



NEWSLETTER

A message from the **PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We returned to school after Easter refreshed and ready to teach and learn. On the Monday we welcomed back Darcy from the Dogs Trust who held an assembly for all the children, teaching us how to stay safe around dogs. He then went into each class to talk to the children in more detail. On Thursday Year 4 had a super day out at a country fair and on Friday both our Reception classes visited South Angle Farm.

The following week was really busy. On Monday one of our Trust Principals came to review our work for pupils with SEND. Mr Thomas was busy all morning but I am pleased to report that all went very well. Many thanks to Mr Thomas for all his hard work in supporting our most vulnerable pupils and their families. At the end of the day we were pleased to welcome our Year 1 parents for a phonics meeting in the hall to learn all about the upcoming test. On Tuesday we had a visit from the lovely Katie Magill our Suffolk Traveller Liaison Officer. She works to support our Traveller families and offers us fantastic support as well. I joined some Data Protection training with the Trust and all staff received Safeguarding training from Christine our Trust Director of Safeguarding. It was a really useful session and I received lots of positive feedback from staff.

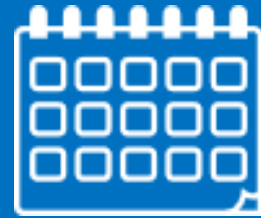
Revs. Caroline and David delivered an assembly to the school on Wednesday and the children enjoyed Science workshops arranged by Miss Guise. Thursday was active with all the school taking part in the World Daily Mile Day around the field and Year 1 went on a visit to the Raptor Foundation as part of their Science learning. We rounded off the week with a SATS workshop for Year 2 parents and Year 6 moved to a different classroom space to acclimatise ahead of their SATS tests.

These tests are important not just for our school to show how hard we work for our pupils but also these results will be used to ensure that pupils obtain the GCSE results they are capable of.

Kind regards,

Mrs S. Shayler
Principal

Dates for Your DIARY



Friday 19th May 2023

Musical Extravaganza Years 3 and 4

Monday 22nd May 2023

Houses of Parliament Trip Years 5 and 6

Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Class Group Photos/Leavers' Photo

Friday 26th May 2023

Last Day before Summer Half-Term

Monday 5th June 2023

Start of second half Summer Term

Thursday 8th June 2023

Buddies Disco

Friday 9th June 2023

Colchester Castle Museum Trip Year 3

Friday 23rd June 2023

Sports Day

Wednesday 28th June 2023

Framlingham Castle Trip Year 2

Friday 30th June 2023

PD Day

Tuesday 18th July 2023

Whole School Transition/Year 6 at Senior Schools

Wednesday 19th July 2023

Year 6 at Senior Schools

Friday 21st July 2023

Last Day of Term

School Farm and Country Fair

Dahl Class went to the Suffolk School Farm and Country Fair. With so much variety, there was something for everyone. Some of the children enjoyed trying new meat such as venison, burgers, whereas others preferred learning how to turn wool into thread or how bees make honey. We also enjoyed a carrot show and learnt lots about how important our rural area is. We were also lucky enough to see the Duchess of Edinburgh!



Club Timetable

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Before School 7.45am - 8.45am | Premier Edu. Multi Activity | Premier Edu. Multi Activity | Premier Edu. Multi Activity | Premier Edu. Multi Activity | Premier Edu. Multi Activity |
| After School 3.00 - 4.00pm | Premier Edu. Dodgeball | Premier Edu. Multi Activity | Premier Edu. Rounders | Mrs Bailey Netball | Premier Edu. Football |

