

TRIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM KIMBERLY

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been SATs week for all of year 6. I could not be more proud of the pupils and the way in which they prepared for and approached the tests. They all worked really hard, had a positive mindset and tried their absolute best- which is all that I could ask from them.

If you are the parent/carer of a Y6 pupil, then I know that you are enormously proud of them, just as everybody at PVPA is.

Well done Y6! 😊

Kimberly Morton

Principal

GENERAL NOTICES

Parking on Raeburn Road

We have had reports from local residents that parking on Raeburn Road at the beginning and end of the school day is causing issues. We have also had reports of people driving too quickly along the road at these times. This is a polite reminder to consider local residents and safety when driving along and parking on Raeburn Road.

Hot Weather

As the weather is becoming much hotter and sunnier, please send your child to school with a **named** sunhat and water bottle. Please ensure that you apply any sunscreen before coming to school.

Football Clubs

If your child attends any after school Football Clubs, they need to be wearing shin pads for protection.

Lost Property

We still have a gigantic heap of lost property! Most of which is **NOT** named, please ensure **all** of your child's clothing (including footwear, hats, gloves and scarves) are named to avoid losing them! *If they are named they can make their way back to their owner if lost!* Lost property can be found at the Year 1/2 dismissal doors.

Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a nut free school. We do have children that have nut allergies and would ask that you be extra vigilant in not sending any nut products in either snacks or pack lunches. This includes peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella and Kinder Buenos.

Clubs

There are still places on the following after school clubs - Athletics, Band, Boxing, Computing, Cricket/Rounders, Dance and Football. If your child would like to join any of these, then please sign them up on the google form <https://forms.gle/GFew7bsak4F9a6nb7>

Thank You!

BBC Children in Need - thanks to all at Piper's Vale for their donations, we raised £119.84

Place2Be - Children's Mental Health - thanks to all at Piper's Vale, donation total £80.56

Special Event Lunch Menus

Over the next term there will be special named lunch menus available. These are booked in the same way as normal lunches and the menus will be advertised on the school notice boards and our website nearer the dates, these dates are noted on the upcoming dates and events sheet below.

YEAR GROUP UPDATES / NOTICES

RECEPTION

Reception pupils have worked hard this half term learning all about the rainforest! Children have explored what the rainforests look like, where they are located and what animals live in the rainforest. The children have also really enjoyed reading lots of different stories about the rainforest. Next half term reception will be focussing on journeys and holidays! If you have any photos from family holidays we would love to add these to our classroom display, please bring a copy to school and give to a member of the reception team. We will continue to spend a good portion of the day in our outside area so please ensure you send your child to school with a named hat and water bottle. Reception children will also have 2 school trips this half term. We will be going to the zoo on June 19th and visiting a local farm on June 11th and 12th. For the farm we will be going in 2 separate groups as the farm only allows limited numbers. Your child will receive a letter indicating what day they will be attending and what they will need to bring with them. If you are interested in volunteering for either trip please speak to Keiana.

YEAR 1

We are very excited about our upcoming trip to the beach! Please ensure you have completed a lunch form (letter was sent home last week), so we know whether you will need a packed lunch provided for by the school. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help with the school trip- we have contacted the parents who we'd like to help but really appreciate all of the requests to help (we unfortunately cannot accept them all due to limited spaces on the coach).

As the weather gets hotter, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school and a sun hat (both named). This term, in our Science topic we have been learning about evergreen and deciduous trees. In Re, we are learning about the religious faith of Islam.

YEAR 2

This term, Year 2 has been learning about Earth and Space in Science. We've been learning about planet Earth, how day and night occur, and how shadows change throughout the day. The children loved making their own sundials to observe shadows!

In Topic, we are beginning the topic of Islam. We'll be learning some key beliefs, traditions, and important places in Islamic faith, helping us to understand and appreciate different cultures and religions.

