

St. Mary's (Endowed) Church of England  
VA Primary School



Friday 28th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been thinking about change and transition as we move into the final part of the year. On Tuesday evening we welcomed the parents of the children who will be joining us in September. It was lovely to meet them and to share some of the things their children can look forward to. The children themselves have already had several sessions in Ash class and this has been a great opportunity to get to know them before they join us properly. Elsewhere, all of the children enjoyed a morning in their new classes with a chance to get to know new adults and children a little better. Also, our Year 6s have been to their secondary schools for transition days which we hear have been a huge success. Change can be tricky at times but we know all of the children will do really well next year.

Next Friday we will be sending out the children's end of year reports. I have been reading through them this week and it has been a pleasure to hear about so much achievement and progress. We are very proud of all of the children in our school.

Have a lovely weekend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'L. Watts'.

Mrs L. Watts - Executive Headteacher

**This week in class...**

**Ash Class** - We have had such a fun week in Ash class. On Tuesday, we went on our trip to Amazona zoo. We saw all of the animals including jaguar, pumas, ocelots, an otter, mara, capybara, tapir, snakes, caiman and lots of beautiful birds. We even found time to bounce on the bouncy pillows and play in the soft play area. Back at school, we have been learning more about the animals that we saw and creating some animal artwork. We sorted the animals into groups and found out what each animal eats sorting them into carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. We have found South America on a map and have been learning about the habitats of the animals. We have been reading, *The Gingerbread Man*, in class and have been retelling the story using puppets and our puppet theatre. Most exciting of all, we spent Thursday morning in Elm class, which we will join in September. We had a lovely time and are looking forward to being Year Ones!

**Elm Class** - Elm class have been thinking about personal and positive ways to protect our Planet. We created a list of 'Top Tips' together and the children wrote down some inspiring ideas for us all to try. Our transition morning was fun and we were delighted to welcome Ash children into our classroom. We chatted about our amazing strengths and made a 'talent paper chain'. Everyone is feeling positive about the new school year!

**Beech Class** - This week we have been finishing off our stories based in Roman Britain. We have been using dialogue to move the story on. In DT we have been designing and strengthening bridges using arches and columns. We tested the strength by placing weights on top. We have started learning our line dancing for wellbeing week. We are all much better at knowing our right from our left!

**Oak Class** - This week has been very busy! Year 6 have all been to their high school induction days and parents have reported back that they are having a great time!. Year 5 has also had a change of classmates when they welcomed in 2024 2025 year 5s. We had a great morning. They also enjoyed the second lesson of Art which is based around combining the year's learning to create final pieces; this week was printing and watercolours using analogous colours. We are not finished yet but I know the results were be wonderful. They have also finished their end of year assessments which were challenging. All the children maintained a great attitude throughout. Well Done year 5.

Day	Clubs	Leader
Monday	Lego	Sam Rose and Emily Lond-Caulk
Tuesday	Creativity and Team Games	Active Education
Wednesday	Netball	Sarah Lynes and Bethany Lewis
Thursday	Stay & play	TBC
Friday	Softball	Active Education

#### Attendance this week

**Ash** - 92%

**Elm** - 100%

**Beech & Willow** - 96.9%

**Oak** - 99.1%

**Whole School** - 95.2%

#### PE & Woodland Learning

**Monday** - Swimming for Oak class

**Tuesday** - PE for Ash and Beech

**Wednesday** Woodland Learning for Ash, Elm and Willow

**Thursday** - PE for Willow

#### Friends' Fete

Thank you to everyone who donated to the raffle prizes on Monday. We have lots of lovely things to include in the hampers. The Friends really need more volunteers to help on the day - 6th July. Please contact Sam Rose if you are able to help as, without, volunteers, we will be unable to run this event, raising vital funds for the school.

**Thank you**

#### Jigsaw awards this week go to...

Ralph, Sebastian F, Willow M, Florence Cawlie, Harry, Halle

#### Smarties this week go to...

Theo, Finley P, Zinnia, Charlie A, William, Alice, Seb, Leo, Willow Po, Bentley, George A, Halle, Bailey, Felix, Millie, Pividu, Millie-Rose



#### Silver awards this week go to...

Anthony

#### Gold awards this week go to...

Angelique, Dylan, Pixie, Alice

## Cooker donation

As part of our new CUSP design and technology curriculum, there is a huge emphasis on cooking and nutrition. The children have had lots of recipes to try out and new skills to learn. This has been really difficult, however, as we didn't have cookers in school. Thankfully the Friends have saved the day and organised a donation from the Sheringham and Cromer Round Table. Yesterday we took delivery of two Cookworks Mini Ovens with hobs and we are so excited to use them! Thank you so much to everyone who helped with organising the donation. The photo below shows the children accepting delivery of the ovens from Richard Myhill, the current chairman of Sheringham and Cromer Round Table. **Thank you!!**



## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 2nd July** - Y6 trip to the cathedral

**Tuesday 2nd July** - Y5 Netball and rounders tournament, at The Belfry

**Wednesday 3rd July** - Elm class trip to Thrigby Hall

**Thursday 4th July** - Dodgeball tournament @ Beeston Hall, more details to follow

**Thursday 4th July** - Year 6 treat day

**Friday 5th July** - Sports Day & picnic lunch, all welcome, more details to follow

**Friday 5th July** - Reports out

**Saturday 6th July** - Friends' Fete, 1 - 4pm

**Week beginning 8th July** - Wellbeing week

**Thursday 11th July** - leavers' lunch

**Friday 12th July** - Friends disco

**Wednesday 17th July** - Leavers' Concert

**Friday 19th July** - End of term service @ 2pm