

June 2024

Dear Parents,

What a busy month – and another one has just started! The highlight of this month, has to be our sports week. Not only was a great range of activities and opportunities presented to the children, but we saw some amazing behaviours during this week too; children learning to take the fact that others are faster than them, children and staff looking out for each other and really championing the fear that some children hold for competition. We saw many children take part in a way that we had not thought possible and this is all down to the support, encouragement and preparation our lovely children get from the staff and from you as their parents. Thank you Mr Norris for your super organization and to Mr B for all the sports events out of school to prepare – everyone embraced these opportunities. Thank you to our lovely FOSA for the drinks and ice lollies for sports day and for the WOW afternoon of puzzles and fun.

We have completed our Phonic Checks with Year 1 and achieved super results—these will be shared in the pupils' reports. Our multiplication check results were equally pleasing and Year 2 have just completed their assessment tasks and tests – again, results will be shared soon. Year 6 results are due back on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

With the weather being 'up and down' in so many ways, please could we remind you all to apply sun cream if it is likely to be hot and do send in a rain coat if the forecast is for rain. We try to get the children outside for a break even if there is a light drizzle. Sun hats/caps are also really important as we don't have a lot of shade outside, for when it is sunny.

Our budget in the coming year is extremely challenging; the vast majority of our funding has to be for staff and energy costs, and pay awards are not fully funded by the government, so it is even more important that we have our super fundraising in place. The staffing structure was sent yesterday, so you can see where everyone will be in September. Mrs Shanks continues to improve and we are hoping to see her before the end of term; thank you for the well-wishes for her. Miss Hattigan will be taking her maternity leave from Friday this week and we will keep you posted on any baby news! I will send another update before the end of term.

Some of you may have seen, we have converted The Pod, to be a sensory room. We have other resources planned for this much needed resource, which has already helped several children to deal with their emotions. Our library has also been moved out into the main concourse areas, so that the 'old library' can become The Hive, and be a room for interventions and study. These two important changes are being finalized.

We have the Swish Carnival on Saturday 13th July so please do come along to support this community event and see our lovely children on the two floats being prepared by the children and FOSA. Letters and information have been given out—please ask if you have any questions.

A quick heads up; during the early part of the Autumn Term, we are going to be launching our 'garden renovation' project and will be enlisting as much parental help as possible. We have a small budget to get it cleared but feel we will need some extra help to make the money go as far as possible and create our outdoor sensory area, building area and planting opportunities.

Enjoy the last few weeks of term. Take care, Mrs Huntington

## Upcoming dates

Wednesday 3rd July	Move up morning
Friday 5th July	Student Council NHS Thank You Picnic
Wed 10th—12th July	Kingfisher residential trip
Saturday 13th July	SWISH carnival
Monday 15th July	Year 6 games afternoon
Wednesday 17th July	Y6 Leavers picnic 1pm
Friday 19th July	Leavers Service at church 9:30am
Friday 19th July	LAST DAY OF TERM
Wednesday 4th September	BACK TO SCHOOL FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR



## Sports Week

We had great fun during Sports Week in June doing lots of different activities throughout the week. First, there was the inter-class dodgeball games on the school field on Monday.

Then on Tuesday we had a visit from Keiran Lambourne, goalkeeper for Chelsea and England National Amputee teams. He held a talk in assembly about his career and then each class had a go at a penalty shootout

against him. Well done to the winners from each class: Naomi in Wrens, Sidney in Lapwings, Kayden in Swans and Mason in Kingfishers!



Miss Cupit's after school dance club also went to the King's Lynn Corn Exchange for their second Dance Festival.

On Wednesday we held the target practice challenge. Kingfishers used the dart board whilst Swans, Lapwings and Wrens used beanbags.

On Thursday we had Sports Day at the playing field. Thank you to FOSA for providing ice lollies and drinks and for helping. A huge well done to all the children for taking part and



congratulations to this year's winners **BLUE** Team!

And on Friday we had the inter-class Interactive wall challenge, a test of reactions and accuracy.