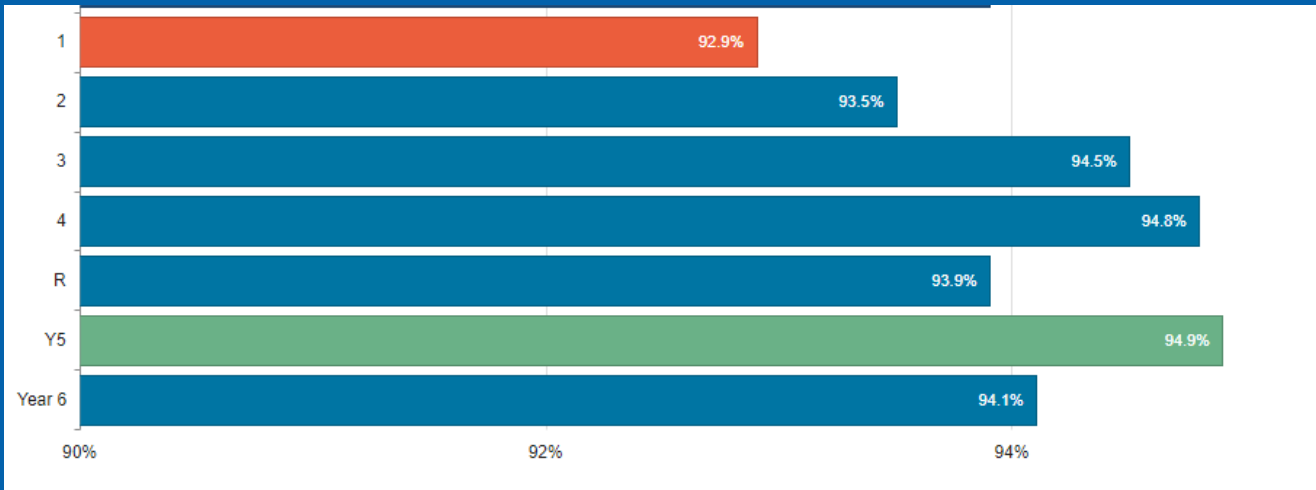
EYFS South Angle Farm Trip

We were all very excited to go to the Farm and we were able to meet lots of animals. We fed the goats and sheep, stroked the bearded dragon and snake, held Princess Hairy Boots the tarantula and much, much more. We had a fantastic time!



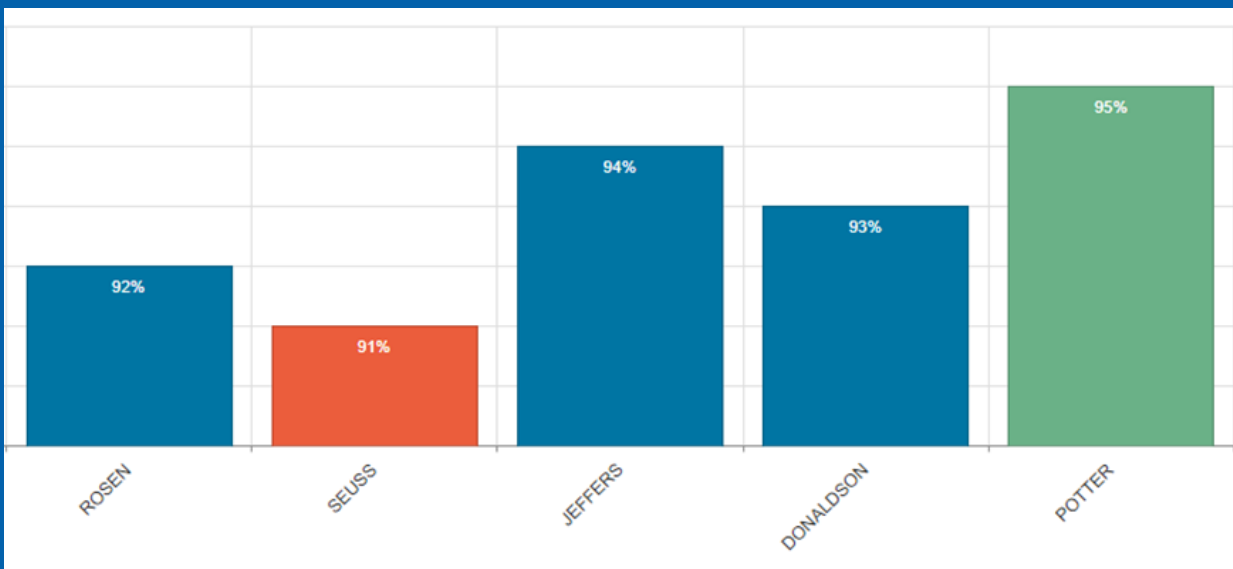
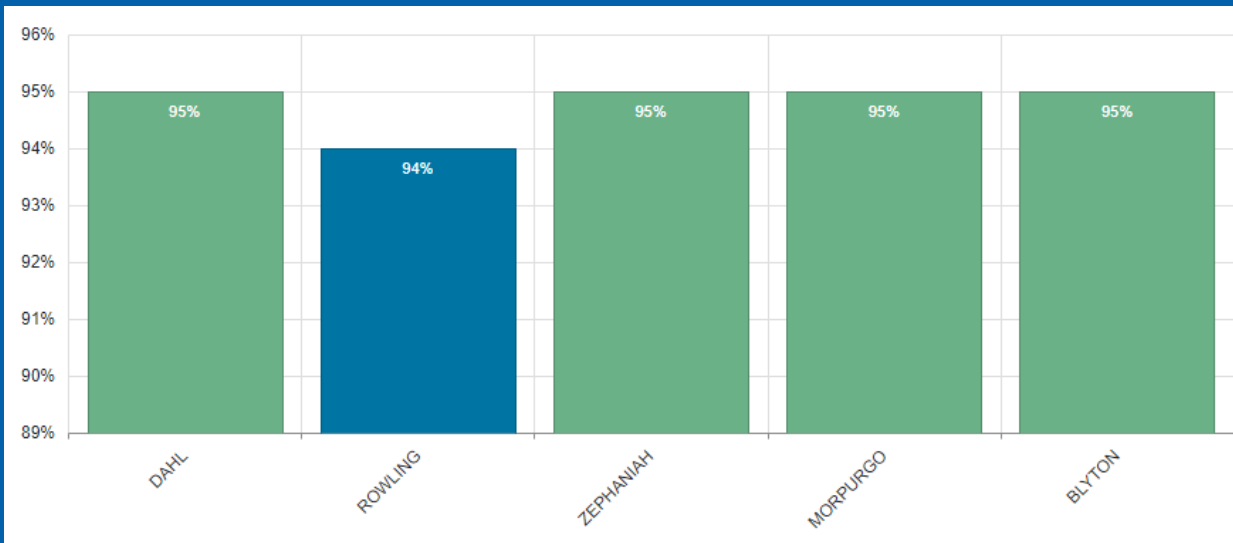
Attendance