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YEAR 3

In Year 3 we are enjoying reading Charlie and the Chocolate factory in our shared reading lessons and finding out about all of the strange and wonderful inventions that took place in Mr Wonka's factory. In our topic lessons this half term we are learning about Islam. We will be learning what the main beliefs are, how Muslims express commitment to their faith and we will be exploring The Five Pillars of Islam.

YEAR 4

The children that attended the recent residential at Bawdsey Manor had a fantastic time, they experienced a variety of activities and were very well behaved. In Science we have been learning about Light and Sound. The children are enjoying reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone in Shared Reading. In Topic we are learning about the faith of Islam. In Literacy the children have written a suspenseful piece of writing this week. Some of them were quite scary!

YEAR 5

This term, Year 5 students have been diving into the fascinating world of chemical reactions! They've been experimenting with vinegar and baking soda, discovering first hand and how these two common ingredients create fizzing and bubbling reactions. It's been a fun and hands-on way to learn about science, sparking curiosity and excitement for more experiments in the future!

During summer 2, year 5 will be reading *Roof Toppers* and completing a number of writing tasks, based on the book. They will continue to work hard in maths, learning to calculate with whole numbers and decimals before moving on to shape and volume. Geography will focus on the United Kingdom and Europe, they will use an atlas to find different countries and learn how to read map coordinates.

YEAR 6

This half term, year 6 have worked extremely hard to prepare for their end of key stage 2 assessments, we would like to say a massive well done to them all for dedications and commitment to their learning.

Over our final half term of this academic year, year 6 will continue to read *A Monster Calls*, they will also be completing a number of different writing outcomes, based on the book: one of which will be a non-chronological report about Yew trees. The topics for science are the Environment and Properties of Material. Geography will focus on the United Kingdom and Europe, they will use an atlas to find different countries and learn how to read map coordinates. The children will also be practising for their end of year production. During June, the children will attend induction days in the secondary school, so they can meet some of the new teachers as well as some of the children that will be in their new classes.

SEU1

In SEU 1 we have had a lovely term with lots of great learning. In Topic we have been learning about the faith of Islam which the children have found really interesting. We are looking forward to our trip to the beach. Please make sure that you have completed a lunch form so that we know whether your child would like a packed lunch provided by the school. Please remember to look on Tapestry for any updates or photos that I may share with you. This is a really nice way for us to communicate with each other.

SEU2

In SEU2 we have been exploring the theme of '*Journeys*'. We've been looking at the story '*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*', and many of our activities have been based around it, including messy and edible play. The children have created some fantastic artwork to represent the bear hunt.

We've also been participating in Intensive Interaction and engaging in some exciting Stage 2

bucket time activities. We've made the most of the lovely weather, using our amazing outdoor area with the swing and gym trail for outdoor provision.

The children have been working on their Maths and Read Write Inc. targets, using motivational objects to help them understand the concept of value.

SEU3

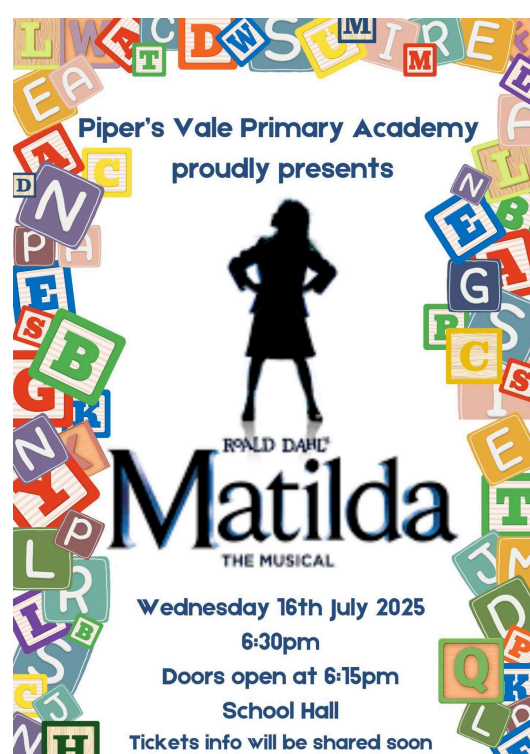
In SEU 3 we have been learning about animals including humans, children have been exploring different types of mammals, fish and reptiles and we will be looking at what a carnivore, omnivore and herbivore is. The children have been developing their fine motor skills with lots of pencil control activities and cutting skills tasks. We are enjoying being able to explore and use the field each day and being able to climb on the gym trail has been very exciting.

