing materials and support materials

The charity Groundwork East are offering families the chance to learn how to grow their own fruits and vegetables at home!

To get involved families sign up using the link below and in doing so they will receive a Grow Pack worth £20 to get them started. The 'Home Grown' course is fully funded by the Tesco Community Grant scheme, so it will be free for all families to participate.

Families signed up will receive emailed newsletters every other week for 3 months starting February 22nd packed full of how to videos, activities and useful information to help them gain the confidence and knowledge to grow their own healthy food at home.

A poster for the 'Home Grown' online family growing course. It features a photograph of a woman and a child working in a raised garden bed. The text 'HOME GROWN' is prominently displayed. Below the photo, there is a yellow box with the course description, followed by a green box with sign-up details and contact information. The Tesco Community Grants logo is at the bottom.

HOME GROWN

Join our free online Family Growing course! Learn how to grow your own fruits and vegetables at home using a variety of how to videos, activities, learning resources and useful tips.

Our free online family growing course runs over the entire growing season. Sign up now to receive your own family Grow Pack and be apart of our online learning community.

- > Online videos, activities and resources released every other Tuesday!
- > For families with children under 11
- > 12 Emailed Newsletters
- > 22 February 2022 - 2 August 2022
- > Free Grow Pack (*worth £20) including seeds, gloves, tools, labels and more!
- > Parents and children learn together

Sign up: <https://info.groundwork.org.uk/online-growing-2022>
Contact: Sarah Holloway
T: 07736132825
E: sarah.holloway@groundwork.org.uk

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FAMILY FIRST:

Great news...The UK's best family magazine is now free to all parents & guardians- Enjoy!

Please click on the link below:

[Family First - Winter 2021/22 by Seven Star Media - Issuu](#)



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The Family First Team

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_9_digital100122

Term Dates:

Term dates for 2021 - 2022

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January – Friday 08th April

Half term: 21st – 25th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 26th April – Tuesday 19th July

Bank holiday: 02nd May & 6th June

Half term: 30th May – 03rd June

Staff Training days: 25th April, 20th & 21st July

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December

Half term: 24th – 28th October

Staff Training day: 1st & 2nd September

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 31st March

Half term: 13th – 17th February

Staff Training day: 3rd January

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April – Thursday 20th July

Bank holiday: 1st May

Half term: 29th May – 2nd June

Staff Training days: 17th April, 21st July