

PVPA NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM KIMBERLY

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in the last half term of the academic year and this is the busiest one - Y6 are busy rehearsing for their performance and there are lots of trips happening. The weather is very changeable. On sunny days, please apply sunscreen to your child and send them to school with a (named) hat.

I am very proud of the Y1 children and Y4 pupils who have been doing their phonics screening and multiplication checks this week.

I hope that you have a good (sunny) weekend when it comes and as always, please come and talk to me on the playground in the mornings.

Kimberly Morton

Principal

GENERAL NOTICES

Important Notice

It has come to our attention that on occasions, parents have been seen communicating with children through the fence/gates during break time and lunch times. For the safety of all our children, if you have a message to pass on, this must be done properly through the office.

School Uniform

The expectation is that all pupils attend school in correct uniform:

- Black/Grey trousers or skirts or shorts
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Royal blue jumper/cardigan (No hoodies)
- Blue/white school dress
- Dark sensible footwear (not open top sandals or crocs)

PE uniform

- Navy/black jogging bottoms/shorts
- White polo shirt
- Trainers/plimsolls
(NOT football kits)

The only jewellery that pupils are permitted to wear to school are wrist watches, medi-id bracelets/necklaces, one small stud in each earlobe.

If your child is not in uniform for any reason, please let the class teacher/SLT member on the gate know. Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

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.

Communication

This is a particularly busy term for the office team, so please can we ask parents/carers to message us via MCAS or email in the first instance. We are receiving a high volume of calls regarding queries which have already been shared via text, MCAS, emails, website and notice boards.

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.

Drinks at School

Please may we remind you that any bottles in class must be named and can only contain water. Squash can be drunk at lunchtime as part of a packed lunch. No glass/metal bottles are permitted and neither are energy or fizzy drinks.

Bikes & Scooters

Whilst we encourage pupils to cycle or scooter to school, we ask that they are not ridden through the gate and on the playground before and after school. For safety reasons and to avoid accidents, bikes and scooters must only be walked through to the bike shed or gates.

YEAR GROUP UPDATES / NOTICES

RECEPTION

Reception pupils have come back from half term very excited for the next few weeks. We visited a farm on June 11th and 12th and we all had a thoroughly good time. They also have the opportunity to visit the zoo on June 19th. Please ensure you have given permission for your child to attend through MCAS. This half term we are learning all about journeys and holidays! If you have any pictures of your child on holiday please send a copy to school for us to include in our classroom display. We spend a lot of time in our outdoor area so please ensure you send your child to school with a named hat and water bottle.

YEAR 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time at the beach and enjoyed creating artwork with various beach finds, paddling in the sea and building sandcastles. We have been working hard this half term, especially with our writing- making sure each sentence has a capital letter at the beginning and a full stop at the end. We are now beginning to use connectives to join 2 sentences together. In geography this half term, we will be exploring UK geography. There are some fabulous videos on youtube which support learning the ocean names and continents.

YEAR 2

In Year 2 this term, in shared reading, we have started reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. In Science, children will be learning about living things and their habitats, such as life cycles, adapting to environments and pond life. In Geography, we will be focusing on maps and understanding landscapes of the UK.

YEAR 3

In Shared reading we are reading a book called Rumaysa, a fairytale by Radiya Hafiza. It is based on the fairy tales of Rapunzel, Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty. Our Topic for this half term is Geography, we look at the UK, we will be using atlases/digi-maps to look at where we live and also learn about river erosion. The children really enjoyed Glow in the Dark Dodgeball session. In Maths we are looking at measure and number.

YEAR 4

In Shared reading the children will be looking at a new book called 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant' written by Nizrana Farook. During Science lessons we will be focusing on the topics of Materials and the Environment, we have some exciting experiments to carry out! Our Topic for this half term is Geography, we look at the UK, using atlases/digi-maps at where we live and also learn about river erosion. The children have been practising hard daily ready for the Year 4 Multiple Times Table Test which will be carried out in school w/c 9/6/2025.

YEAR 5

Year 5 are looking forward to an exciting term, diving into the adventurous world of *Rooftoppers* by Katherine Rundell in their English lessons. The class has been captivated by the story's themes of courage, curiosity and the power of believing in the impossible. In Science, Year 5 has been exploring light and sound, conducting hands-on experiments to understand how we see and hear the world around us. It's been a fantastic blend of imagination and investigation so far!

YEAR 6

In their final term of Year 6, the children are continuing to enjoy *A Monster Calls*, using the text as inspiration for their writing. They will be creating a non-chronological report about yew trees, linking closely to themes in the book, as well as writing their own spine-tingling scary stories. In Geography, the focus is on exploring the UK and Europe, while in Science, they are learning about the environment before moving on to study the properties of materials. As the end of primary school approaches, the children are also preparing for their transition to high school and getting ready for their much-anticipated end-of-year performance.

SEU1

SEU 1 has had a great start to the term! We had a trip to Felixstowe beach and the children participated in Glow in the Dark Dodgeball at school, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The children in Reception are learning about Journeys and Holidays this term and Years 1 and 2 are learning about the UK. In Science, we have many fun activities planned as we explore Living Things and their Habitats.

SEU2

The children have been enthusiastically engaging with our summer theme of journeys and holidays. We've explored various modes of transport through a range of activities, including messy play, trains and cars. They have particularly enjoyed interactive experiences and have been actively participating in Attention Bucket sessions. These sessions feature fun and engaging activities that are supporting the children in making excellent progress with their attention skills.

We've also been enjoying a selection of stories that link to our theme, such as *Mr Gumpy's Motor Car* and *We're Going on a Train Ride*.

SEU3

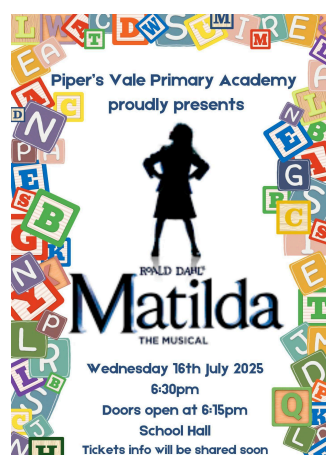
In SEU3, the children have been working well in their Read Write Inc. (RWI) program and we are pleased to see significant progress. Students have advanced to new reading books and are increasingly confident in recognising a wider range of sounds. We have also been focusing on social skills such as turn-taking and sharing. The children have demonstrated great teamwork, supporting one another during games and helping each other to tidy up. In Art, our upcoming

focus will be on textiles and the weaving process. The children will have the opportunity to explore a variety of materials and create their own textile hangings. In Geography, we will be learning about our local environment, the United Kingdom and the countries that form it. Our PE lessons will centre on movement, with an emphasis on exploring different ways of moving to support physical development.

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. If you have not done so yet, please book your spaces here: <https://forms.gle/CYeVZsgimrncyqfbA>. Tickets are limited to **2 per family**. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Year 6 are working hard in rehearsals preparing for their performance of Matilda the musical 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 16th June	Parent Lunch	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 only
Wednesday 16th July	Year 6 production 'Matilda the musical' 6:30pm	Year 6 parents
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

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