



Newsletter

Dates For Your DIARY



Friday 23 October 2026
INSET DAY

Monday 26 October 2026
Half term

Monday 2 November 2026
Pupils return to school

Friday 27 November 2026
INSET DAY

Tuesday 15 December 2026
EYFS Nativity

Wednesday 16 December 2026
KS1 Christmas Carol Concert

Friday 18 December 2026
Last Day of Term

Tuesday 5 January 2027
Pupils return to school

The current year's calendar can be found [here](#)

A message from Mrs Owner

This half term has gone so quickly! We are very proud of the children who have continued to work hard and look smart each day.

Next half term, we will start to think about Christmas, my favourite time of year! We have been planning some exciting things for everyone to look forward to.

I wish you a happy half term when it arrives.

Clubs

Autumn 2

Early Starter Club 8:00am · £1		Breakfast Club 8:15am · FREE	
Monday Makaton Club 3:20-4:20	Tuesday Gardening Club 3:20-4:20	Wednesday Reading Club 3:20-4:20	Thursday Crafting Club 3:20-4:20

Sports Clubs: To Be Confirmed



Safeguarding Focus

Staying Safe This Halloween



As Halloween approaches, many children look forward to dressing up and going trick-or-treating with friends and family. While it can be a fun and exciting event, it is important that children stay safe and make sensible choices.



Top Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treating



Be Seen

- Wear bright or reflective clothing where possible.
- Carry a torch or glow stick.
- Ensure costumes do not make it difficult to see or walk safely.

Stay Together

- Younger children should always be accompanied by a trusted adult.
- Older children should stay in groups and agree a route and return time with parents/carers.

Only Visit Known Homes

- Encourage children to visit houses where they know the occupants or homes displaying Halloween decorations and welcoming trick-or-treaters.
- Never enter a stranger's home.

Road Safety

- Cross roads safely at designated crossing points where possible.
- Avoid using mobile phones while walking near roads.
- Be mindful of driveways and parked cars.

Treat Safety

- Check all sweets and treats before allowing children to eat them.
- Dispose of any unwrapped, damaged, or suspicious items.

Respect Others

- Not everyone celebrates Halloween.
- Children should only knock once and move on if there is no answer.
- Respect properties without decorations or signs welcoming trick-or-treaters.

Online Safety at Halloween

Many children enjoy sharing Halloween photos and videos online. Please remind children:

Never share personal information online.

Ask permission before posting photos of friends.

Keep location settings turned off.

Speak to a trusted adult if anything online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.

Remember: Halloween should be fun, exciting, and safe. By planning ahead and talking through expectations with your child, everyone can enjoy the celebrations safely.





Pastoral Patch

Emotionally based school avoidance

Helping Children Feel Safe and Confident About Coming to School:

At times, some children may experience worries or anxieties that make attending school difficult. This is often referred to as school refusal or emotionally based school avoidance (EBSA). It is important to remember that these feelings are very real for children and families, and with the right support, most children can successfully rebuild their confidence and attendance.

Signs Your Child May Be Struggling

You may notice:

- Frequent complaints of headaches, tummy aches, or feeling unwell before school.
- Increased anxiety, tearfulness, or distress about attending school.
- Difficulty sleeping or changes in appetite.
- Reluctance to talk about school or participate in usual activities.
- Increased clinginess or worry when separating from parents/carers.



How Parents and Carers Can Help

- Maintain a consistent morning and bedtime routine.
- Talk calmly and positively about school, focusing on enjoyable aspects of the day.
- Listen to your child's worries without dismissing them, while reassuring them that support is available.
- Celebrate small successes, such as attending for part of the day or entering the classroom calmly.
- Avoid extended periods away from school where possible, as returning can become more challenging.

Working Together

Our school is committed to supporting every child to feel safe, happy, and successful. If your child is finding school attendance difficult, please contact us as early as possible. If you have concerns about your child's attendance or emotional wellbeing, please speak to:



- Your child's class teacher
- The Pastoral Team
- The School Attendance Lead



Early support can make a significant difference and allows us to work together to understand the reasons behind your child's worries and develop a supportive plan.

Together, we can help every child build confidence, resilience, and a positive relationship with school.

Further Information and Support

If your child is experiencing anxiety about attending school, there are a range of resources available to help families better understand and support **Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)**. Suffolk County Council provides information, practical guidance, and resources for parents, carers, children, and schools to help address attendance difficulties linked to emotional wellbeing.



SEND Spotlight on..... Communication

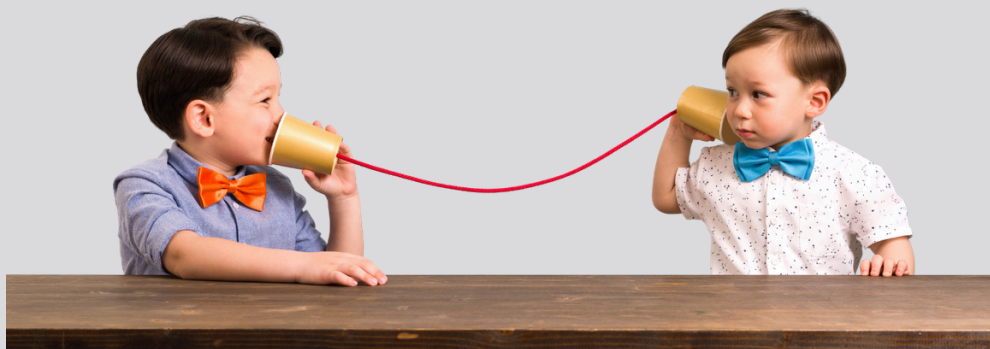


At our school, we know that communication is at the heart of learning, friendships, and wellbeing. Communication is not just about speaking clearly; it is about helping children develop the confidence and skills to express their thoughts, feelings, needs, and ideas effectively.

