



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

17th May 2024

Learning to bring out the best in everyone.



FULL-TIME NURSERY FROM SEPTEMBER!

We're really pleased to announce that our Nursery will be offering full-time places from September. Our teacher-led nursery school places children at the heart of everything we do. Children play, learn and make friends in a wonderfully rich environment that includes a beautiful, well-resourced classroom, a stimulating outside area, an enormous field and an established forest school space. Each child's individual personality, strengths and interests are celebrated and nurtured by caring, devoted professionals whose aim is to 'bring out the best in everyone.' Children at our nursery make excellent progress and are perfectly prepared for the crucial transition to Reception. So, come and join our friendly, welcoming community and give your child the best possible start to their education. If you want to know more, please call the office.

FOREST-SCHOOL TASTER SESSIONS

We are running a series of Forest School Taster Sessions for children who are thinking of joining our nursery (now) or our Reception Class in 2025. If you have friends who might be interested, please let them know. Come and build a den, cook something tasty on the fire, make something delicious in our mud kitchen and take a moment to relax and enjoy the outdoors. These sessions, which are run by the Early Years class teacher, who is also a Level 3 Forest Schools Leader, are open to those interested in our Nursery or Reception places. Come and make some friends, see our setting and enjoy a free Forest School session. The first two dates are Friday 14th June 2024 at 1pm and Thursday 4th July 2024 at 1pm. Call Mrs Drax on 01379 586393 to sign up.



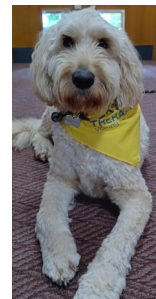
TWO HEDGEHOGS SPOTTED

The children in Colorado Class reported that they saw two hedgehogs together on the motion capture cameras they have installed outside their classroom. They were bought with the money they raised from their bake sale as part of the monthly Wilder Schools project. It seems all their efforts to make the school a more wildlife-friendly environment is paying off! So cute!



MEET HENRY—OUR THERAPY DOG

This is Henry, our new therapy dog; he is absolutely gorgeous. He has been trained and vetted by Pets As Therapy and will be visiting our school once a fortnight with his owner, Kay. The children will be able to sit with him, read to him and take some time to connect with him. We all met him on Wednesday and we can't wait until his first visit.



NAME OUR NEW STICK INSECTS!

We are really pleased to announce that we have two new pets in our school: they are two female New Guinea Spiny Stick Insects. They were chosen by the School Councillors to replace the guinea pigs. They are currently running a competition to name them both. The winning names will be announced in next Friday's Sharing Collective Worship. So, stay tuned!



THE BIG FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

Let's hope the weather holds out for the Big Family Fun Night! We look forward to seeing you there. We would like to say a huge, "Thank you!" to FOOSA for all their work organising it.



WELL DONE YEAR 6

The-week-that-shall-not-be-named (whisper it: SATs week) finally arrived this week and the Year 6s rose to the challenge with maturity and purpose. We talked beforehand about wanting to feel we had done our very best, and that is certainly what we saw in the hall this week. We are hugely proud of them all. Now we can let our hair down and celebrate in style on our residential trip to Hilltop next week. Well done Year 6.



OUR SCHOOL VALUE THIS TERM IS: PERSEVERANCE

WHAT IS ADHD?

The children in Congo class watched a fantastic video suggested by one of their classmates who has recently been diagnosed with ADHD. The video, which the child wanted to share with the class, offers a fantastic insight into what it means to live with this condition. The character in the video



calls it her 'speedy brain.' The class found it really interesting and thought everyone should watch it, so here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1t9UHQgtDfU>

A ZIG-ZAG-TASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Thank you Oscar, Eden, Tobie and Bonnie, our Junior Road Safety Officers, for the fantastic, yellow, zig-zag markings outside the school. They identified the problem, decided how to raise the money and saw their project through to fruition—they even helped paint the lines! Please respect their achievement by not parking on their new markings. Thank you.



OUR STRATEGIC PLAN 2024

The Governing Body, including our Parent Governors, has been working on our school vision, our values and the school's strategic plan. This document very clearly sets out the strategic priorities for 2024 and how they sit alongside our school's ethos (*I have come that you may have life in all its fullness. John 10:10 and Learning to bring out the best in everyone*), our five core values (courage, responsibility, well-being, respect and curiosity), and our vision (where we want to be in the short to medium term). This document can be found on our website here: <http://www.fressingfield.suffolk.sch.uk/about-us/our-vision>

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024

FRESSINGFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VALUES

Curiosity Courage Respect Wellbeing Responsibility

OUR VISION

#1 QUALITY OF EDUCATION

To provide an inspiring, fun environment and curriculum to stimulate a life-long love of learning and enthuse our children and staff in their exploration of knowledge