The schools' current overall attendance is 94.0% which is slightly above the national average. It also compares well to the other primary schools within the trust.



The chart above shows the attendance figures broken down for each year group (11/5/23). Congratulations to Years 3, 4, and 5 who are above 94%.

The following charts break this down further to show the attendance for each class. It is good to see Dahl, Zephaniah, Morpurgo, Blyton and Potter all at 95% which is above the overall attendance figure.



Persistent Absence

Children that miss 10% or more of their possible sessions are identified as persistently absent or PA, which means any child on 90% or less. This can affect their learning and ultimately their progress in school. Children can miss vital parts, eg Phonics or reading.

The persistent absence rate across the year to date for primary schools is 19.2%. Beck Row's PA is currently 12.7% which is below the national figure but we are not complacent and will work with and support families that are experiencing difficulties over attendance.

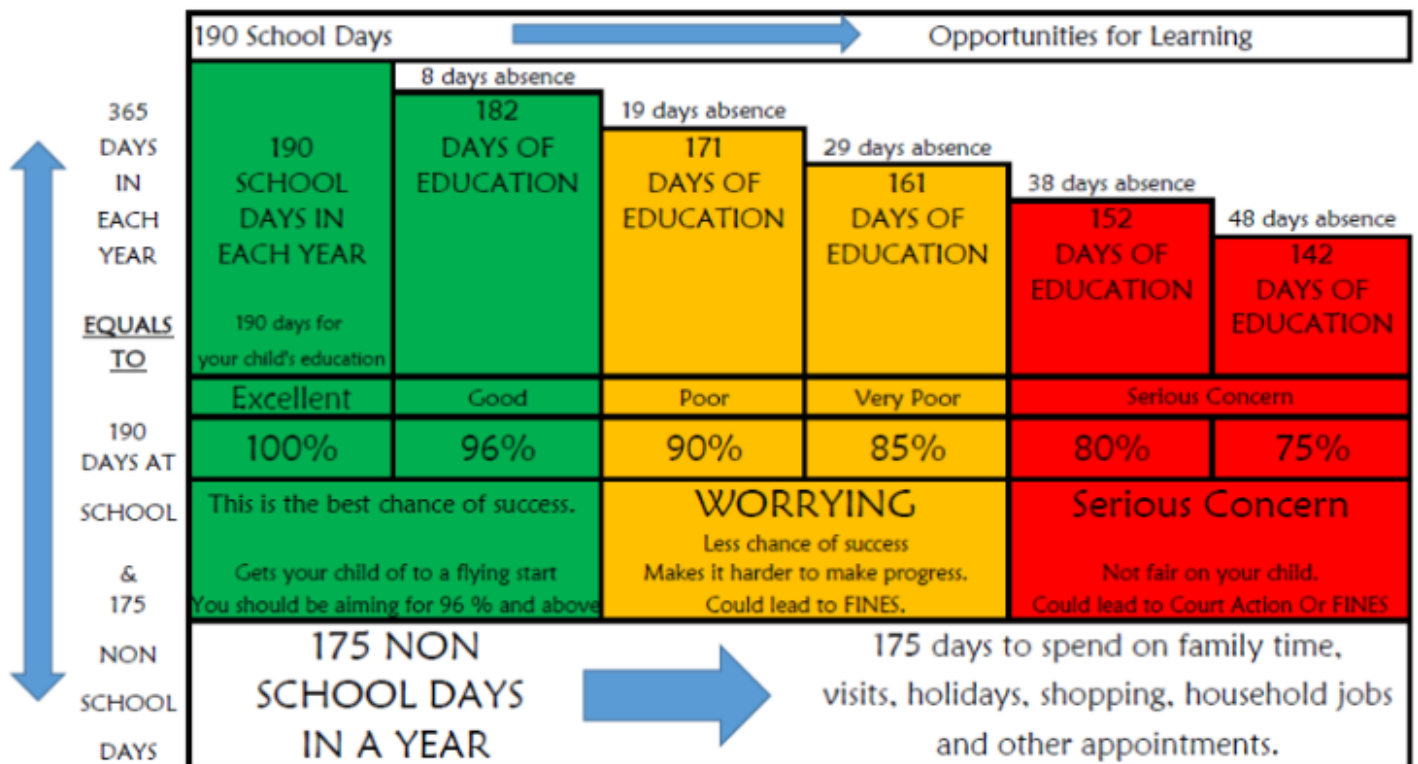
We often communicate via letters to highlight our concerns that attendance is dropping and will also attempt to hold a meeting with one of the members of SLT to discuss reasons so that support can be put into place. If, as a parent, you are concerned please speak to the office so that a meeting can be arranged.

