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## TOP WHIZZERS

Some absolutely top notch whizzing has been going on in school.

### Top Class whizzers for March

Upper School: 6H

Lower School: 1S

### Top individual for March

Upper School: Princess 6H

Lower School: Jago 1S



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

Welcome to our March newsletter. First of all can I wish you all a happy and healthy Easter break; this half term has been a short one but I think we're all ready for a bit of R&R before we embark on what is always a very busy summer term.

As I am sure you are aware, we have been hit by a pretty nasty sickness bug in school this half-term. We followed all of the advice from Public Health England and cases do seem to be much lower now. Further cleaning will take place in school over the Easter holidays.

Thank you all for your continued support and please do remember to get in touch with us for any help needed with anything. We are very non-judgemental and will do our best to support you all wherever we can.

Have a great Easter!

## SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Whilst we are delighted to see so many of our children being keen and eager to start their school day early, please can we remind you that no unaccompanied children should be on the school site before 8.30 am. Please do feel free to bring them to school and wait with them but children are only supervised from 8.30 am (for prompt 8.45 start) in Years 3-6 and from 8.45 am (for a 8.50 start) for Years R-2.



Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this as it is for your children's safety. Our Bright Stars before and after school facility is available for those who need to head off to work early.

## ATTENDANCE

We know our attendance figures have been hit hard by the sickness bug this term but here are the figures. Hopefully the warmer weather will mean less bugs about!

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.03%.

Top attending classes for the Spring Term 2024

Upper school: 5W

Lower school: 3M



## NURSERY TRIP TO SHERINGHAM PARK

The children and their grown ups joined us for a visit to Sheringham Park. We took part in activities organised by The National Trust, including bug hunting and natural art. We also went on an animal hunt in the woods!



## RECEPTION EASTER LEARNING CAFE

The Reception children and their adults had a lovely time at our Easter learning cafe on Monday afternoon. They got stuck in to a variety of creative activities including bunny mask making, Easter card making and egg decorating. There was even an egg hunt outside which revealed a secret message as well as an egg and spoon race. The coffee, tea and cakes were also a great success. Thank you to all the adults who came!



## YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 worked hard to give our garden area a make-over for Science week; our theme was Nature's Future. We made habitats, planted seeds and flowers to encourage and help wildlife over the seasons.



## CHESS NEWS

We have just finished our school chess championships. The Thursday lunchtime winner was Freddie P, with Daniel T coming in 2nd place. The Friday after school winner and overall champion was Ben G winning an impressive seven games out of seven.

Daniel, Ben, Charlie T, Zac L, and Freddie have all represented the school tournaments in North Walsham and/or Norwich this term. They all performed really well and were a credit to the school. Ben came 2nd in his section in the North Walsham Tournament, while Zac came 2nd in the Norwich event.

## TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

Wow!! The children have been working hard on their multiplication facts with Times Table Rock Stars. This Spring Term we have had many children gaining a place on the leader board of fame from a Wannabe to Rock Hero, 109 certificates have been given out since January!!

Special congratulations

to our top pupils gaining Rock Hero status

Alice (Year 4) answering each question in 0.76 seconds

Sam (Year 5) answering each question in 0.90 seconds

Harry (Year 5) answering each question in 0.95 seconds

Keep up the good work



## SPORTING SUCCESS

Our Y5/6 girls football team qualified for the county finals following their success in the North Norfolk competition. On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March we headed up to the GOALS Centre in Norwich and played matches against the other 15 teams of finalists from across the county. The girls all played exceptionally well and were a real credit to themselves and the school.

We are delighted that, after battling through several heats, our team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall, a fantastic achievement out of all of the school in the county. Well done girls, we are so proud of you!



Well done to our Quick-sticks Hockey team as well, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their recent competition.



## MUSIC

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 16 children from Year 3 and Year 6 travelled to Halesworth in Suffolk, to take part in the Music For Youth Festival at The Cut Arts Centre.

