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## TOP WHIZZERS

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

**Top Class whizzers for April**

**Upper School: 6H**

**Lower School: 2B**

**Top individual for April**

**Upper School: Princess 6H**

**Lower School: Zoey 1S**



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

Welcome to our April newsletter. Easter seems a long way off now but we all hope you enjoyed your break together. This term is always a jam-packed one – please do keep an eye on the school website for the latest news, dates and events.

We are now in full swing, preparing for a busy term of statutory testing, lots of trips and visits as well as transition activities to look forward to. 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 w/b 13<sup>th</sup> May. All the other tests happen in June. We have already sent links to support these tests but if you require further assistance please contact your child's class teacher. During these testing windows it is important that your child attends school every day. If they are absent due to illness then we are able to reschedule for a limited period following the tests to enable the children to sit them so they won't miss out.

It is so lovely to see the sun out but as the term progresses please can we remind you to send children to school with a hat and plenty of water to drink. Please do also apply sun-cream before school as children will spend time outdoors during the day.

## TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

You may have seen in the news that the government is introducing a new national attendance framework from 19<sup>th</sup> August. There will be changes to the thresholds for fixed penalty notices and the resulting fines, which will impact on any families thinking of booking a term time holiday in the next three years. Please read this article carefully if you are considering booking a term time holiday: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

## HEADLICE

Remember to check your child's head for head lice and follow the helpful advice here:

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/childhood-illnesses/head-lice/>

This includes a helpful video on how to wet comb:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXVYIDB7pAg&t=3s>



## ATTENDANCE

Thankfully the awful tummy bug that was with us last half term seems to have gone away and we are returning to seeing higher attendance levels. This is important not just for your child's learning, but also for their overall wellbeing, wider development and their mental health which is why we do talk about attendance regularly.

Top attending classes for April:

Upper school: 4P

Lower school: 2O

Current whole school attendance is 94.09% which is below the national average for primary schools. Please can we work together to improve this as the term progresses.

## DRINKS

We are seeing an increasing number of children bringing juice/squash to school in their bottles. Please can we remind you that as a school, we would only like water in their bottles. Juice is OK in a carton for packed lunch but not during the day please. The NHS site states: *The best drinks to give children are water and milk.*

*Children should avoid sugary fizzy drinks, squash and juice drinks completely. Children who drink a lot of sugary drinks are more likely to become overweight. The added sugar in these drinks can also damage teeth.*

And <https://dentalchoices.org/> says: *The simplest and safest drink for your teeth is: **Tap Water!** Everyone can drink tap water ..... and even the stubbornest child will drink tap water when she or he is thirsty.*

*Squash and Cordials*



*[Squashes and cordials](#) contain sugar and so cause tooth decay. They are usually also acidic and so cause acid erosion of teeth.*

*Even squashes and cordials labelled as [no-added-sugar still do contain sugar](#) and so still cause tooth decay.*



## YEAR 1 TRIP TO SHERINGHAM PARK

Year 1 had a fantastic day out at Sheringham Park. The rain soon stopped, and in the afternoon we even saw some sunshine! The children had a busy day... They had 3 activities to do in the morning; pond dipping, bug hunting and making a 'Greenman' face out of clay. There were lots of interesting creatures caught in the pond including many newts, tadpoles and huge dragonfly larvae. After lunch we walked through the park spotting different kinds of trees and making a tally chart of how many of each kind we found. Then we did some drawings of the Human and Physical (or natural) features that we had observed at Sheringham Park.



## MUSIC

Another busy term lies ahead in the music room with the children in Reception singing a variety of songs from around the world as well as creating and performing rhythmic patterns on the theme of food. Years 1 and 2 are learning to play the ukulele. Year 3 are working with the tuned percussion on a number of songs including Kookaburra, whilst the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are working with both tuned percussion and ukuleles to perform Octopus's Garden, Dear Liza and, On Melancholy Hill by Gorillaz.

Our Music of the Week theme this term is 'Traditional Musical Instruments from Around the World'. Keep an eye out for the weekly Parentmails.

Out of school, the choir were invited to perform at the

Climate Change and Sustainability Fair, St Andrew's Methodist Church Sheringham last Saturday. They sang a mixed repertoire to an appreciative audience. It was a lot of fun!

The choir also have some exciting events to look forward to in June and July including, performing at the Royal Norfolk Show, Strandfest and Halsey House. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

Mr Cooper

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## CURRICULUM NEWS

At the heart of our educational approach lies the **CARES curriculum**, dedicated to nurturing the holistic growth of every child. Through fostering a sense of belonging in the **Community**, encouraging **Aspirations**, cultivating **Resilience**, and nurturing **Emotional well-being**, alongside learning essential Skills and knowledge from the national curriculum, we strive to provide a comprehensive learning journey.