Dame Rachel de Souza, the children's commissioner for England, told the education committee that persistent absence from schools was "one of the issues of our age" and called for a "razor sharp focus" on the problem. Schools in England are experiencing "a huge amount" of pupil absence on Fridays, with many children staying at home with their parents and caregivers after a shift in attitudes since Covid, MPs have been told.

When our data has been analysed we have found that Friday's absence rate is 23.4% which is nearly 5% higher than any other day so we will be focusing on this and exploring reasons.

Every School Day Counts

Your child deserves an education



Please help us to help you. If you are worried about your child's school attendance, then staff are available at school and within the local authority who can help and support you.
Gaps in education can mean your child will not reach their full potential.

Lunch

All children in **Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2** receive **free school meals**.

Menus are sent out twice a year. Children can choose a hot dinner or a cold 'pick and mix' option.

Alternatively, you may send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch.

Children in **Years 3 to 6** need to pay, **in advance** for their school lunch. This is **£2.31 per day**, £11.55 per week. Please pay online at

www.eduspot.co.uk. Please ask the office for a password if you do not have one as the Academy is no longer able to accept cash.

We are a **NUT FREE** school, please ensure packed lunches do not contain nuts or nut products.

The Lunch Menu can be found on our school website.

Year 1 Raptor Foundation Trip

Year 1 had a great day at the Raptor Foundation meeting the reptiles and birds, and finding out about their diets and behaviours. The birds were called Quidditch, Captain Scarlet, Minnie and Trevor, to name a few!



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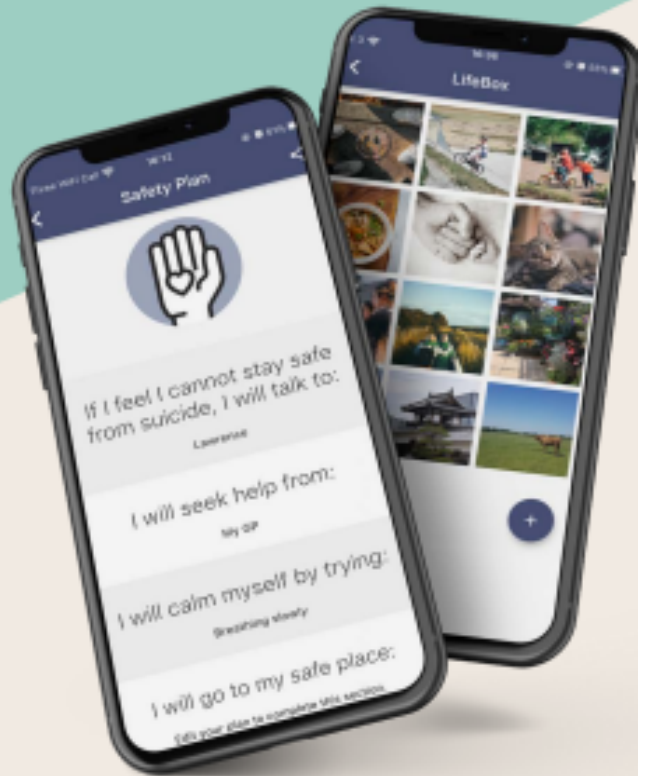


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