



# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

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## SPORTS DAY & SUMMER FAIR

We're really looking forward to our Sports Day and the Summer Fair, which will take place on Friday 12th June. You hope you are able to join us for a 1pm start. We have brought the date forward this year, in the hope we would avoid the extreme heat of July but, judging by the heatwave this week, who knows what the weather will be?

FOFSA are hoping you will stay a little longer at the Summer Fair this year—until about 5.30pm-ish. They have planned all sorts of fun things to keep us entertained, including all the familiar games and stalls (stocks, raffle, squares game, giant jenga, guess the weight of the cake, etc) plus a police car, a professional face-painter, petting zoo, scooter course, pond-dipping, tug-of-war, a bonfire in the Forest School area, and more. Please save the date.

In the lead up to the event, we would like your help.

- There will be a Dress Down Day on Friday 5th June in return for prizes for the Sweet Tombola
- If you are able to contribute a prize for the raffle, that would also be gratefully received (it could be linked to your work—3 hours of gardening, a pet-grooming session, dry-cleaning, etc).
- If you have a pet that could be suitable for our petting zoo, we would love to hear about it (no dogs or cats please). Please contact FOFSA or the school.
- Finally, if you can help to run a stall, or support with pond-dipping, please let the school or the FOFSA team know.

## MAJOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING SECURED

We're delighted to announce that we have successfully secured a Condition Improvement Fund award to provide secure fencing around the perimeter of the school. The award, amounting to almost £120,000, will enable the school to improve the safeguarding of our children by replacing the old wooden fencing with a proper perimeter fence. The work is likely to take place over the summer holidays.

## WILDER SCHOOL / WILDER CHURCH

Amazon and Zambezi Classes are looking forward to our final Wilder-School/Wilder-Church day on Friday 19th June. Our plan will be to build two hedgehog hills for overwintering hedgehogs, one in the school, one at the church. These mounds—which are a little bit like hobbit homes for hedgehogs—each feature five, luxurious nesting boxes, so the hedgehogs can snuggle up for the winter near their neighbours. It's part of our effort to help Fressingfield become a recognised Hedgehog-Friendly village.

We will be joined on the day by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust Comms Team, who will be filming what we do to make a short film about the project. They are also hoping to publicise our project in the Suffolk Wildlife Trust Magazine: Wild Suffolk. We will be sending out separate photo-permission to all families, which I hope you will support us with.

We have loved our association with the SWT, which has transformed our school grounds over the last three years. The children have loved making bird and bat boxes and bird feeders, planting hedges, improving our borders with bee-friendly plants, feeding the birds, and watching the daily activity wildlife activity on our motion-capture cameras. The project ties in brilliantly with our desire to make outdoor education a cornerstone of our offer at Fressingfield Primary School. As such, we are exploring ways the project can continue beyond its three-year programme and into its fourth year. We can't wait.

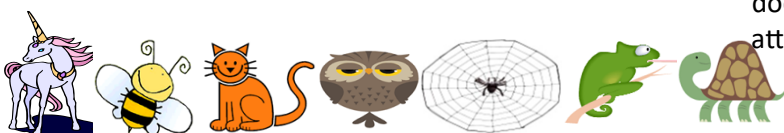


## LITTLE DRAGONFLIES— SPREAD THE WORD

As you know, Little Dragonflies, our Baby and Toddler Group, takes place every Thursday morning in the school hall and is a great way to spend a few



hours, entertain your littlest ones and make new friends. It's run by a group of kind, dedicated, positive and experienced parents that are on hand each week to share a cup of tea and a friendly chat. They also make sure there's a brand-new focus and new activities for the children each week. Not only does it provide a great service, it's also a brilliant way for us to attract new families to our school. So, if you know any families you think should come along, please spread the word. Thank you.



**GOODBYE MRS WARING** We are very sad to be saying 'Farewell and Good Luck' to our friend and colleague Mrs Waring, who left on Friday. Mrs Waring is moving on to a role in a day nursery where she will be working with roomfuls of babies—which sounds either delightful or terrifying depending on your point of view. She has huge amounts of experience actually, and we know she'll do a fantastic job. Mrs Waring has been a huge asset to Fressingfield Primary School over the last 8 years. As a hugely reliable and flexible member of staff, she has spent time in every classroom and has worked with every single child in the school. Many children have benefitted from her kind, supportive approach in the classroom and her excellent 1:1 support. In addition, she helped the school achieve its first JRSO Gold Award, was brilliant at prop making for the summer production each year and was an enthusiastic participant in the Year 6 water fight: she has promised to come back in July to take part in this one last time! We wish you all the very best and look forward to seeing you again from time to time.



**STAR WARTS!** On the Friday before half term, children in Amazon Class learnt which role they would be playing in the Summer Production, which this year is the ridiculously silly, Star

Warts. Children in Zambezi will learn what roles they have when they get back to school after the holidays. Details about costumes will be circulated at the same time. We hope you can join us on either Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th July for our big performances.

In the interim, if you are able to support us with set design or prop production, we would really appreciate your help. Please talk to Mr Leicester or Mrs Buckenham, and we will let you know what needs to be done. Thank you.

**BOOK FAIR** Thank you so much for supporting our book fair. You helped us reach the threshold for being able to spend 40% of our proceeds on new books for the library. When we return to school, we will ask the librarians to help spend this money on books of their choice. Thank you.

**YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL** The children in Year 6 had a fantastic time on residential at the Hilltop Outdoors Centre near Sheringham in the last week of term. They went with children from three other local schools: Laxfield, Charsfield and Stradbroke, which was a great transition for their imminent move to their respective high schools. They took part in lots of adventurous activities including the Tree Top Trail, crate-stacking, a long, long walk over the Beeston Bump and into Sheringham, and—for the first time this year—caving. They seem to love it all. I'm delighted to announce that children from Fressingfield also made their teacher (and parents) very proud by winning both the boys and girls' tidy room competitions! Go Team Fress!

DATE	EVENT
Mon 25th—Fri 29th May	Half Term
Tue 2nd June	Forest School Reception Transition Group A
Tue 2nd June 12pm—5pm	Dynamos Cricket Festival Mellis Cricket Club
Fri 5th June	Dress Down Day for the Summer Fair Sweet Tombola
Mon 8th June	HSSSP Belong Event. Details TBC.
Mon 8th June	Welcome to Reception Meeting 5pm
Tue 9th June	Forest School Reception Transition Group B
Wed 10th June	VANCOLS Class Photos Thames and Amazon Classes
Fri 12th June	Sports Day—Afternoon
Fri 12th June	Summer Fair and Family Fun Night
Tue 16th June	HSSSP Athletics
Wed 17th June	Reception 2026 intake: Stay and Play
Wed 18th June	Y5 Taster Day Stradbroke High School
Thur 18th June	Year 4/5 DT Taster at Stradbroke High School
Fri 19th June	Wilder Schools / Wilder Church
Fri 19th June	TBC Tree Planting In Memory Of Mrs Tuthill
Mon 22nd June	WCET Music Festival Bury St Edmunds
Tue 23rd June	Y6 Crucial Crew Life Skills
Tue 30th June	RISE Gymnastics Hartismere
Wed 1st July	Rhine and Thames Visit To Banham Zoo
Mon 6th July	KS2 Summer Production Dress Rehearsal 9.30am
Mon 6th and Tue 7th July	KS2 Summer Production 6pm
Wed 8th July	Shuffle Up Day (AM)
Fri 10th July	HSSSP Rounders
Thur 16th July	Year 6 vs Staff Rounders Match BBQ and Water Fight
Fri 17th July	Last Day for Pupils