For a deeper insight into our curriculum, we invite you to explore our launch video, accessible at:

[Watch our launch video here!](#)

Excitingly, our curriculum blog stands as a testament to the remarkable work of our students, garnering nearly 16,000 views to date. Delve into the posts, share your thoughts, and witness the wonders of our children's endeavors:

[Discover our curriculum blog here!](#)

We deeply appreciate your continued support. Your engagement, particularly through comments on our posts, enriches our community and strengthens our bond.

On our website, you'll find the '[Our Curriculum Story](#)' page, offering insights into the journey of the CARES curriculum.

Explore how we assess your child's progress across the curriculum and how we tailor learning experiences to accommodate diverse needs:

[Understanding our assessment process](#)

[Ambition for all](#)

We take immense pride in the praise that our curriculum has garnered, notably from Ofsted during their visit in November:

"The school has implemented an ambitious curriculum tailored to all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Woven through the curriculum are four additional elements: community, aspiration, resilience, and emotional well-being (CARE), which permeate all areas of learning."

Your ongoing involvement and feedback are invaluable as we continue our journey of excellence. Thank you for being a vital part of our educational community!



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## SAFEGUARDING

At Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery, ensuring the safety and well-being of our children is paramount. Safeguarding is a collective responsibility that we take very seriously. Should you ever have concerns regarding the welfare of a child, please don't hesitate to approach any member of our staff, who are all here to support you. **Alternatively, you can directly contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr. Amies via the school office.**

For additional assistance and guidance, our website offers a range of helpful links to organisations and services that specialise in various areas, including bereavement support, financial assistance, legal advice, and more. Explore these resources here: [Safeguarding](#)

Our safeguarding policy is also accessible online for your reference: [Safeguarding Policy](#)

We understand that families may encounter a variety of challenges, and we're here to help. Please feel free to reach out to Mr. Amies at the school if you require assistance or would like to discuss any concerns.

In addition to our support network, we have trained Domestic Violence Champions for Change within our school community. Should you require advice or information on this delicate issue, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Carter or Mr. Amies for guidance and support.



# Just a Cuppa

BSL Just a Cuppa

We're starting a new social group for those with interest in, &/or knowledge of British Sign Language (BSL)



All ages are welcome

Free refreshments.

**Sheringham Library**

**Tuesday 28th May 3.30-4.30 pm**

See staff at your local library for details, visit [www.library.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.library.norfolk.gov.uk)



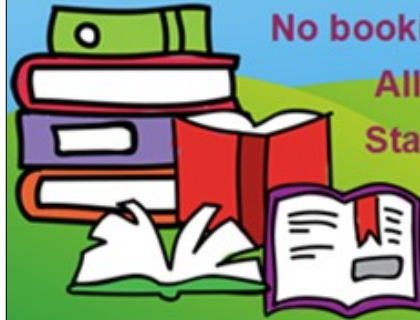
# Story Time

Join us weekly for children's stories (followed by tea/coffee and biscuits)

No booking necessary.

All welcome.

Starts 23rd April



**Sheringham Library**  
**Tuesdays at 3.30pm**



## Come to Yesu- Parent Support Centre Tues and Thurs.

15/04-24/05 Tuesday 's 9.30-12.30- drop in discussion theme <b>How we look after ourselves and our wellbeing</b>	15/04-24/05 Thursday's 9.30-12.30-drop in discussion theme <b>What is ADHD/ADD and how you can support children with this</b>
Tuesdays 1-3.30 pm In fant Feeding café- support with Breastfeeding/bottle feeding/weaning/fussy eaters	Thursdays 1-3.30 pm Coffee and chat

### Also at the Parent support centre

The Community Fridge – Free surplus food

Toys- Free Toys/Books available

The Uniform Swap Shop –collect free pre loved school uniform items

For more info email: [rachel@yesu.co.uk](mailto:rachel@yesu.co.uk) / [www.yesu.co.uk](http://www.yesu.co.uk)

Yesu, 15 High Street, Sheringham, Norfolk, NR26 8JP. Tel: 01263 825516

A place where parents can gather to support each other and access a range of practical based sessions & information

## Childhood Neurodiversity Parent Workshops



Free live and recorded workshops:

- Using technology (live)
- Managing behaviour
- Sensory needs
- Communication
- Planning, organising and remembering

Access recorded workshops on our website: [nsft.nhs.uk/parent-workshops](http://nsft.nhs.uk/parent-workshops)

or book onto the live workshop here: [nsft.uk/workshops](http://nsft.uk/workshops)



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Don't forget that you can keep up to date with what is going on in school by checking our School Calendar which can be found on our website:

<https://www.sheringhamprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/news-events/calendar/>

