

Termly Newsletter

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Spring Term, 1st half

A wonderful start to 2026 from Mrs Jarvis

This half term's value has been Perseverance

What a fantastic start the children have made to 2026! It has truly been an action-packed term, and we are so proud of all that has already been achieved.

We have been delighted to welcome several new pupils to our school community, all of whom have settled in splendidly and quickly become part of school life. The term has been filled with exciting opportunities and memorable experiences, including trips to the UK Parliament, Norwich Castle and the Puppet Theatre, as well as a range of sporting enrichment activities. Our Key Stage 2 children also represented the school beautifully at Mass in church, and we were thrilled that one of our classes was featured in the Diss Express as Class of the Week.

A particular highlight was the visit from our local MP, Adrian Ramsay from the Green Party, who came in at the start of term to talk about his role and answer the children's thoughtful questions. The pupils were an absolute credit to the school and showed great curiosity and engagement.

You may also have noticed the new road safety signage outside the school. This is part of our ongoing work with parents and the local community to help keep everyone safe at drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for your continued support with this.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at this week's parent consultations, where we enjoyed sharing your children's learning and achievements. These partnerships between home and school make such a difference to the children's success.

Looking ahead, I am pleased to share that Mrs Watts will be returning from maternity leave in mid-March, and we will be absolutely thrilled to welcome her back. I know she is very much looking forward to returning and being at the helm once more. This does, of course, mean that we will be saying farewell to Mr Varela, who will be moving on to one of our sister schools after nearly a year at St Peter and St Paul. I am certain you will join me in thanking him sincerely for everything he has done during his time with us and in wishing him every success in his new school. I am sure we will still see him from time to time, as he will no doubt want to pop in to say hello and see how we are all doing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Eye for organising a playground clean-up over the half term. Their time, care and hard work have made a real difference to our outdoor spaces, and we are very grateful for their continued support and thank you, as always to all parents/carers, for your communication, encouragement and support. I wish you all a restful and happy half term with your families.

Dates for your diary next term

See below some dates to note, more key dates will follow:

February/March

Mon 23rd February First day of Spring 2 term
 Mon 23-Thurs 26th Y6 Bikeability
 Tues 3rd Y5 & Y6 Hartismere to see the musical Chicago
 Thurs 5th World Book Day (fancy dress as book character)
 Weds 11th - Weds 18th Scholastic Book Fair

March

W/C 16th Y6 Mock SATs Week
 Tues 24th Rocksteady Concert in School
 Thurs 26th Y1 Banham Zoo Trip
 Thurs 26th Easter Service in Church
 Fri 27th last day of term

Let's Celebrate!



Our pupils have flourished through some enriching experiences this term

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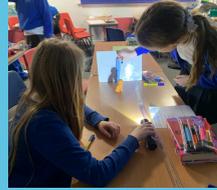
A Visit From Our Local MP
The whole school welcomed their local MP, Adrian Ramsay, to school. They engaged in a thoughtful Q&A session, raising important concerns about environmental issues, global warming, and the challenges faced by farmers—topics that resonate strongly with both our local community and the wider public.



Maple Class at Parliament

The start of term saw Year 5 visit UK Parliament where they had the incredible opportunity to sit in on a debate taking place in The House of Lords. They got to look around The House of Commons and take part in an educational workshop before seeing some of London's famous landmarks on their coach journey home. This trip has really helped with Year 5 writing this term and enabled the children to debate issues important to them.

Next half term's value is Justice



Cedar Scientists

Year 6 have been really enjoying our Science topic this half term where they are learning more about light. Through practical experiments, they have investigated how light travels, angles of incidence and reflection, how shadows are cast and what makes the size of a shadow change. The children have set up their own experiments and worked on recording their data accurately to prove their predictions.



Year 1 and 2 Trip

Year 1 and Year 2 had a wonderful day out in Norwich! Our first stop was the Puppet Theatre, where we watched a fantastic performance of Thumbelina. There were lots of smiles and laughs throughout the show! Afterwards, we visited the library for Storytime! We also had the opportunity to visit Norwich Cathedral. A big well done to Year 1 and 2 for representing our school so beautifully!



Mental Health Week

Residents from Hartismere Place Residential Home made Hope Boxes with gifts in for our children for Mental Health Week. They came yesterday and presented our very own school Councillors with two hampers full of goodies which will be shared out in school. We very much want to thank them for their kind gifts and thinking of us during Mental Health Week!

Oaks Firefighters

Reception had an amazing time at Eye Fire Station. The children listened to the firefighters tell us about their job and they showed us their special clothing. They demonstrated some of the big tools that they need to sometimes use. We all had a turn at spraying the hose and sitting inside the fire engine. We then watched the flashing lights and listened to the siren!



'Each of us shall use whatever gift we have received to serve others' Peter 4:10

What's on in Suffolk over February half-term?

The February half-term feels like a tricky school holiday to navigate. It's the first term break after Christmas, and parents are often at a bit of a loss when it comes to keeping the kids entertained. Luckily, Suffolk has plenty of fun and engaging events and activities to offer families in February, and we're here to tell you all about them.

In 2026, the February half-term holiday for the majority of schools in Suffolk is from Monday 16 to Friday 20. In this article, we've put together theatre performances, short activities, and full days out happening during this school holiday, whether you're local to Suffolk or visiting our wonderful county.

Theatre shows in Suffolk during the February half-term

Keep the kids entertained and enjoy a few laughs yourself at one of the many theatre performances on offer this half-term. Here are just three of the brilliant shows happening:

The Captain Calamity Half-Term Hullabaloo at The Seagull

A master of mayhem, magic, and comedy, Captain Calamity and his crew of crazy misfits are returning to The Seagull theatre to entertain families during February half-term. This show has it all, from show-stopping science stunts to plenty of custard pie antics to keep all ages laughing.

