

parents newsletter



10th July 2026

Dear Parents,

Many of you will be aware that we have recently extended our learning space for Year 1 to the outdoors with the installation of new astro turf. This has created a bright, durable, inviting area where children can enjoy directed play across the curriculum and support their active learning. Within the new teaching block we are also optimizing the internal space to enable learning through play which we are sure will add more to our children's learning experiences.

Further repair works, linked to the fire, will be taking place over the summer break. This will include roof repairs and replacement ceilings as well as several internal visible changes, most notably to the school hall, where there will be new flooring, a new sound and lighting system as well as painting and a newly installed indoor climbing frame. Our teachers preparation space will similarly see rejuvenation with new flooring, painting and desktops. The middle of the school will see new lockers installed.

Over the summer break, our teachers will be seizing the opportunity to refresh their classrooms. It is always pleasing to see how they imaginatively create calm and welcoming spaces to support our children's learning. We will also be introducing more plants and nature-inspired features to support wellbeing, curiosity, and a positive learning environment. These thoughtful changes are designed to help children feel settled and engaged, and ready to learn from the start of the new school year.

Christine Davy

Headteacher

The Value of Connection

Beginning next academic year, teachers will be starting the day with whole class 'soft starts'. The first 10 minutes of the school day is a valuable time and in response to the changing needs of our children, we will be valuing the importance of children's connections with their teachers.

Throughout the school day teachers will also build in whole class regulation activities which will provide opportunities to pause and reset. These activities will be in place to support children in maintaining focus, managing their emotions and continuing their learning positively.

Young Artists

Recently our Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in landscape photography workshops in our local area and explored the rural beauty of "Constable Country", where the painter John Constable was born. A selection of our children's photographs were submitted for the 'Unconventional Constable' exhibition. We are delighted to share that Isabella Liddell's entry has been selected as a winning entry and will be exhibited at the Constable Memorial Hall, East Bergholt between 17th August - 23rd August 2026, 10.00am - 3.00pm along with our other entries.

What Tree Will You Be?

Next year class names our inspired by our Forest School offer with class names linked to UK trees including Maple, Oak, Willow, Hazel. Over the next academic we look forward planting further saplings on our school field inspired by our class names.

New Forest Leaders

Over the Summer break Aemilia Gillespie and Nichola Phimister will be undertaking their Forest Leader Level 3 training. They will join our five other teachers in leading opportunities for our children to develop character, resilience, confidence and independence through memorable activities all whilst learning about nature, wildlife, and the environment.

Can You Hear The Beat?

This year's Summer Reading Challenge celebrates the many ways music and sound shape our lives. The Read to the Beat book collection includes books about musicians, characters discovering music, sound science, cultural traditions, rhythm, storytelling through sound, breaking down barriers to music, creative expression, and following your dreams.

Families are encouraged to visit the library to explore this fabulous collection of books and find one that strikes the right note!