



Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Families,

It has been a fantastic first week back at school. A highlight of the week was on Monday when our Year 5 children enjoyed making lanterns in preparation for the *Big Night Out on the Beach* taking place this weekend. The children showed great creativity and teamwork, and hopefully many of you will be able to join the event on Saturday.

The children have also thoroughly enjoyed their cricket lessons in PE this week. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and determination as they developed their skills and confidence.

Next week is set to be another busy and exciting one. Our KS2 children will be taking part in a paddleboarding experience on the estuary, providing them with a fantastic opportunity to develop new skills and enjoy learning outdoors.

On Wednesday, we are delighted to welcome the Taste and Discover Truck to school. This will give children the opportunity to try a range of different fruits and vegetables and learn more about healthy eating. The truck will also be available at the end of the school day should any families wish to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables.

Finally, next week you will have the opportunity to come into school and meet your child's teacher after school. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing more about the exciting year ahead.

Yarmer: Monday

Leasfoot: Tuesday

Sedgewell: Wednesday (and Thursday 17th for an opportunity to meet Mrs Taylor)

Buttercove: Thursday

Bantham: Friday

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th-Friday 18th- Meet the teacher
Tuesday 15th Sept- Year 3 Paddleboarding
Wednesday 16th Sept- Taste and Discover Truck
Thursday 17th Sept- Year 4 Paddleboarding
Friday 18th Sept- Year 5 Paddleboarding
Friday 18th Sept- Jeans for Genes

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



What an incredible first week we have had back settling into the new school year. This week we have been exploring 'our families'. Having class discussions around who lives in our house and who are extended family members are, the children have been making self- portrait puppets using a range of different resources. The children have been making the most of being back together and resuming their play from last year. We can't wait to see what lies ahead of us this year.

Yarmer (Reception/Year 1)

What a fantastic start to the new school year! Both our Reception and Year 1 children have settled in so well, and we have been incredibly proud of how welcoming, kind and friendly our existing children have been towards all of our new pupils.

A special well done to our Reception children for completing their very first week of school! They have done an amazing job getting to know their new friends and adults, learning our daily routines and confidently exploring their new classroom environment.

It has already been a busy week full of learning! We have started exploring our new topics, have been busy learning new sounds in phonics and have enjoyed lots of counting and number work in maths. Most importantly, we have spent lots of time getting to know one another, building friendships and becoming a happy little class community.

We are so excited for all the learning, exploring and adventures ahead this year!

Leas Foot (Year 2)

I am so proud of the Year 2's this week; they have settled into new routines, new class environment and a new teacher, they are amazing!

This week as mathematicians, we have been learning about place value; counting in ten's and one's.

As historians we have begun to explore the life of Sir Francis Drake and what adventures he went on. In art we are studying the work of local artist Brian Pollard and this week we looked at some of his work, drew our own sketches and discussed how his work made us feel.

In PE we had a cricket specialist teaching the children skills they would need to play cricket.

Next Tuesday is Forest school.



Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)

We are incredibly impressed with how well all the children in Sedgewell Cove Class have settled back into school after the summer holidays. We have loved hearing all about their exciting summer adventures!

This week, we have spent time revisiting classroom routines and expectations, as well as getting to know our new classroom environment.

In English, we have begun our learning on writing to entertain, using *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* as our focus text. In Maths, we have started the term with our place value unit, exploring hundreds, tens and ones.

In other areas of learning, we have begun our French lessons, enjoying learning and revisiting colours. We have also started our cricket unit in PE, which has been particularly exciting, as many children shared that they enjoyed playing cricket on the beach during the summer holidays!

We are looking forward to another fantastic week of learning ahead.

Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children into Butter Cove over the last week. I have really enjoyed spending time getting to know them and cannot wait to continue learning more about them throughout the year.

This week, we have started lots of exciting new learning alongside settling into class routines and discussing our expectations for the year ahead.

During our maths lessons, both Years 4 and 5 have begun their first unit on place value. In writing, we have started our first unit on writing to entertain, using *The Explorer* as our inspiration. We have also begun reading *Beowulf* in our reading lessons.

Next week, we are very lucky to be taking part in paddleboarding lessons. Please keep an eye out for further information!

Bantham (Year 5 and 6)

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and into Bantham and everyone has settled back really well and got stuck into their learning straight away. Our Year 6 children have been organising their new roles and responsibilities and have already risen to the challenge with their new roles. I really look forward to them developing these over the coming weeks.

We have been establishing our routines and starting our learning throughout the week and have enjoyed beginning our new English unit which is a narrative unit based around the short film 'Paperman'. Our Maths learning has begun with Place Value and we have been learning how to identify and partition numbers up to 1,000,000! In History we are learning about the Anglo Saxons and enjoyed learning about the Picts and Scots to begin this unit.

We are looking forward to starting Forest School next Tuesday afternoon and look forward to sharing these with those of you who are able to volunteer and join us for these sessions.

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%)	96.3%
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	93%
Leas Foot (Year 2)	98% Excellent start Leas Foot!
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	99.5% Incredible effort Sedgewell!
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	96.4%
Bantham (Year 5 and 6)	95.3%

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

Steeple Cove Nursery	Louis James
Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	Laurence Levy
Leas Foot (Year 2)	Ettie Rinagl-Toy
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Madison Thorn
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	Sophia Speechly
Bantham (Year 5 and 6)	Jesse Harman

Home learning

Yarmer (Reception/ Year 1)	R – Maths activity sheet 1 + letter formation sheet Y1 – Maths activity sheet 1 + spellings sheet
Leas Foot (Year 2)	Spellings, reading, practise counting to 100 in 10's - forwards and backwards.
Sedgewell Cove (Year 3 and 4)	Homophone spellings sheet. For your home learning, please take a picture of you reading in an unusual place! We will use these as part of our reading corner. Please also look around TTRS – login letters will be sent home alongside homework.
Butter Cove (Year 4 and 5)	For your home learning this week please take a picture of you reading in an unusual place! We will be using these pictures to decorate our reading corner.
Bantham (Year 5 and 6)	Spellings and a Place Value activity. TTRS and Rollama at least $\frac{3}{4}$ times a week.