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# News Roundup

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## Our week

The half term is certainly running away with us! Spring is in the air; something especially felt by Year 4 and Year 5 during Woodland Wonder outdoor learning with Ms. Roberts. They're doing some fabulous work in carrying out some planting that we will all benefit from in the not too distant future. Year 1 and Year 2 are in particularly fine voice and there's a buzz of excitement as they rehearse and prepare for their Spring production. Thank you parents for their support with costumes - we really couldn't do things like this without your support. Year 4 had a brilliant time at the Sainsbury's Centre on Tuesday, immersing themselves in sculpture and art which included a really inspiring workshop. Wednesday saw one of the highlights of the year with our House Cross Country competition up at the College. The children oozed their school values being full of **Wonder**, eager to **Contribute** to their House, showed such **Perseverance**, and did so much to **Support** each other.



We hope you enjoyed coming into school across Wednesday & Thursday to join in with each year group's *Reading Cafe*, a follow on celebration of last week's World Book Day.

Thank you to the Year 6 parents who attended a workshop on Friday about SATS - please get in touch if you have any questions about anything. presented.

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## FLEXI BOARDING IN UNDERWOOD HALL

**NOW ONLY £75 PER NIGHT**  
(£30 ADMIN FEE ON YOUR FIRST BOOKING ONLY)

We are now offering 'flexi-boarding' to day pupils in Years 5 or Year 6 allowing them the opportunity to board on a flexible basis. The cost of flexi-boarding is £75 per night and will include the cost of dinner, breakfast, accommodation and all activities in Underwood Hall.



If you wish to book for your child to flexi board then please click on the link below. Alternatively you can email the school office or Mr. Timmins who will then be in touch with you with further information which will include drop off / collection arrangements, afternoon and evening schedules, and instructions on how payment is to be made.



Please note that there is an annual limit of 45 nights' accommodation per pupil per academic year. If you would like to enquire further about flexi-boarding then please do not hesitate to email Mr Timmins at [j.timmins@wymcolprep.org](mailto:j.timmins@wymcolprep.org).



**[Flexi Boarding Booking Form](#)**

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## Reception Rabbits & Robins

We have had another action packed week with one of the highlights being the cross country house competition. Every Reception child that was at school completed the course and they all did so well - the walk up there is always the hardest bit! We loved having so many parents in class for our Reading/Phonics cafe on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful. We have finished off our English unit 'Jack and the Jellybean stalk' and have learnt the letters v w x in handwriting. We have been carrying out the handwriting and Trust Maths assessments this week too. Our focus in topic has been 'The Little Red Hen' and we have learnt about the journey of wheat to bread, as well as the life cycle of a hen. In PSHE we have been learning about healthy and unhealthy foods.



## Year 1 Otters & Seals

What a busy week we've had! Our KS1 rehearsals are now in full swing and we have so enjoyed seeing the production come to life. We have been working hard on our singing and dancing and can't wait to share this with you soon. Year 1 did so well with Wednesday's cross country event and it was lovely to see team spirit amongst the houses. Thank you to the parents who joined us on Thursday for our English CAFE where we explored the book 'STUCK' by Oliver Jeffers. In Science, we looked at the structure of a plant, knowing the scientific names for different parts such as the roots and stem. We have been keeping a close eye on our sunflower seeds which are growing nicely - we have been excited to see the little green shoots appearing!. In DT we learned about food hygiene practices and thought about why it is important to wash your hands before preparing food.

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## Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

This week, we had so much fun watching chicks grow! The children also learned about the life cycle of a duckling, drawing each stage and naming them while enjoying observing the little ducklings over time.

In our rehearsal for the play Sunflower in My Supper, the children have been practicing speaking loudly and clearly - they're doing brilliantly!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Reading Café. We hope you enjoyed making Rainbow Crow masks with your child - they looked fantastic!

In history, we explored how people communicated in the past, from telegrams to messenger pigeons, and discovered why these pigeons were so important during wartime.



## Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

Year 3 have had a fantastic week! In Computing, we explored branching database structures, learning how to ask questions and sort information. It was great fun and we loved seeing how our questions helped us find answers. In English, we edited our newspaper reports and started an exciting new unit called Flood. Next week, we will be using descriptive language to describe the dramatic storm that leads to the flood in the story. We also thoroughly enjoyed cross country - after a few initial nerves, everyone gave it their best and absolutely smashed it! On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome our grown-ups to see how a reading lesson works in Year 3.

