



# PRESTON BULLETIN

*'Living Life to the Full'*



Friday 9 February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the SEND Coffee Morning (in the afternoon) on the theme of Dyslexia. Many thanks to Jo Evans for providing an overview of Dyslexia and for answering our questions. We hope it was a useful meeting.

Hopefully, all parents will be able to sign up for an appointment to speak with their child's teacher on Tuesday 13 February and Thursday 15 February 2024. Teachers are looking forward to sharing information about how your children are progressing with their learning.

At this time of year, we always send out a parent questionnaire to seek your feedback about life in the Federation. There will be opportunities to complete the questionnaire at Parents Evening, but in the meantime, the link can be accessed [here](#). The questionnaire will close on Friday 16th February.

In the next couple of weeks, we will also be sending out a separate questionnaire to explore potential demand for wraparound after-school childcare. We will provide you with information about how to access this in the coming days.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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# Living Life to the Full



- Ladybirds: **Max** for always trying very hard to present his written work neatly.
- Bumblebees: **Sophia** for her enthusiasm when learning about Lunar New Year.
- Grasshoppers: **April** for her carefully considered contributions to our RE discussion.
- Caterpillars: **Ethan** for fantastic progress with reading.  
**Jimmy** for determination and perseverance in Gymnastics.
- Dragonflies: **Tabatha** for settling in well to Dragonflies and demonstrating an excellent understanding of our school rules

## BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

'demonstrating a fantastic attitude to learning and school life'

Ladybirds: **Megan**

Bumblebees: **Zach**

Grasshoppers: **Lucy**

Caterpillars: **Ruby-Mae**

Dragonflies: **Silas**



## RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE FOR THEIR TTRS ROCK STATUS

**Zoe - Y2**

**Seb - Y3**

**Flynn - Y4**

**Cian - Y5**

**Kenzi - Y6**

**lottie - Y2**

**Bethany - Y3**

**Molly - Y4**

**Adam - Y5**

**Charlotte - Y6**

**Meredith - Y3**

**Ronnie - Y3**

**Bella - Y4**

**Ewan - Y5**

**Ella - Y6**

## MOST IMPROVED

**Victor - Y2**

**Todd - Y2**

**Andrew - Y5**

**Isabelle - Y3**

**logan - Y3**

**Cathleen - Y5**

**Jay - Y6**

**Amira - Y4**

**Iona - Y4**

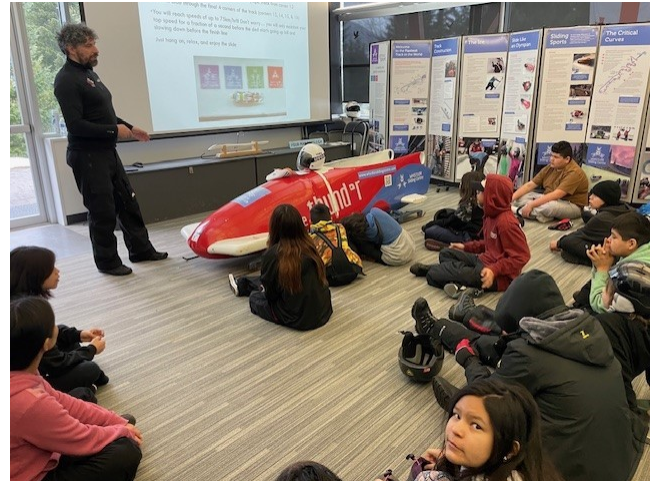
**liam - Y6**

## DRAGONFLY PENFRIENDS

Dragonfly Class have been exchanging news with a class from a school in British Columbia, Canada.

The children have been on a school trip to the Sliding Centre in Whistler, which is a short drive from their school. The 2010 Winter Olympics were hosted in Vancouver with many of the Alpine Sports being held at Whistler.

The children (and their teachers) learnt how to ride the luge; they had great fun sliding down the mountain at speeds of up to 65kmh! We were all very impressed!

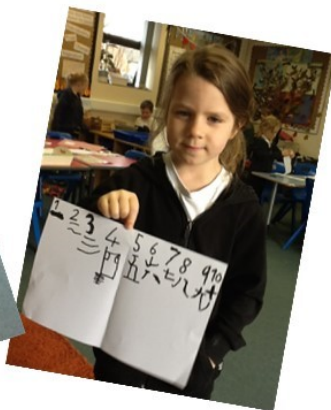
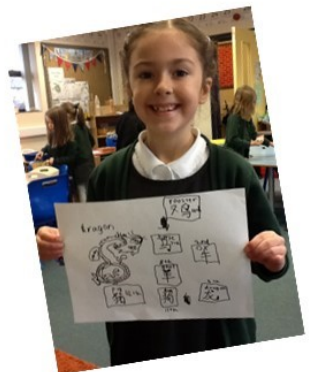


# Bumblebee News

In art, the bumblebees have been creating art work inspired by Flora and Fauna. We have explored using a range of media including collage, oil pastels and charcoal to produce art that represents nature.