The performance began with three songs by a 100 strong choir of high school children from across East Anglia, which sounded amazing. They were then

followed by Greshams Junior Choir, who performed three songs, including 'Believer' by Imagine Dragons, which also sounded great. Then it was our turn. The children in Year 3 performed 'What Shall We Do With The Grumpy Teacher?'. A song about how to cheer up your teacher, to the melody and chords of the sea shanty, 'What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor'. It went down a storm! Then it was the Year 6 band, Infinity's turn to play, performing 'Love Story' by Taylor Swift and George Ezra's 'Shotgun'. There was an audible gasp from the audience when they heard what they were playing. Both performances were fantastic. The judges said the Year 3 ukes were the highlight of the show and that the band were really supportive of Summer's strong lead vocal. Overall, 'a very enjoyable set of songs!!'.

It was an amazing day out, which I'm sure the children will remember for a long time to come.

Follow these links on the school website to watch the children's performances

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/school-life/the-music-room/>

Best Wishes

Mr Cooper.

## SCIENCE COMPETITION

Since January, we have been battling on line against other schools in Norfolk in the Top Class science competition. Our team made it through to the final which was held at the University of East Anglia on Monday evening. We were up against a very strong Trowse Primary team who managed to pip us at the post in what were some very tricky rounds. Our team came away with their silver medals and should be very proud of themselves for making it as far as they did. Thank you to Mr Perrem for organising everything and to parents for supporting. Well done team!



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## MEET THE GOVERNORS

### Anita Gutteridge – Co-opted Governor

I joined the governors here in December 2022 after a friend asked me if I would be interested. I came for a visit and immediately felt I would like to be part of the team behind this superb school. I have lived in Sheringham for 17 years, having moved here from Hampshire for work (and to fulfil a long-held ambition to settle in a place I love and had been visiting since a child). I retired in September 2019 after 27 years in primary teaching, with my final post as headteacher of a large primary and nursery school in Norwich – prior to this, I was head of a smaller primary just along the coast. Before training as a teacher, I was a magazine journalist and so have quite an interest in reading and writing and how this is taught throughout the primary years.



I am also a volunteer for the National Trust at Sheringham Park and do lots of daily walking with our energetic spaniel – I love being outside in nature. I am an avid reader and aqua aerobics enthusiast (need to be fit to keep up with the dog) and enjoy baking, especially with my grandchildren when they visit.

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## SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Please follow the link to the latest Norfolk SENDIASS newsletter which has the following sections:

- SENDIASS UP-date
- Advice Clinic
- One off Support
- Training
- Staff Spotlight
- Professionals
- Phase transfer
- Mediation and Dispute Resolution
- Norfolk SEND Youth Forum update
- Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

<https://us19.campaign-archive.com/?u=32e34d30559c96493a4986ddf&id=dc9271aec3>

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## STATUTORY TESTING

A reminder that all of our Year 1 children and selected Year 2s will be undergoing phonics screening checks, Year 4 will be taking the multiplication tables check and Year 6, the end of Key Stage 2 SATS over the coming weeks.

This season of testing begins with the Year 6 SATS in May. All the other tests happen in June.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the office or look at the useful links below:

Year 1 parents: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/year-1-phonics-screening-check/>

Year 4 parents: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1116420/2023\\_Information\\_for\\_parents\\_Multiplication\\_tables\\_check\\_Nov\\_22\\_PDFA.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1116420/2023_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_Nov_22_PDFA.pdf)

Year 6 parents: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/sats/sats-year-6>

It's important to mention that whilst these are formal statutory tests, the younger the children are, the more low-key the assessment methods. Teachers will not make a 'big deal' of these tests and parents have always commented historically that their children didn't even realise that they had completed them!

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## SAFEGUARDING

At Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery we take the safety of our children very seriously. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.** If you ever have a concern about a child or adult please speak to any member of staff who will support you, alternatively you can speak with our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Amies.

On our website, there are some helpful links to organisations and services that might be able to provide support for you, should you require, with such things as bereavement, benefits, debt, legal issues and more.

For more information on this, visit the safeguarding section of our website:

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding/>

Our safeguarding policy is available here:

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding/>

We are able to offer support with many family issues, so please do contact Mr Amies, at the school, if you would like to discuss anything that we might be able to help with.

We also have trained Domestic Violence Champions for Change in school. If anyone would like advice or information on this very sensitive area please contact Mrs Carter or Mr Amies.

