



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to May! This is always a month of many emotions in schools as children (and adults) begin to look to key events ahead – assessments, transitions, holidays and many more. We have lots of support available in school for children and families. If you are worried about something that could affect your child, please speak to us.

Ms Jordan

### Parent Governor

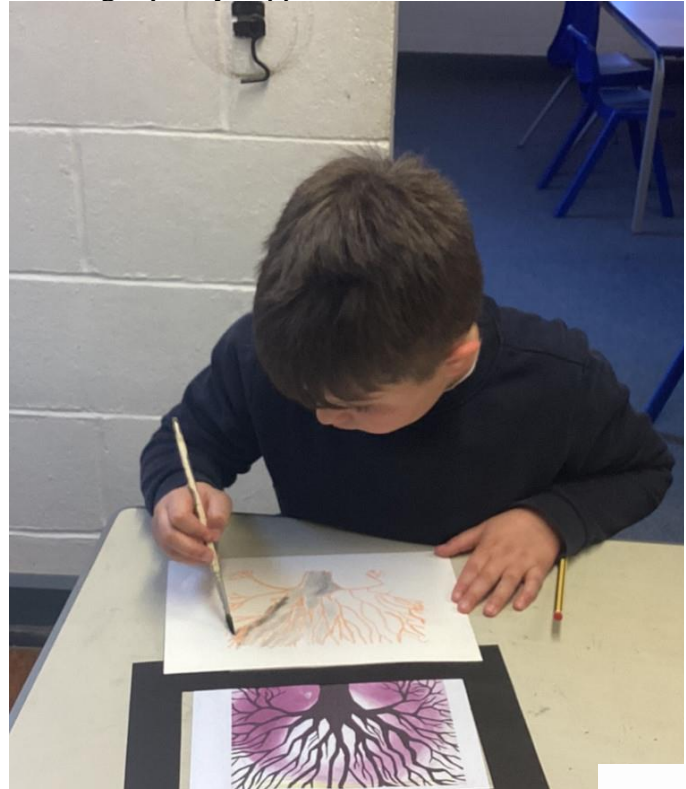


Welcome to Mr Daniel Kraszlan, who has joined our Governing Board as a Parent Governor. (Mr Jones who had previously taken this post was unable to continue in the role.) We look forward to working alongside Mr Kraszlan and the role of Parent Governor having a higher profile across our schools. You can find out more about our Governing Board on our website.

### Year 1 Art Evening



Thank you to our staff, volunteers and children for creating such an inspiring Art Evening! A wonderful time was had by all! It was fantastic to see our children exploring their artistic talents with such high quality support.



### Classroom Environments

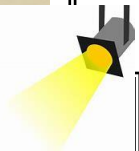
We have been working hard over the past few months to ensure our classrooms are as calm and purposeful as possible. Research shows that multi-coloured, busy classroom walls can be distracting and get in the way of children's learning. Our children have already said they prefer the new look of their classes and teachers have noticed an improvement in levels of focus. We have made this change through the goodwill of staff – giving their time and energy outside of school hours. Next time you are in school, please take a look!



### A Spotlight on Transitions

Children and families are all different. Some may take changes in their stride, others find change a real challenge. There is no right or wrong way to feel in relation to change, but if you or your child might need some help, we have a lot to offer. From parent courses to a kind word, from external advice to a familiar face, we will always try to offer the right support at the right time for you. Even if you are confident that your child will start a new school, or a new class easily, you may find it useful to look at the following resources:

[How to help your child transition from home to school - BBC Bitesize](#)  
[Supporting school transitions | Resources | YoungMinds](#)



## Parent Forum



Thank you to those parents that attended our recent Parent Forum meeting. It was so useful to hear the views of a range of families on subjects such as school trip payments, uniform and communications. We are planning to host two Parent Forums each year so if you missed this one, please look out for the next date, early in the Autumn term.

## Partnership



Our first few weeks of partnership with Sparhawk Infant School have been a pleasure! We have already welcomed Sparhawk teachers to a joint training session and have been able to share best practice and learn from each other to ensure all our children have the best school experiences possible.

## Attendance



Well done to Year 2 at the Infant school for having the best attendance this school year so far and to Year 5 at the Junior school! It is a very close race with less than 1.5% between all year groups!

## Safeguarding



Reminder to all parents whose children have a mobile device: please ensure you regularly check what your child is accessing and ask them about their online communications. We are increasingly supporting children in school who are struggling with online relationships or content. Year 5 and 6 parents should also look out for a letter coming soon regarding online blackmail.

## General Reminders



- Please park considerately to our neighbours and safely for our whole community. Do not park in Elizabeth Close.
- All children should have their own, named, water bottle in school everyday
- Please name all your child's items.
- Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed over the holiday.
- Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by the kitchen.

## Safety Reminders



- Only certain members of staff are allowed to let visitors into the school
- If you come into school you will be asked to sign in and out at the office
- Unless otherwise informed, push chairs should normally be left outside school in the buggy park or in the entrance
- Children should not be on the play equipment or on the playground on their own bikes/scooters before or after school

Thank you

## Key Dates for this Half Term

### May

Parent Teacher meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Bank Holiday – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Y5/6 Swimming – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Y6 SATs – W/C 13<sup>th</sup>  
Class photos – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Y5/6 Swimming – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Y6 Crucial Crew Trip – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Y5 Sailing Trip – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Y5/6 Swimming – 24<sup>th</sup>  
End of Summer Term 1 – 24<sup>th</sup>

### June

Start of Summer Term 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Y5/6 Swimming – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Y5/6 Swimming – 14<sup>th</sup>  
YR/1/2 Sports Morning – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Y5/6 Sports Morning – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Y3/4 Sports Morning – 21<sup>st</sup>  
UEA City Sports heats – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Royal Norfolk Show – 26<sup>th</sup>  
UEA City Sports final – 27<sup>th</sup>