This week, we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We have listened to the story of the zodiac animals of the Lunar Calendar and some of us have created some art work inspired by the story. We also learnt how to count in Mandarin and have had a try at writing Chinese numbers. Scan the QR code to hear the bum-





In maths, we have been practising counting. The year 1s have been practising counting up to 50 and beyond using a systematic approach.

The year 2s have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and making arrays to represent multiplications, before moving on to sharing.



The bumblebees have enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London.

They have been comparing the London of today with London from the past as well as finding out about how the impact of the Great Fire.



We braved the rain and did the RSPB bird watch! We made bird food and went outside to look for the birds. We continued looking for birds from the classroom window and learnt about how to identify



## WRITING SUCCESS

One of our Year 3 pupils, Jack, submitted a story entitled 'The Monster of Gladysville Pond', to the BBC Radio 2 500 words competition. The story made it through to the second stage of the competition.

Each year, the competition receives over 100,000 stories, and last year, 130,000 entries were received. Jack's story made it to the last 5,000, which is an absolutely fantastic achievement.

Jack is already thinking about an entry for next year's competition!



## FOSS RAFFLE

The **Friends of Saxlingham School** (FOSS) have organised a raffle to support fundraising for a new climbing frame on the playground. Originally, this was intended to be a 'regifting raffle' of unwanted Christmas presents, but following donations from lots of local companies, it has grown to something larger. Prizes include:

- Hollywood Bowl Voucher
- Pizza Express Voucher
- Willow Gallery voucher
- Gravity Open Jump Vouchers
- Family swim at Riverside
- 6 week pass at Riverside Leisure
- Saxlingham Players Performance

And lots more... Tickets are on sale for £1 each via the office if you would like to support our friends at Saxlingham.



## LIBRARY REOPENING

In December, we were very lucky for our school library to be revamped by the Norfolk Children's Book Centre, with £5000 of new books, which was very kindly funded by our FoPPS. We would like to commemorate the opening of our new library by inviting parents to class family reading sessions on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. In these sessions, you will be able to browse our updated library and spend some time sharing books with your child. The family reading session times will be as follows:

**Ladybirds: 9.00-9.30am**

**Bumblebees: 9.45-10.15am**

**Grasshoppers: 10.30-11.00am**

**Caterpillars: 11.15-11.45am**

**Dragonflies: 2.00-2.30pm**



Throughout these sessions, FoPPs will be selling tea and coffee refreshments. The Norfolk Children's Book Centre will also be holding a book fair. You will be able to purchase any books with your child if you wish. At 2.45pm, we will be holding our Friday celebration assembly, with an official opening of our new revamped library at the end. Parents are very welcome to join us for this assembly.

We will look forward to seeing you at the family reading sessions!

## MESSY CHURCH LONG STRATTON

Messy church in Long Stratton has been taking a rest for a few months whilst it re-groups. It is run by churches together in Long Stratton and will be recommencing on Sunday 7th April at 4pm in St Mary's Church, Long Stratton, and thereafter on the first Sunday in each month.



## Easter Egg Bingo

Friday 15 March

doors open 6pm, eyes down 6.15pm

**Booking essential**

Email [friendsofprestonprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofprestonprimary@gmail.com)

for more info and to book.



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### DIARY DATES

Monday 12th February

Grasshoppers to Saxlingham for 'To the Moon and Back'

Tuesday 13th February

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thursday 15th February

Parent Teacher Meetings

Friday 16th February

Library reopening



## STAFFING UPDATE

We are saying a fond farewell to Mrs. Edwards, who is leaving her role within the Federation at the end of this half term. Mrs. Edwards is known to many of the children across the Federation as she teaches Computing in both of our schools. She is moving on to an exciting new position and we wish her all the very best for the future!

At Saxlingham, we have been delighted to welcome Mrs. Laws to the Squirrel Class Team and Mrs. Mulley to the MSA Team.

## BAWDSEY MANOR TRIP

Polite request: please can all consent forms and outstanding payments be returned to the School Office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

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**DELVE DEEPER**

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# Kids Camp

South Norfolk  
COUNCIL

## Kids Camp is back for February half term!



Sessions available at Wymondham and Long Stratton from 19 to 23 February.

Available from 8:30 am until 5 pm.

Sessions are £30 for a full day and £20 for a half day.



Book now by  
scanning the  
QR code.





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CATERING



*Fresh Ideas Feeding Minds*

# Autumn / Winter



## Menu 2023/24

We hope you enjoy our Autumn/Winter Menu, offering high quality and varied dishes using local and seasonal ingredients where possible!

