



# NEWSLETTER

## Summer 2021



We have reached the end of a challenging year, and we look forward with hope to being able to regain a greater sense of normality for the new school year in September. We are enormously proud of the children, and what they have achieved in such trying times, not only in learning, but also in how well they have rebuilt their relationships with friends, it has been a pleasure to see. They returned in March with positivity and readiness to learn. They all deserve a huge 'Well Done.' We have ended the term joyfully with two super presentations, one being our 'Make Music Morning' which got everyone moving and shaking as well as making music; and our Year 6 Leavers' presentation, held under the trees in the warm breeze of a summer's day! Lots of happy smiles. Children have been kept active and outdoors with Cricket taster sessions from Gt Witchingham Cricket club (Rowan and Oak), sports with athletics and tri - golf, and a Day of Calm from WNDSSP; and our own Clockwork Sports and Races.

We also have an Oak class visit to Norwich Museum to see Dippy; Willow class Pirate Party; Outdoor Morning and presentation for Mrs. Tebbutt in the afternoon, on Tuesday (all classes)

### Holiday Activities

Library Reading Challenge. This is underway, and a great way to keep up with reading, and finding out about different authors over the holiday. <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/whats-on/summer-reading-challenge>

Big Norfolk Summer Fun is for 5-16 year olds eligible for Free School Meals. [www.norfolk.gov.uk/activities](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/activities) for more details.



FOLS We understand that with ongoing restrictions, FOLS have not been able to undertake their usual events. We greatly appreciate the support that the Committee has been able to give, and to all that have continued to support activities.

The Smarties challenge / Break the rule day raised £363!

FOLS have agreed to fund a wireless speaker amp and microphone that can be used inside and outside. This proved a great asset for our make Music Morning, which was held outdoors

**Attendance** We have a fantastic number of children with 100% attendance. (We have only counted Autumn and Summer when school was open for all this year).

21 children will be awarded a Gold certificate and a £10 book token prize.

22 children are awarded Silver Certificates (99%). 18 children are awarded Bronze certificates (98%).

44 children achieved 100% attendance for the Summer Term. A great achievement for all those pupils!



### Covid update

Although 19 July is the day restrictions are eased, our school continues with all in -school measures until the end of term.

However, parents are no longer requested to wear a face covering at Drop off and Pick Up times, unless it is personal choice to do so.

We are waiting further national guidance for schools from September, and will finalise plans over the summer once we have this. It is anticipated that some measures will remain.

Currently, we plan for Drop off to continue at the school main gate, but reverting to our times of 8.45- 8.55, with the Pick Up time 3.05pm for all pupils.

### Goodbyes and Welcomes

Mrs. Tebbutt has taught many children and known many families during her 24 years here at Lyng. It will be a real wrench for her to leave, and for us to say Goodbye. She is looking forward to having time with her family, and to pursue her many interests. Retirement will not be Mrs Tebbutt putting her feet up!

Miss Walsgrove has been with us this year as a Teaching Assistant. She has been a support to both Willow and Cherry class, and is returning to university to complete her degree next year. She hopes to become a teacher herself, and has enjoyed the experience and opportunity to learn about school life.

Ms Gotto has been a part time teacher here, most recently teaching Cherry class for one afternoon per week. She has got to know our school and pupils well, so we hope she will be able to return in the future.

To all our Y6 children. There are Y6 families where we say a final goodbye this year (Erin's, Faye's, Jay's, Kaitlin's, Libby's, Oscar's, Joel and Marni's, Neve's, Toby's). We say a huge thank you for all your support over your many years with us.

We wish everyone well for the future.

In September, we welcome Miss Allen who will be joining our school to be Willow class Teacher, and Miss Rayner will be teaching Cherry class, whilst Miss Phillpot is on maternity leave. Both teachers have been able to visit for our Move Up Day, and have time with the current class teachers and teaching assistants.

### Uniform and equipment.

You may be planning to organise new uniform and PE Kit ready for September.

For the new term, we will be expecting pupils to be wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit.

Details of the uniform are on the school website.

Please note that leggings and jeans style trousers are not our school uniform.

*We have a surplus of second hand laundered school sweatshirts. These will be outside on Tuesday morning and afternoon. If you would like one, or more, please leave a donation for FOLS.*

In September, we will continue to provide an individual pack of school equipment (pencils, ruler etc) for each child in all classes. Therefore, children do *not* need to bring one from home. Children need a school book bag and water bottle.

### School Meals

Vouchers are available during the summer holidays to those families who qualify for Free School Meals (FSM).

You may be entitled to FSM- please check <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk> to find out if this is the case.

If your child is in Cherry or Willow class (Year R, Year 1 Year 2), your child can have a school lunch provided as part of a universal scheme. Even so, we urge to still apply for FSM as the school is given additional funding by the government to help pupils with FSM eligibility.

Please ensure you apply during the summer or as early as possible in September, to avoid missing out

*Finally, we say thank you to all for your patience, understanding and support during this incredibly difficult time. Staff and children have missed you in school, and look forward to being able to welcome you in school once again. We very much hope you stay safe and well, and have an opportunity to enjoy time together over the summer break.  
We will see you for the first day of term, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.*