Many children require support with speech, language, and communication at different stages of their development. Through high-quality classroom interactions, targeted interventions, visual supports, and opportunities for structured conversation, we help all pupils develop their communication skills. Strong speech and language skills enable children to access learning more successfully, build positive relationships with their peers, and develop independence.

As a school, we encourage adults to model clear language, allow children time to process and respond, and create environments where every child feels heard and valued. Whether a child is developing early communication skills, expanding their vocabulary, or learning to engage in reciprocal conversations, every step forward is celebrated.

Parents and carers can support speech and language development at home by taking time to talk together, reading regularly, encouraging conversation during everyday activities, and listening attentively to their child's ideas and opinions.



Visit speechandlanguage.org.uk for
Everyday tips for supporting your child

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this half term is: 95.1%

Florence: 93.5%

Nightingale: 97.2%

David Attenborough: 94.7%

Charles Darwin: 94.9%

Mary Anning: 95.1%

Beatrix Potter: 97.6%

Ernest Shackleton: 95.3%

Frida Kahlo: 94.3%

Pablo Picasso: 95.7%

120 Pupils achieved 100% attendance this half term.

The academy attendance policy is available on our website under Our Academy and the Policies tab.

We know it can be tricky deciding whether to keep your child off school when they're unwell. Please always ensure that you telephone the office before 9.30am on the morning of any absence. If your child is absent for 5 days or more, you will be asked to provide medical evidence in line with our attendance policy.



UK Health Security Agency

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

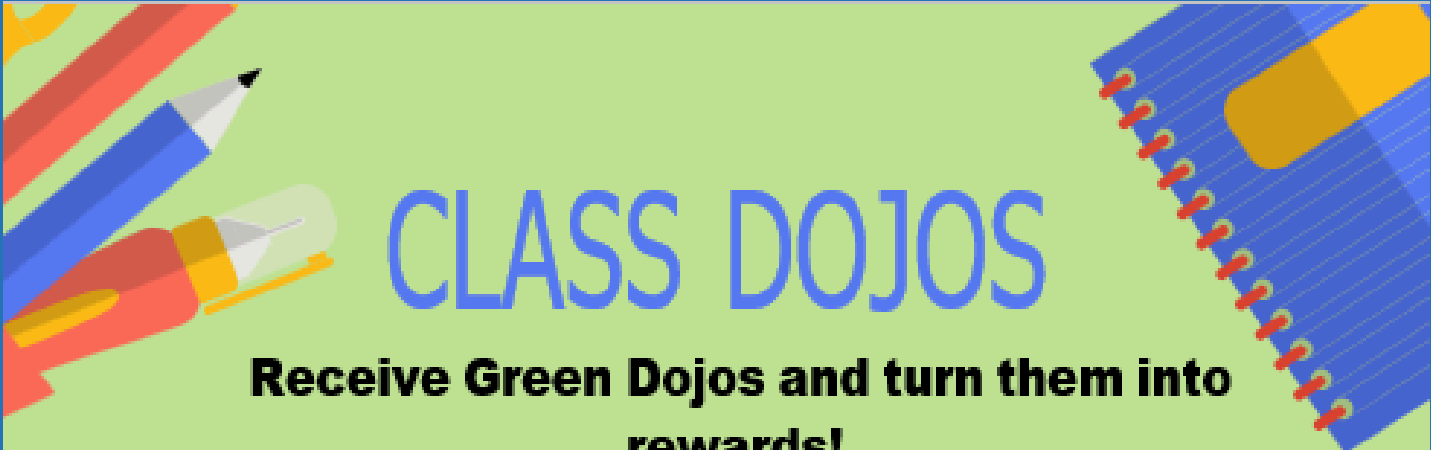
Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrcd.de/minfnc>

What is an unauthorised absence?

- Holidays during term time.
- Mild illnesses
- Shopping trips or days off for birthdays
- Illness of a parent or other family member
- No transport

If you need any support with your child's attendance or punctuality, please get in contact with a member of the Pastoral or Senior Leadership Team.



CLASS DOJOS

Receive Green Dojos and turn them into rewards!



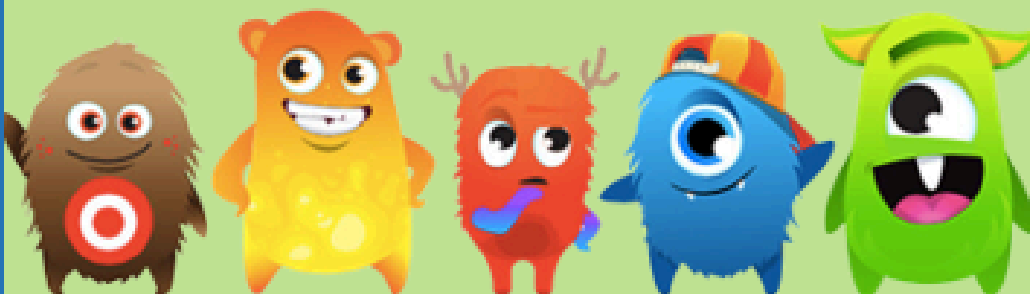
100 Green Dojos: Bronze Ticket



200 Green Dojos: Silver Ticket



300 Green Dojos: Golden Ticket!





Exciting News



Congratulations to our Y5/6 who attended a mixed football tournament and won 2 of their matches! We are really proud of their competitive spirit and teamwork they showed throughout all their matches.



Congratulations to our first BEAR (Be Excited About Reading) winner this half term. Mila Yr5, who completed the final reading stage and moved onto being a free reader!



As part of their Early Years topic '*People Who Help Us Learn*', Florence Nightingale class have had some exciting visitors this week.



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