



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to May! I hope you enjoyed the first bank holiday of the month.

This newsletter contains lots of important information about upcoming events and changes ahead. Please read in full and feel free, as always, to contact the office if you have any further questions.

Ms Jordan

Staff changes



We are pleased and proud to share that Miss Mattock, Head of School at the Infant school, has successfully gained a Head of School position at a much larger school in the city. This is a fantastic step for Miss Mattock's career. We are of course, very sorry to be losing her from our team but also excited to be able to offer such a brilliant opportunity at our school to another aspiring leader. We will be interviewing over the coming weeks and look forward to sharing more information with you soon. We will also be bidding farewell to Miss Tims at the end of this year, as she takes her next career steps. Again, we wish her every success and happiness.

The governors and I are considering carefully how best to structure the Infant teaching team for September to best support our children. Information on classes, including on which class each Infant child will be placed in, will be decided over the coming weeks and shared after half term.

Before/After School Club - Booking

We are now able to accept bookings for our new before and after school clubs from September.

A booking form will be emailed to every family for your information in the next week.

If you would like to book a place in advance, please complete and return the form. (Short term and last minute bookings will also be available as needed.)



NEW! Parents' Section!



Mrs Payne and Miss Engall were pleased to welcome many parents and carers to the SEND drop-in sessions at the beginning of this term. The feedback from those who attended was very positive!

It's been so useful, thank you, it's just nice to be able to talk about everything

I'd like to meet like this more often

If you have any good news stories to share, please email either school office.

A Spotlight on Social Justice through Books

Children's books are an invaluable source of information and values. They reflect the attitudes in our society about diversity, power relationships among different groups of people and various social identities. The visual and verbal messages children gain from books (and other media) influence their ideas about themselves and others. Books can reinforce (or undermine) children's views about themselves, teach accurate (or misleading) information and foster positive (or negative) attitudes. Choosing quality books for children and young adults is essential. To find out more about what to look out for when choosing books or to view book lists, reviews or recommendations go to: [Guide for Selecting Anti-Bias Children's Books - Social Justice Books](#)



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Family Picnic



We are thrilled to share our Jubilee picnic plans with you. We hope you are able to join us to celebrate!

When: Friday 27th May 12.30 to 3pm

Where: Woodland View Field (for both schools)

What:

Before the day

* Make your own crown. For 50p, your child can enter our 'best crown' competition for a chance of winning a special commemorative prize. Bring your crowns and 50p on the day, strike a pose and our guest judge will award prizes (and a small commemorative gift for every child)

* Please donate a bottle – of anything (except alcohol) for a lucky-dip style game and any new small items for a tombola (50p per play on the day). Please drop off at either school office by Friday 20th

On the day

* Non-uniform day, please wear red, white and blue

* Bring your own picnic blanket and food. Your children can share the picnic you bring or order a school packed lunch to eat outside with you (no hot lunches available). Please arrive for 12.30pm

* From 1pm, traditional games (free) and a few pay-to-play stalls will be available for you and your children to enjoy. We also hope to offer an ice-cream and pancake van plus drinks stall to purchase from

* At 2.00pm, all with a crown can parade and pose as judging takes place and prizes and gifts are awarded

The celebration will draw to a close from 3pm

Any children whose adults are not available to attend will enjoy the celebration with a member of staff and should be collected at the end of the school day FROM WOODLAND VIEW.

Length of the School Day



Some of you may have read or heard about the Government's recent White Paper for Education. Within this it is clarified that **every** school **must** be open for 32.5 hours per week. This is 6.5 hours per day. To ensure our schools are meeting this requirement and providing the full offer to our families, from September we will be making some small changes to our start and finish times.

We are currently consulting with staff as some contracts need to be amended to accommodate this change. From September, we expect our times will be as detailed in the table below. We will confirm these times within two weeks.

School	Start time	Lunch break	Finish time
Spixworth Infant School	8.45am (10 minutes earlier)	12.00 – 1.00pm	3.15pm
Woodland View	8.40am (5 minutes earlier)	12.05 – 12.55 (10 minutes longer)	3.10pm (5 minutes later)

Gates will be open 5 minutes before the start of the school day

Infant children should be taken to their class door between 8.40 and 8.45am

Junior children should be dropped off with their teacher on the playground between 8.35 and 8.40am

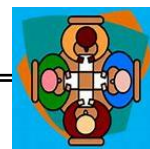
Children using the before and after school clubs will be dropped off/collected at these times by the club staff.

Safeguarding



Wishes and Feelings

We pride ourselves on our commitment to listening to children and ensuring their views and feelings are heard. We want all of our children to feel confident that they have safe adults to talk to at school as well as at home. If a child's behaviour seems different to normal, something has happened in their lives or they are just having a bad day, our staff will make time to collect their wishes and feelings. We will ask open questions that encourage them to think about and express their feelings in a safe space. We will always share your child's wishes and feelings with you (unless they appear to be at risk of significant harm if we do so). If you ever feel your child would benefit from speaking with an adult in this way at school, please just ask their class teacher.



Governor Monitoring

Governors work with the senior leadership team to plan the direction and future steps for our schools, so it is really important that they know our schools well. Last week we were pleased to welcome many of our governors back into our schools, in some cases for their very first visit! I am very proud to share how welcoming and respectful our children were and look forward to more regular visits again. To find out more about our governing board, including if you are interested in joining the board, go to: [Governance – The Federation of Spixworth Schools](#)

School Matters!



Attendance

Children should now only be off school if they are unwell. If your child has a temperature, they should be kept at home until the temperature returns to normal. In relation to Covid-19 symptoms, this is expected to be no more than 3 days. Children who are unwell clearly just need care and recovery time. For this reason there is no longer a requirement for schools to provide home learning.

General Reminders

Please park considerately to our neighbours. Please also be reminded not to park on the yellow zigzag lines outside of either school. Please ensure your child has suitable warm clothing and all items are named. Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed. Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by either kitchen. Please follow all COVID safety advice.

Thank you



Key Dates

Friday 6th May: E-Safety Parent workshop

Week beginning 9th May: Year 6 SATs week

Friday 17th June: Woodland View will be joined online by authors Michael Rosen and Miriam Halahmy as part of The Schools of Sanctuary A Day of Welcome

Friday 27th May: The Queen's Jubilee family picnic

Half Term 30th May – 3rd June