**It's been such a busy week, we hope the children have enjoyed it. Big thank you for Mr B for organising all these fun events.**

This month's spotlight is on Wrens Class:

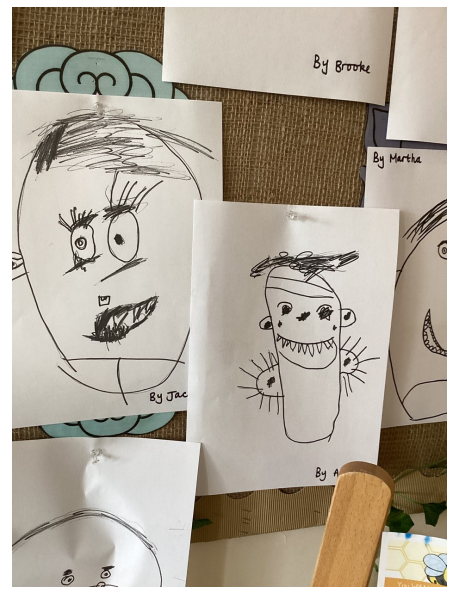
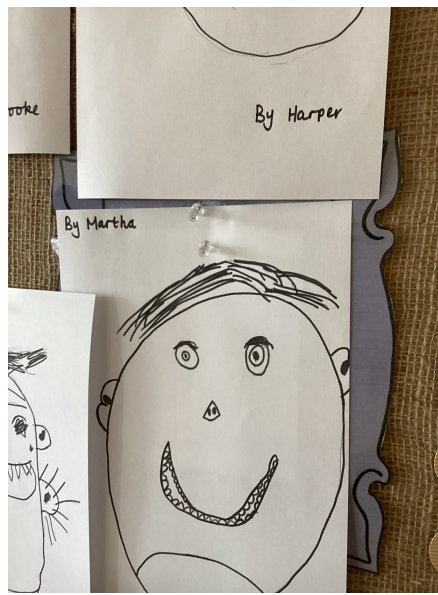
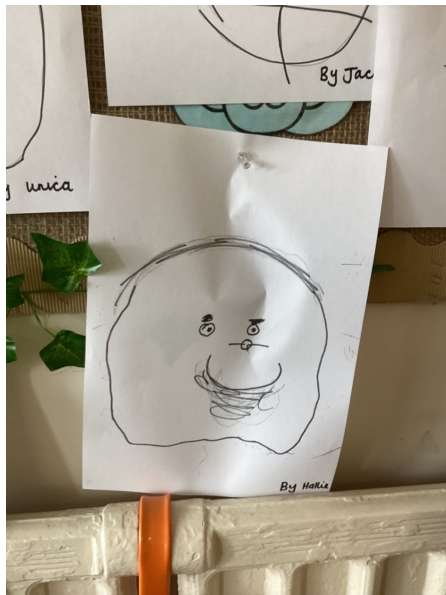
We have spent our last term in Wrens doing lots of exciting things! We started back in Summer one with the arrival of our chicks, we loved watching them hatch and grow, holding them, caring for them and loving them. We learnt all about Kings and Queens, in particular our current King, King Charles III and his family. We created crowns, portrait, castles, acted out a coronation and learnt about Mean king John and the Magna Carta. We loved learning about Bees during National Bee day (we made it a week) and why they are so special.



## Wrens class continued...



This term we have been learning about stories from the past. So far, we have looked at several fairy tales, creating our own books and this week the Legend of St George and the Dragon. We have made our dragon and shield! Finally, we have enjoyed all things sporty, our dodge ball and active wall tournaments as well as sports day where each and every one of the children in Wrens class worked their socks off for their team!



### **School Uniform ordering**

School uniform can be ordered from the supplier Stratfords, located in King's Lynn. Order via their website at:

[Southery Academy – Stratfords](#)

Use the password **SOU013** to log in.

Orders placed through Stratfords will be delivered to school free of charge.

FOSA also has a second-hand uniform store and help is available through school, please speak to the office.

### **Free School Meals vouchers**

The Free School Meals vouchers scheme has been renewed until October 2024. If your child is entitled to FSM, you receive a voucher from Edened via your email for the value of £15 per child, once a month.

To see if you are eligible for Free School Meals, apply here: [Free School Meals \(norfolk.gov.uk\)](#)

## Secrets, Spies and Mysteries through History



In this session children from 8-12 will be able to explore secrets from the past through a variety of activities including code-breaking, interactive storytelling and crafting.

Monday 19th August

10:30-12:30pm

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