All poultry, pork and beef we use are traceable right back to the farm and sourced from East Anglian suppliers.

A full allergen list for this menu can be found on our website [www.norsecatering.co.uk](http://www.norsecatering.co.uk)

Should your child have a medically-diagnosed allergy or health condition and needs an alternative menu, please complete our Allergen Aware Registration Form which can be found in the school office or on our website.

We use **wholewheat flour** in our bread and pastry recipes!

In addition to this menu, we offer a number of **themed menus** to celebrate holidays and seasonal events — please check details with your school.

If you think your child/children may be eligible for free school meals visit


[www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)



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Please note the menu may be subject to change to meet local needs.

## Week One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta (v)	Breaded Chicken Wrap with Potato Wedges and a Dip	Roast Chicken with Stuffing and Roast Potatoes	Beef Burrito Bake with Steamed Rice	Breaded Fish Fingers
Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	 Plant Balls with Tomato Sauce and Pasta (Ve)	Vegemince Cottage Pie (v)	Loaded Tomato and Bean Bake (v)	Garden Vegetable Goujons (v)
Served with	Mixed Salad	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots, Cabbage and Gravy	Mixed Vegetables	Chips and Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese
And for Pudding	Mixed Berry Mousse	Cocoa Sponge with Cocoa Sauce	Shortbread with Apple Wedges	Fresh Fruit Selection	Lemon Drizzle Cake
Packed Lunch Option	Cheese or Ham Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Portion and Mixed Berry Mousse	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Cucumber Sticks, Pizza Finger, Fruit Portion and Cocoa Cupcake	Tuna Mayo or Cheese Wrap, Carrot Sticks, Sultanas, Apple Wedges and Shortbread	Cheese or Ham Sandwich, Cucumber Sticks, Cheese Straw, Fruit Portion and Fruit Yogurt	Vegetable Goujons or Cheese Wrap, Carrot Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Portion and Lemon Drizzle Cake

Week One: 30 Oct | 20 Nov | 11 Dec | 8 Jan | 29 Jan | 26 Feb | 18 Mar

## Week Two

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Chipolata Sausages	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato	Chicken and Pesto Pasta	Breaded Fish Fingers
Option 2	Tex Mex Chilli with Steamed Rice (v)	 Plant-Powered Sausages (Ve)	Cheese and Potato Pie (v)	BBQ Quorn Loaded Wedges (v)	Baked Vegetable Burger (v)
Served with	Sweetcorn	Hash Browns and Baked Beans	Green Beans, Carrots and Gravy	Mixed Vegetables	Chips and Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese
And for Pudding	Cocoa Krispie Cake	Fresh Fruit Selection	Fruit Jelly	Oaty Apple Crunch	Iced Sprinkle Cake
Packed Lunch Option	Cheese or Ham Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Portion and Cocoa Krispie Cake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Cucumber Sticks, Pizza Finger, Fruit Portion and Fruit Yogurt	Tuna Mayo or Cheese Wrap, Carrot Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Portion and Fruit Jelly	Cheese or Ham Sandwich, Cucumber Sticks, Cheese Straw, Apple Wedges and Flapjack	Vegetable Goujons or Cheese Wrap, Carrot Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Portion and Iced Sprinkle Cake

Week Two: 6 Nov | 27 Nov | 18 Dec | 15 Jan | 5 Feb | 4 Mar | 25 Mar

## Week Three

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Pesto Pasta (v)	Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding	Pork and Carrot Meatballs with Tomato Sauce and Pasta	Breaded Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers
Option 2	Sweet and Sour Quorn with Noodles (v)	Cheesy Pasta (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding (v)	Quorn Fajita Wrap with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Potato Pastry Pinwheel (v)
Served with	Mixed Salad	Mixed Vegetables	Mashed Potato, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Sweetcorn	Chips and Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese
And for Pudding	Cocoa Cupcake	Vanilla Ice Cream	Fresh Fruit Selection	Autumn Apple Cake with Custard	Flapjack with Orange Wedges
Packed Lunch Option	Cheese or Ham Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Portion and Cocoa Cupcake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Cucumber Sticks, Pizza Finger, Fruit Portion and Ice Cream Tub	Tuna Mayo or Cheese Wrap, Carrot Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Portion and Fruit Yogurt	Cheese or Ham Sandwich, Cucumber Sticks, Cheese Straw, Fruit Portion and Autumn Apple Cupcake	Vegetable Goujons or Cheese Wrap, Carrot Sticks, Sultanas, Orange Wedges and Flapjack

Week Three: 13 Nov | 4 Dec | 1 Jan | 22 Jan | 12 Feb | 11 Mar