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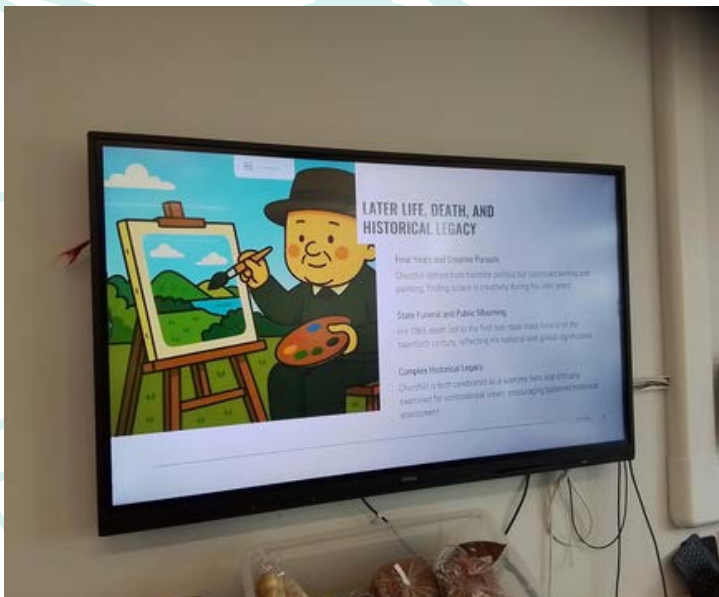
## Year 4 Eagles & Owls

Wow what a week! In Year 4 we were lucky enough to go on our school trip this week to the Sainsbury's Centre. We looked at the different artwork inside the centre, as well as going on a trail of the sculptures outside, which we then sketched. The children were all amazing and represented the school brilliantly! In English, we finished writing our own stories about a character who goes on a magical journey. In science, we used the tablet to create our own classification key. And in art, we moved onto the next stage of our Viking sculpture by adding tin foil to the pipe cleaner figures.



## Year 5 Kings, Emperors & Royals

It has been another awesome week in Year 5! We really enjoyed house cross country on Wednesday. It was such a team effort, everyone should be really proud of themselves. We also had the privilege of having a UEA lecturer come in to teach us all things Winston Churchill! We had to match the photo to the caption and use our key skills of prediction and wonder to work out what was happening in the photo! In science we have then started another experiment to strengthen our understanding of forces. What a week! Bring on the next one!



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## Year 6 Lions & Jaguars

We couldn't be prouder of Year 6! This week, they sat their last set of practice SATs before the national assessments take place in May and they worked so incredibly hard! What amazing resilience and commitment each child has shown - they have really put in their all. Thank you so much to all those parents and carers who were able to attend our SATs meeting, we hope it was useful. Also this week, beyond the classroom, the children have been able to demonstrate what fantastic leaders they are by marshalling and supporting the younger years in the Cross Country - it was a real spectacle watching the Year 6s step up to cheer on and support the younger children! The Year 6s were also very lucky to take part in a History workshop this week delivered by the UEA. Have a really restful EXEAT everyone!



## Underwood Hall

We always have a super time mountain biking at Thetford Forest and this year was no exception. It is one of a few weekend trips that we have done every year since Underwood opened. We welcomed 2 flexi boarders on Tuesday night and the boarders did their usual excellent job of making them feel welcome. Evening activities this week have included an amazing Comedy Night organised and run by one of our Year 6 boarders. Every boarder participated. There was lots of laughter and a wide range of jokes, and funny stories. Enjoy exeat everyone.

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## Heads of School

Hi it's Rosie again,  
Cross country was a big event for the whole school [including the reception classes]. Year 6 have had there mock SATs and every-one is buzzing about it . Year 6 also had some-one from the UEA teach them about Victorian children in prison and why they were there. Well that's all for this week so bye bye. I hope you all have a great weekend!  
From Rosie (HoS)



## Heads of Underwood

Hi everyone! Bea here!  
This week Underwood Hall have done loads of fun activities games and competitions. We did a comedy show where at the end we voted for a winner! We also did egg-blowing where we try take the yolk out of the egg-shell and on the weekend we did mounting biking in the Thetford Forest! That's all for this week. Bye for now and enjoy the exeat weekend!  
Bea (HoUH)





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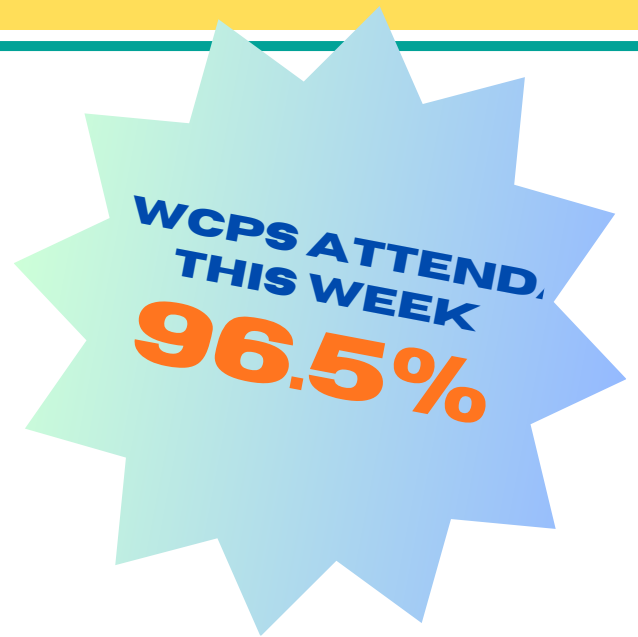
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### Woodland Wonder Next Week

