



# Easter 2026 Newsletter



## A message from Mrs Bartley

As we near the end of term and head towards Easter, it is an ideal time to think about rejuvenation, the action or process of giving new energy or vigour to something; the chance to start again. Working with children everyday, we take great pleasure in seeing them make discoveries, experience wonder and know that everyday is a fresh start.

Staff are rewarded by seeing the small moments of joy as the children start to realise their potential and learn to live in harmony with each other. It isn't always easy and it can be a struggle to overcome the challenges they face both academically, emotionally and socially but it is in overcoming those challenges that the real learning takes place. As we go into the holidays, please take time to reflect with your child on their own challenges, how they have faced them and what they have learned as a result.

### Attendance

Attending school every day is essential for children to make the most of their learning, build strong routines, and stay connected with their classmates and teachers. Our current attendance is 94%, and with your support we can reach our target of 96%.

Let's work together to make this a strong and successful summer term for everyone! Unless a child has a high temperature or a contagious illness, they are usually well enough to come in—even if they're feeling a little under the weather. If you're unsure whether your child should attend, just give the office a call and we'll be happy to advise or check the NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

## Ladybirds & Dragonflies Changing & Growing

Ladybirds and Dragonflies have been learning about how living things grow and change, including the seasons, animals, and plants.

They planted their own beans and have been watching them sprout and develop.

The children also enjoyed learning the story Jack and the Beanstalk, using words and actions to bring it to life.

*Hannah, Octavia and Holly*

## GenR8 Assembly!

Earlier this term, we welcomed GenR8 to lead one of our Collective Worship. They retold the Easter story and encouraged us to reflect on the theme of forgiveness. Through their presentation, they showed how letting go of burdens such as bullying, stealing, or lying can help us feel happier and lighter.

*Elodie and April*



## Girls' Football Tournament

On 9th March, a group of Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football tournament in Mildenhall.

The team played extremely well and made it all the way to the semi-finals. Overall, they achieved an incredible 3rd place out of 18 teams – our best result yet!

The girls showed fantastic determination and teamwork throughout the tournament.

Well done, girls!

*Lacey, Kourtney and Abi*

## Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament

On Friday 13th March 2026, the Year 3/4 girls' and boys' teams travelled to Bottisham Village College for a football tournament.

The children played four fantastic games and showed outstanding teamwork throughout.

To top it all off, the team were awarded the Fair Play Shield with an incredible score of 9/10.

Well done, team!

*Abby D-P & Aleysha*

## Pirates in PE

In PE, the Ladybirds and Dragonflies have been pretending to be pirates.

As well as climbing ladders, they jumped across stepping stones, hid from other pirates, and searched for treasure hidden by their teachers.

The children said it was “very, very fun” and that it made them feel happy. It's clear that Reception have had an exciting topic this half term, all while building strength, balance, and confidence.

*Maisie M & Matilda*

## Year 5 Super Science Trip!

On Monday 23rd March, Year 5 enjoyed a trip to the Department of Chemistry at the University of Cambridge.

The visit included a brilliant science show, where the children watched a range of exciting experiments. They learned that the air around us is made up of different gases, including nitrogen, oxygen, argon, and a small amount of other gases.

*Iona and Rosie*

## Year 3 & 4 Trip to Ely

On Monday 16th March 2026, Year 3/4 visited Ely. They explored Ely Cathedral, the Ely Museum, and finally the famous Oliver Cromwell's House.

At the museum, the children learned about the history of Ely and the tradition of eel catching. Two pupils we interviewed told us they discovered lots of fascinating facts – including that Ely was once an island.

They said they really enjoyed the trip, especially all the interesting information they learned at the museum. It certainly sounds like the children had a wonderful day out, and we hope they have many more exciting trips ahead.

*Teddy and Wilf*



## Year 1 & 2

### Gymnastics Competition

On Tuesday 3rd March, several pupils from Swifts Class took part in a gymnastics competition at Newmarket Academy. During Friday lunchtimes, Kourtney – a Year 6 pupil – kindly gave up her time to help the team learn and practise their routine. The routine involved a range of equipment, including the floor, bench, and vault. We are incredibly proud of the whole team, who all returned with medals!

*Bessie and Molly*



### Open Classrooms

This half-term, we welcomed families into school for our Open Classrooms afternoon. Children were able to share their learning, especially in foundation subjects such as History and DT. Bees Class challenged their families to TT Rockstars, Butterflies enjoyed skipping around the Maypole, Swifts played phonics games, and Ladybirds and Dragonflies decorated Easter eggs together.

It was a wonderful opportunity for families to see the children's hard work and creativity in action.

*Orson and Joshua*

### Wowing World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, Swaffham Prior welcomed author Matthew Bothwell for a special visit.

He spoke to the children about the wonders of outer space and shared some truly inspiring stories.

Did you know that scientists have even sent a robotic spacecraft to a distant planet to study its atmosphere?

*Elsbeth and Megan*

### Every school day counts!

There are 175 NON school days every year!

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