When: Monday 16 February, 2pm | Where: The Seagull, Lowestoft | Cost: £8 per ticket

Annie Jr at Seckford Theatre

The classic and much-loved tale of little orphan Annie is coming to Seckford Theatre in [Woodbridge](#). Performed by The Children's Theatre Company, this junior adaptation of the family musical Annie is sure to capture hearts. Enjoy well-known songs, fantastic performances, and a truly wholesome story this half-term.

When: Friday 20 and Saturday 21 February, 2pm and 6pm | Where: Seckford Theatre, Woodbridge | Cost: £20 per ticket

Sir Charlie Stinky Socks at New Wolsey Theatre

Watch brave Sir Charlie and his ginger cat Envelope in this engaging and interactive stage adventure! Full of bright colours, fun costumes, and memorable performances, this show encourages children to help build the story themselves. Young audience members are invited to help the troupe of travelling heroes with their own imaginative contributions. Based on the best-selling picture book by Kristina Stephenson, we highly recommend this performance for kids.

When: Tuesday 17 February, 12pm and 2:30pm | Where: New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich | Cost: £13-£16 per ticket

Fun For Little Ones – Tribute to Ms Rachel at Marina Theatre

Do your young children love Ms Rachel? Then this tribute event is the perfect show for them. Ms Rachel is a global sensation, and this tribute performance honours her with music, dancing, sing-alongs, and magical screen content. Kids can get up and boogie along with the stars in this engaging and imaginative show, leaving them with lasting memories (and some half-term energy burnt!).

When: Wednesday 18 February, 3pm | Where: Marina Theatre, Lowestoft | Cost: £20.95 per ticket, infants under 12 months go free (on lap only)

Fun activities in Suffolk during the February half-term

If you're looking for a family activity for the morning or afternoon, or just something to pass an hour or two, then these Suffolk half-term activities are for you.

Brickologists – A LEGO Fun Day at Aldeburgh Jubilee Hall

It's time to get creative at the LEGO fun day by Brickologists. Held at the Jubilee Hall in [Aldeburgh](#), this 2-hour event is for kids and grown-ups of all ages. Play, build, and compete in a timed Brickoff LEGO challenge for a chance to win prizes. There will also be plenty of Duplo bricks for younger children to safely play with. Better yet, everyone who takes part will go home with a small gift.

When: Thursday 19 February, 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm | Where: Aldeburgh Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh | Cost: Pay what you can (suggested £5)

Brunch with Ariel at The Boot

Taking place in The Boot, near Ipswich, join Princess Ariel from The Little Mermaid for a morning of dancing and storytelling. You child will receive a Boot brunch or serving of delicious pancakes as part of the ticket price for them to enjoy while meeting Princess Ariel. This is the perfect little morning outing for any children who love Disney, and a wonderful photo opportunity too.

When: Thursday 19 February, 10am-11:30pm | Where: The Boot, Freston, Ipswich | Cost: £18.70 per child (including meal), accompanying adults go free (must pay for any food or drink they purchase)

Clip 'n Climb Ipswich

One of Ipswich's most popular activities for the entire family, Clip 'n Climb is for the adventurers. This centre is full of fun and exciting climbing walls, with most reaching 10 metres tall and all of them just as colourful and bright as the next. No climbing experience is required as all sessions come with a half-hour safety session before climbing begins. There are specific climbing sessions for toddlers, a brilliant soft play area for toddlers and younger children, and a cafe and diner when it's time for a break.

When: Open daily | Where: Ipswich | Cost: Prices vary depending on sessions booked

Natural History Museum: Dinosaurs Live at The Apex

After last year's success, the Natural History Museum are going on tour again! They'll be visiting The Apex theatre in Bury St Edmunds to put on an incredible hour of engaging education. This prehistoric journey will take place on stage to delight dino-lovers of all ages, complete with life-like dinosaurs. Learn more about fossils, time scales, and how our beautiful planet has changed over the past hundreds of millions of years in this entertaining dino adventure. Please note: this show is not suitable for kids under 3.

When: Thursday 19 February, 12:30pm | Where: The Apex, Bury St Edmunds | Cost: £18.50 per ticket

Easton Farm Park

Head to beautiful Easton Farm Park for a few hours with the whole family. You and the kids can get close to the animals, including the farm's Suffolk Punch horse, pigs, goats, donkeys, cows, highland cattle, llamas, rabbits, and chicks! The park hosts free activities every day, from egg collecting to animal grooming. Kids can ride the Sheep Shuttle, play in the outdoor adventure playground, and bounce on the giant outdoor pillow. Easton Farm Park often hosts events during the school holidays, which are announced close to the time (so keep an eye out for this year's!).

When: Open daily | Where: Easton, north of Woodbridge | Cost: £12.95 per person over 2yrs

Full days out in Suffolk during the February half-term

Do you need something to fill a whole day? We can help. Here are three fantastic full days out in Suffolk for the family.

Go Ape Thetford

Ready to climb? If you want to get outside during February half-term, we recommend heading to Thetford Forest and getting up in the trees with Go Ape. There is a range of adventures for different ages and abilities, including plenty of amazing views, exciting obstacles, and thrilling zip wires. Once you've finished monkeying around, try Go Ape's forest segway experience! It's a completely unique way to explore the amazing Thetford Forest, which stretches across the Norfolk and Suffolk county line. If you've had enough excitement, opt for discovering the trees on foot instead.

When: Open daily | Where: Between Thetford and Brandon | Cost: Prices vary depending on sessions booked