Monday	AM Session: Royals/Kings PM Session: Emperors
Tuesday	AM Session: Owls/Eagles PM Session: Eagles

thank  
you ☆

We raised £290.64 for  
NSPCC Number Day



Next Friday we will be celebrating Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Pupils are invited to come into school wearing something red, along with their required uniform for the day. This could be an item of clothing (t-shirt, jumper) or an accessory. Please remember: no dangly earrings, transfer tattoos, hair chinks etc are permitted. If you would like to donate to Red Nose Day for Comic Relief, you can do so via the MCAS app under the products section.



Please support us in the battle against lost property by naming ALL personal belongings that come into school.

If you would like to make a contribution towards either of the below trips and experiences for year 2 & 4, there is still time to do so via the MCAS app:  
**Y2 Incredible Eggs**  
**Y4 Sainsburys Centre**



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### Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. This is called universal infant free school meals. This is different to benefit-related free school meals and you do not have to apply, but if you receive one of the benefits listed below, you should still register below. This is because it can help raise extra funds for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and after school activities.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, you must receive one of the qualifying benefits listed to get benefit-related free school meals. If your child is attending a nursery school, they must be in a maintained school nursery as a registered pupil at the school, your child must be in receipt of education before and after lunch on the same day and you must be in receipt of a qualifying benefit to be entitled.

#### The qualifying benefits are:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

#### Apply for free school meals

You can apply online for free school meals using your Norfolk Education Online (NEO) account. You can use the same account for 2-year-old childcare funding and school admissions or request a paper form from the school office.

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>



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## Forthcoming Events

### MARCH

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	PPTCs open 6:00pm to Non-SEN Pupils
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 Netball event @ WC ●
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECA sign up closes 6:00pm</li> <li>• Y3 Residential to Eaton Vale</li> <li>• SEND Coffee Morning 08:45am - 09:30am in hall ★</li> </ul>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Nose Day - Wearing something red &amp; donate</li> <li>• ECA allocations for the Summer Term published</li> <li>• Last day of Spring Term ECAs</li> <li>• PPTCs bookings close</li> <li>• Y3 Eaton Vale residential returns</li> </ul>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House Art Competition launches</li> <li>• KS1 production bookings close</li> <li>• <b>No ECAS this week</b></li> </ul>



Signifies Parent invited event



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### MARCH

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

- The Big House Egg Drop - more information to follow
- Re-scheduled Sphero Ball ECA runs tonight

**NEW** - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

KS1 Production in hall 2:15pm ★

**NEW** - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

- KS1 Production in hall 9:15am ★
- EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration 2:30pm - Is your child being celebrated this time? Please await invitation which will be sent next week ★

**NEW** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

- Last Day of Spring Term
- KS2 Personal Growth Celebration 2:30pm - Is your child being celebrated this time? Please await invitation which will be sent next week ★
- Y6 Thornbridge Residential Information Evening - time TBC ★



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### APRIL

30<sup>th</sup> March - 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Happy Easter**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Back to School

NEW - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

- Parent, Pupil, Teacher Consultations 3:30pm - 7:00pm - booking information has been sent via email ★
- Y1 trip to Strangers Hall

NEW - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

- Summer Term ECAs begin
- Y5/6 Football event @ The Nest ●

NEW - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

- Parent, Pupil, Teacher Consultations 3:30pm - 7:00pm - booking information has been sent via email ★
- No ECAs tonight
- Y6 Netball event @UEA ●



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### APRIL

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Class Photos with Tempest Photography
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	YR Vision & Hearing Screening
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	EXEAT Weekend - No ECAs today
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Hautbois Hall Residential Parents Information Evening - Time TBC
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May Week	SATS week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 London Residential Parents Information Evening - Time TBC



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# HOUSE ART COMPETITION 2026



WYMONDHAM  
COLLEGE  
PREP SCHOOL

*Create a piece in  
any medium titled*

**CONTRIBUTE**

*in honour of our  
school value*

*Submit your entry  
to the school office  
or send a photo via  
email if you have  
created something  
large scale or  
fragile.*

*Artwork must be  
submitted by:  
17th April 2026*

*Ensure that your full  
name, house & year  
group is clearly  
labelled on your  
piece (for example,  
on the back).*

**GROWN UPS:** *Thank  
you for supporting  
your child with this  
project. Please  
ensure that the final  
result is driven by  
your child's own  
ideas and skills.*

*for any further queries, please contact Miss Sharp (Year 1)*