



Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Families,

It has been a lovely week in school, with lots of exciting activities taking place. Many of our KS2 children have thoroughly enjoyed their paddleboarding sessions, developing their confidence and teamwork while having great fun on the water. The children have also enjoyed taking part in the Veg Truck sessions, learning more about healthy food and where it comes from.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. It was wonderful to see so many families and to have the opportunity to share information about the year ahead.

This week, I also met with Sarah from the FTS. We have started putting some plans in place and are looking forward to the upcoming AGM. We hope to welcome some new members who would like to join the team and support the school through its valuable work.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ruston

A little note from Mrs Stirling-

Please can you ensure that you ordering your child's lunch on the MCAS in advance. We are having to order a huge amount of lunch's on the day which puts a lot of extra pressure on our kitchen team.

Calling into school- If you need to call and speak to me but I am unable to answer please make sure you leave a message. There are times I can be away from my desk therefore will listen to any messages left upon my return and call back as soon as I am able to.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mrs Sims-Stirling

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 30th September- Year R/1/2 Crumble making workshop

Thursday 1st October- KS2 Martin Bush Artist Workshops

Friday 2nd October- Year 6 Paddleboard Session

Tuesday 22nd October- KS1 Trip to the Golden Hind (information coming soon)

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October 2026 Half term

Monday 2nd November – Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 3rd November- First day of autumn term 2

Friday 18th December- Last day of term

Monday 21st December- Friday 1st January- Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January 2027- Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 5th January 2027- First day of spring Term

Steeple Cove Nursery

This week Steeple Cove have been exploring 'Our bodies', learning how everybody is different and have their own unique features. The children have been designing their own 'mini me' and learning where their features belong. The children have been discovering who is the tallest, fastest and the strongest in the class. On Wednesday the children visited the 'taste' Truck, where they learnt that our school lunch ingredients come from our local villages and what they taste, feel and sound like.



Yarmer (Reception/Year 1)

We have had another busy and exciting week in Reception and Year 1!

Our Reception children have been working incredibly hard in phonics, learning many more single-letter sounds. They have been practising remembering previously taught sounds and developing their confidence in writing them. They have also had lots of fun playing parachute games with Mr F and learning our new poem, *Amazing Me*. We have loved experimenting with our voices and creating actions to bring the poem to life!

Our Year 1 children are now well into their maths unit. They have been representing objects, recognising numbers written as words and practising counting on from any given number. They were also fantastic artists this week, creating sketches inspired by Brian Pollard. They began by drawing simple shapes before carefully adding details to develop their pictures.

Finally, we all really enjoyed finding out more about where our food comes from during our visit from the Veg Shed. The children loved exploring and tasting lots of different vegetables – with some even being brave enough to try something new!

Leas Foot (Year 2)

Week 2 already and lots of great learning opportunities!

This week as mathematicians, we have continued to explore learning place value and also how we write numbers to 100 in words, the children did find this a little tricky especially with the words 'forty' and 'fourteen', so something to practise at home. As geographers our thoughts were turned towards the changing seasons and how we know which season we are in. If you have any photos, lovely leaves (when the trees start to lose their leaves) or any other Autumn finds, please bring them in to share with the class. The creation story has really captured the children's imagination, and we have had some interesting discussions about this story in our RE lesson.

How Brian Pollard uses shapes in his work was this week's focus in our art lesson.

We also had a visit from the company that supply the ingredients for our school lunches; the children could explore and taste a range of different fruit and vegetables. Forest school was amazing, the children went off making dens, badges, spinners and working with clay, next Tuesday we will be going to the beach so if it is sunny please pack a sun hat.

With the spellings this week is a sheet of ideas of how you can teach spellings at home; it was one of the questions raised at our 'Meet the teacher' meeting, so I hope this will be of use, there is also a list of additional spellings that we are learning this half term. I also have sent home a sheet of some of the things that would help your child with their learning at school, to practise at home over the year and of course please read regularly with your child.

The children love making and crafting, but as there are 20 of them we run out of resources quite quickly. If you have any smallish cardboard boxes, crafting bits and pieces you can donate please bring them in, they will eventually be returned to you in a new form!



Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)

We have had a fantastic week in Sedgewell Cove! The children were absolutely brilliant during our paddleboarding sessions, impressing us all with their skills and confidence. Many children also showed great resilience by overcoming worries and trying something completely new and outside their comfort zone. Well done to everyone!

We also enjoyed an amazing visit from the Veg Shed, where the children had the opportunity to sample a wide variety of fruits and vegetables and learn more about healthy eating.

In Maths, we have continued our learning on place value, identifying, representing and partitioning numbers up to 10,000.

Meanwhile, in PE, Sedgewell Cove have been thoroughly enjoying their cricket lessons and have been developing their bowling skills.

Well done, Sedgewell Cove, for another wonderful week of learning and new experiences!

Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)

We have had another wonderful week in Butter Cove!

This week, the children have settled into class brilliantly and have really thrown themselves into their learning. As artists, we explored abstract art and created small pieces of artwork to represent different feelings.

In our writing lessons, we have been thinking carefully about our word choices and have started using more complex punctuation, such as colons and inverted commas for direct speech.

In Maths, Year 4 have been exploring numbers further, including partitioning numbers in different ways. Year 5 have also been developing their understanding of numbers by writing them in words and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000.

This week, we all thoroughly enjoyed our paddleboarding lessons at Waterborn. I was incredibly impressed with the children's listening skills, teamwork and courage in giving it a go. They represented Butter Cove wonderfully and should be very proud of themselves!

Bantham (Year 5 and 6)

Bantham have had a great week with lots of learning. We continue our learning of Place Value in Maths and have extended our knowledge of numbers up to 10,000,000! As writers we are developing our sentence writing skills around the short film Paperman and I've been impressed at the creativity of language that the children have been using. In Science Year 6 have been exploring Darwin's theory of Evolution which we found fascinating, whilst Year 5 continue to develop their understanding of forces. We started back at Forest School this week in lovely warm sunshine and look forward to developing the site again over the coming weeks after the summer break it has had. As Geographers, we have begun learning about Land Use and Settlements and have been exploring the different ways land is used to support the needs of the area.

Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance. As we start the new year, we would really to see an improvement in our attendance, let's work together to achieve this.

The attendance this week can be seen on the table below.

Whole school attendance (Target 98%)	97.2% Brilliant effort everyone!
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	97.8% Fab!!
Leas Foot (Year 2)	100% Fantastic work Leas Foot
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	99% Such a great result!
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	96.9% So close
Bantham (Year 5 and 6)	93.9%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Steeple Cove Nursery	Mae Thomas
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	Rooney Fitzhugh
Leas Foot (Year 2)	Rufus
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Aggie Clinton-Bailey
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Mylo Skea
Bantham (Year 5 and 6)	Arthur Newman

Home learning

Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	R – Maths activity sheet 2 + letter formation sheet Y1 – Maths activity sheet 2 + spellings sheet
Leas Foot (Year 2)	Spellings, reading, practise writing numbers as words and as the season develops bring in 'Signs of Autumn'
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Contractions spellings sheet. Y3 homework – Partitioning worksheet and TTRS. Y4 homework – Flexible partitioning worksheet and TTRS.
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Spellings and a place value activity. Please also log on to both TTRS and Rollama at least 3-4 times a week!
Bantham (Year 5 and 6)	Spellings and a Place Value activity. TTRS and Rollama at least 3-4 times a week.