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Improve outcomes in writing across the school
2. Embed SPAG alongside new writing scheme to ensure the gains made are not compromised by the technical elements of writing
3. Ensure all children make expected progress that results in children being at, or above, national expectation

INITIATIVES

- 1.1 Embed new writing scheme/process during 23/24 academic year
- 1.2 Teachers to routinely check children's understanding to ensure they do not apply misconceptions to their work
- 1.3 Teachers and subject leaders to ensure expected progress is made by all pupils and that school attainment is above 90%

#2 BEHAVIOUR AND WELFARE

To value and support every child and member of staff to flourish as an individual within a caring, safe and happy school

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

4. Ensure the school is fully inclusive and there is equality of opportunity for all
5. Reduce the number of negative incidents across all year groups

INITIATIVES

- 2.1 Develop more nurture opportunities for children with low self-esteem through the use of therapists and trained staff
- 2.2 Embed Rights Respecting Schools and assess its impact. Seek quality assurance and bronze/silver award gained by school
- 2.3 Update safeguarding incident with policies to include specific support for victims of abuse

#3 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

To inspire our children to always do and be the very best that they can be

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

6. Increase children's sense of well-being through being part of and involved in a caring and constructive community
7. Improve mental health of children and staff

INITIATIVES

- 3.1 Embed opportunities for children to interact with other faiths, beyond the Christian-based community, and all pupils have a good understanding of other faiths and cultures
- 3.2 Implement the mental health wellbeing plan and ensure staff are introduced to Thrive course.

#4 LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

To develop an outstanding school where our children make excellent individual progress beyond the national averages and all members are motivated to meet the associated challenges

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

8. Improve children's attendance rates
9. Improve communication with parents to ensure it is consistent and timely, thus increasing parental satisfaction
10. Ensure the school's finances are well managed and that the school estate is improved to positively impact upon the outcomes for all children

INITIATIVES

- 4.1 Increase attendance publicity to parents including reward structure and fixed penalty notices and review monthly
- 4.2 Implement robust communications system with allocated member of staff overseeing newsletter and investigation into how social media can be utilised
- 4.3 Review spending strategy to allocate funds to essential areas

OUR ETHOS

LEARNING TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN EVERYONE

Just as: "Heaven came that you may have life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). We call us to a full life in mind, body, heart and spirit. Our goal is to bring out the best in everyone. Children, staff and the members of our school-community.

DATE	EVENT
Thur 9th May	Y3 Hilltop Meeting
Mon 13th— Thur 16th May	Y6 SATs Week
Thur 16th May	Full Governing Body Meeting
Fri 17th May	FOFSA Family Fun Evening 5pm-9pm
Mon 20th May	KS1&2 Tennis Competition Fram College 12-2.45pm
Wed 22nd— Frid 24th May	Y6 Residential to Hilltop
Thur 23rd May	Wilder Schools Colorado Class
Fri 24th May	Y3/4/5 Cross Country Mellis Common 12.45-2.30pm
Tue 4th June	Dynamos Cricket 12-5pm KS2
Thur 6th June	Yangtze Class First Swim
Fri 7th June	Walk on the Wild Side Sponsored Walk (Whole School)
Wed 12th June	Waveney Class Trip— Bressingham Steam Museum
Thur 13th June	RESERVE Walk on the Wild Side
Fri 14th June	Gymnastics KS1/2 12.30—3pm Hartismere School
Mon 17th June	Quadkids Athletics KS1/2 10-12pm Thoms Mills
Wed 19th June	TBC CPO Simon Green Speed Checks with JRSO
Wed 26th June	Netball County Finals
Thur 27th June	VANCOLS Class Photos YR/Yangtze/Y6
Thur 27th June	Sports Day and Summer Fair
Fri 28th June	Colorado Class Trip—Knettishall Heath
Mon 1st July	RESERVE Sports Day and Summer Fair
Wed 3rd July	SEND Coffee Morning (invitation)
Wed 3rd July	Rounders KS2 12-3pm Hartismere
Thur 4th July	Shuffle Up Morning and Stradbroke High School Y6 Intake Day.
Mon 8th July	KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal
Tues 9th & Wed 10th July	KS2 Performances 6pm—7pm
Wed 10th July	New Reception Stay and Play 9.15am—10.15am
Thur 11th July	Footgolf KS1/2 Time TBC Hartismere
Thur 11th July	Full Governing Body Meeting
Fri 12th July	Colorado Class Wilder Schools
Wed 17th July	Reception Introduction Evening
Thurs 18th July	Shuffle Up Morning
Thurs 18th July	Y6 Rounders Match, BBQ and Water Fight
Fri 19th July	End of Year Celebration Church 9.30am TBC
Fri 19th July	Y6 Leavers Service

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