



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

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**National
Read-Aloud
Challenge 2025**

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WINNER**

WCET MUSIC FESTIVAL

There were goosebump moments at the Whole Class Ensemble Teaching Music Festival last week when the children in Key Stage 2 joined forces with children from other schools to form an orchestra 302 strong.

Our children prepared four songs throughout this term on their clarinets and they were joined by 5 other schools who have also been preparing the same songs. The combined orchestra included glockenspiels, ukeleles, flutes, cellos, guitars, violins and our clarinets and they created a mighty noise. Please see the website for a full list of the pieces they played.

We are very proud of our performers – they have done so well with their instruments this year. It is events like this that make you realise just how much they have achieved and how far they have come.



CYGNUS VICTORIOUS!

In what was a competition for the ages, Cygnus emerged victorious at our sports day this year. Mrs Buckenham, a long-suffering Blue, was seen grinning from ear to ear: she was delighted. And no wonder, because Mr Taylor revealed that it was the first time Cygnus had won Sports Day in the 13 years of his headship!

Congratulations to Blue and well done to all the children who competed with a sense of fun and positivity. Cygnus' reward will be a non-uniform day on Thursday 9th July.



FAREWELL TO MR TAYLOR

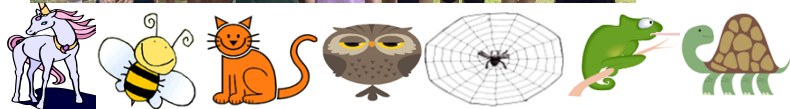
As you already know, we will shortly be saying, "Goodbye" to our Executive Headteacher of many years, Mr Taylor. In September, Mr Taylor will be moving on to Kelsale Primary School near Saxmundham. Mr Taylor has had a huge, positive impact on Fressingfield Primary School, the children and the communities the school serves.

His many initiatives have helped develop a culture at our school in which learning brings out the best in everyone. His leadership has been characterised by celebrating achievement, insisting on a broad and balanced curriculum for all, developing the use of the outside space for learning, providing opportunities for children to take on responsibilities and make a genuine difference, in which physical education is a strength with all children given opportunities to represent the school, and in which children's wellbeing and happiness are a core part of our school. Initiatives such as Wilder Schools, whole-class music, specialist PE teaching, and many, many others are examples of projects he has championed. In addition to the impact this has had on our school and community, he has worked with many families directly to offer support and expertise and which has been hugely beneficial for our children's outcomes.

In order to send him off on his new venture in style, we have started a collection in the office. Please contribute if you can. We are also collecting memories, messages and well-wishes for a leaving book. So if you would like to contribute something, please email or write something and send it through to the office for inclusion. Thank you.

RISE GYMNASTICS

On Tuesday, our team of 19 gymnasts took part in the Rise Gymnastics competition at Hartismere High School. There were two elements: core and vault. The core routine, which they had each practised for many weeks prior to the event, was performed on the floor and consisted of turns, holds, balances and tucks. The vault meanwhile included both jump, shape, balance and dismount elements. Both elements were judged by teams of sports-leaders from the High School. Our children participated brilliantly. It is a daunting prospect to perform individually in front of judges, but our children steeled their nerves, rose to the challenge, and competed really well. I particularly noticed Harry, Ada, Rosa and Verity who overcame initial nerves to really give it their best. I would also like to mention Verity, Amy, India and Dexter who medalled. Well done all.



MEET THE TEACHERS We would like to invite you to our Welcome to Your New Class sessions. These really important sessions are a chance to look forward to the year ahead, learn what is expected in your child’s new year group and to ask any questions you may have. So please join us—even if your child is staying in the same class—at the following times:
Rhine: *Date to be confirmed once Miss Adamson is back.*
Zambezi: *Monday 13th July at 3.20pm*
Amazon: *Wednesday 15th July at 3.20pm*

DELAY TO SATS RESULTS You might have read in the news that the SATs results have been delayed this year. They were due to be released on Tuesday 7th July but, due to IT issues, Pearson, the new administrators, have delayed the release until Thursday 16th July. We will share them with the children on the day we receive them.

STAR WARTS! We’re very, very, very excited about our Summer Production. We’d like to thank you for all your help providing the costumes for the play—they look awesome. You can join us either on Monday morning at 9.30am for the dress rehearsal, or contact Mrs Drax for tickets for Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th at 6pm. A separate letter has been sent out about timings.

BANHAM ZOO I understand the children in EYFS and KS1 really enjoyed their trip to Banham Zoo on Wednesday. I have heard all about the giraffes, which were firm favourites. Thank you to all who helped on the day.



CONGRATULATIONS AQUILA Well done to Green House for winning the house point challenge last half-term. Your reward will be a non-uniform day on Tuesday 7th July.

ATTENDANCE ON TARGET Children’s attendance this year has been 95.9%, which is fantastic. Well done all—children are clearly very happy coming in to Fressingfield. Our target is 96% for the whole academic year - let’s see if we can work together to get there.

DATE	EVENT
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
Mon 13th July	Welcome to Zambezi Class 3.20pm
Wed 15th July	Welcome to Amazon Class 3.20pm
Thur 16th July	Year 6 vs Staff Rounders Match BBQ and Water Fight
Fri 17th July	Last Day for Pupils
Frid 17th July	End of Year celebration at St Peter’s and St Paul’s Church 9.30am
Friday 17th July	Leaver’s assembly 2.15pm

UNIFORM As we look towards next year, please can I remind everyone about the importance of having the correct uniform for September. Our uniform requirements can be found on our website or in our prospectus (just ask at the office if you need one). This is a great time to pick up bargains at the supermarkets, and the school also has a great collection of second-hand, good-quality items to supplement your requirements. During the last week of term, FOFSA will be selling these items (for a small donation) in the playground at the end of every day. All the lost property accumulated throughout the term will also be out, so please come and reunite yourself with your long-lost favourites.

END OF TERM NOTES Please help us at the end of term by doing the following:

- Return all library books— there are quite a few outstanding.
- Please return any cups won previously by Friday 7th July.
- Please bring in a sturdy bag so your child can bring home their books and work. Thank you.
- Come to the *Welcome To Your New Class* session on the days listed.

END-OF-YEAR DISCO To celebrate all the children’s hard work this year and that fantastic attendance, FOFSA have organised a free end-of-year disco, which will take place on Friday 10th July. Please see the flyers that have been sent out this week.