All of the children are at different stages with RWI but all are doing very well with their individual plans and the same with our maths. In RE we have been learning about muslims and their beliefs, we have enjoyed making our own decorative prayer mats and showing our peers how we use them. In our art sessions we have been looking at lots of different ways to create a self portrait, last week we used different fabrics, this week we will explore self portraits further.

MUSIC

We are starting to prepare for our summer concert on Monday 7th July and we are excited to share with you our fantastic work. Further details about this performance will be released very soon.

Amie was really blown away by the confidence of some of our Year 6's who auditioned last week for Matilda the musical. The cast has been announced and we have already started our rehearsals ready for our performance on Wednesday 16th July. Ticket information will be shared soon.



UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

Please find all of the upcoming dates or events which are happening at Piper's Vale;

Date/Time	Event	Year Group(s)
Monday 19th May	11:45am Parent Lunch - booking necessary	Reception
Monday 26th - Friday 30th May	Half Term Holiday	Whole School
Monday 2nd June	Start of Summer Term 2	Whole School
Monday 2nd June	Parent Lunch - info to follow	Year 6
Tuesday 3rd June	Felixstowe Beach Trip	Year 2 & SEU 1
Tuesday 3rd June	Crucial Crew	Year 6
Wednesday 4th June	Felixstowe Beach Trip	Year 1
Friday 6th June	Enrichment Day - Dodgeball - PE Kit	Years 1 - 6
Wednesday 11th June	Farm Trip	Reception Gp 1
Thursday 12th June	Farm Trip	Reception Gp 2
Monday 16th June	Parent Lunch - info to follow	Year 2
Tuesday 17th June	King's Birthday Party Lunch Menu	Yrs Rec - Yr 6
Thursday 19th June	Colchester Zoo Trip	Reception
Weds 25th & Thurs 26th June	Ipswich Academy Transition Day	Year 6
Thursday 26th June	Transition Day	Whole School
Friday 27th June	Dress Down Day for Fair Donations	Whole School
Monday 30th June	Parent Lunch - info to follow	Year 1
Tuesday 1st July	Suffolk One Skills Escalator Day	Year 2
Thursday 3rd July	Sports Carousel Day - PE Kit (no parents)	Yrs Rec - 6
Friday 4th July	Sports Day - PE Kit - info to follow EYFS - Y2 am Y3 - 6 pm	Years Nurs - 6
Monday 7th July	Summer Music Festival (afternoon)	Years Rec - 6
Tuesday 8th July	Summer Disco - info to follow	SEU 1 & Rec -6
Friday 11th July	Felixstowe Beach Trip	Nursery

Friday 11th July	School Summer Fair	Whole School
Tuesday 15th July	Orchestra Day at Ipswich Academy	Instrument pupils
Wednesday 16th July	Year 6 production 'Matilda the musical' 6:30pm	Year 6
Friday 18th July	Trust Sports Day at Ipswich Academy - P E Kit - info to follow	Year 6
Tuesday 22nd July	Leavers Assembly 9:30 - 10:30 am info to follow	Year 6
Tuesday 22nd July	Family Picnic - info to follow	Whole School
Wednesday 23rd July - 31st August	Summer Holidays	Whole School
Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September	P D Days - No pupils	Whole School
Wednesday 3rd September	Start of Autumn Term 1	Whole School

QUICK LINKS



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