

Newsletter May 2023



This half term has passed so quickly, and with the additional Bank Holiday meant we have had only 3 full weeks. We held a fantastic Coronation lunch, with the whole school together, singing Coronation songs along with plenty of flag waving.

Classes have been explorers this half term. Cherry class have been exploring countries round the world, Willow exploring the life of Pirates across the seas, Rowan have toured India, and Oak have learned about Tudor Explorers. Willow class really enjoyed their visit to the Time and Tide museum, whilst Rowan have immersed themselves in an Indian Dance experience this week. Oak class returned tired but happy from their residential trip, trying some different experiences after all the revising and intensity of Year 6 'SATs week'.

Year 6 pupils completed these national tests recently. The reading test was particularly challenging this year. The children have worked so hard, and maintained focus and resilience during the tests, which have to be carried out in 'exam' conditions.

Tests have also been taking place for other year groups including statutory Year 2 SATs. With such young children, we approach these in a low key way and so they are just part of the school day for the pupils. In June there will be the Statutory National phonics test for Year 1 pupils, and the Year 4 multiplication check. There is much more to come next half term, with lots of school based activities. Information about next half term's curriculum and homework will be on the 'Classes' page of the school website.

School Council Fair

The school council are organising a School Fair in aid of the RSPCA, the children's chosen charity.

There will be animal themed games and stalls including

An animal themed Toy Tombola, A Guess the Animal Picture Quiz Guess the Name of the Bear

This will be held on Friday 23 June in the afternoon.

We will also be opening the rejuvenated Wildlife Garden

Create a Menu Competition



Design a healthy main course or dessert.

Winners will have their meal served for school lunch and a prize to take home.

Pupils are asked to complete their design on the template provided. Closing date for entries Wed 7 June.

Join us for Sports Day and Make Music Day

Sports Day is on Friday 7 July. We will have Clockwork sports in the morning 10.45 -12am and Sports Day races in the afternoon, starting 1.15pm. Parents/ Carers are welcome to join us for one or both events.

Make Music Day Tuesday 27 June, 9.45-11.15. The school will be making music! There will be singing and instrumental performances from the children. Parents/ carers are invited to join us at Lyng Community Hall. Initially, numbers are limited to one person per family. Any remaining tickets will then be given out to those who would like an extra ticket. Oak class parents / carers are invited to their **Leavers celebration**. This performance is taking place at the Lyng Community hall on 18 July in the afternoon.

FOLS Quiz & Chips Evening
Friday 16 June 7.15pm
for more details, see the flyer sent via email

Our Values

Next half term we will be learning about Respect. Children will be learning about Respect as: remembering others, valuing others, and valuing special places, valuing different opinions. We will be thinking about how we can show respect, and particularly about how we should treat others as we ourselves would wish to be treated.



Please join us for our Explorer Cafés 'Maths Outdoors'

Our Explorer Café is an opportunity for you to join your child in their learning. Your child's teacher will lead the session and provide ideas for activities to share in your child's learning.

Each class will have a separate event.

In each Café, staff will share information about the maths curriculum and will ask you to join in with some practical activities to explore maths in the outdoor environment.

Dates: 22 June morning Cherry class 9.15-10.15

23 June morning Willow class 9.15-10.15

30 June morning Rowan Class 9.15-10.15

30 June afternoon Oak class 2pm-3pm

Cafés will start promptly, so parents/carers please arrive 15 minutes before the start- refreshments are provided.

Please note: we are only able to accommodate 1 adult per child. If you have 2 children in the same class, then 2 adults can attend if wished.

Staff

Mrs O Sullivan The new Executive Head Teacher for Lyng

Mrs O'Sullivan and Mr Wade will be visiting the school on the afternoon of June 14th and will be available for parent/carer meet and greets in the hall from 2:50pm until 3:45pm. Please come along with any questions or just to meet them both.

Class Teacher for Rowan. Miss Tuffin has been appointed, and will be joining Lyng in September.

We are anticipating she will be able to come to school on our move up days in order to meet her new class.

Dates for your diary

5 June - Back to school

8 June – swimming starts for Year 5

20 June Reception class vision and hearing checks

27 June - Make Music event

28 June Cherry class visit – Pensthorpe

3 July Sports week, events through the week, Sports day on Friday

12/13 July Y6 visit to Reepham Induction days

12/13 July - Move up days in school - pupils in new classes

18 July - Y6 Leavers celebration (Oak class parents invited)

21 July - Last day of term

Summer holidays start Monday 24 July. Children are back to school on Wednesday 6 September.