



# Newsletter

## Issue 5 Spring 2020

### Message from Mrs Toplis, Head of School

And so we come to the end of another half term and one that has flown by extremely quickly. The nights are slowly getting lighter and there is a feeling that spring is just around the corner.

KS1 have thoroughly enjoyed their oceans and seas topic this half term and really enjoyed their trip to Sheringham. They have learnt about Horatio Nelson and Ellen McArthur and even learnt some sea shanties too.

The reception children have loved their Winter and Abracadabra topics and enjoyed making some fantastic magic potions with a sprinkling of glitter and a good stir from their magic wands.

We have welcomed Mrs Clarke to our staff team this half term. Mrs Clarke is our Pastoral Lead and is there to work with the children in a nurture capacity but also to be there as support to you as parents. If you have any concerns about your child please ask to have a meeting with Mrs Clarke or speak to her on the playground in the mornings.

I wish you a very happy and restful half term. *CE Toplis*



### Dates for your Diary

11.2.20 and 12.2.20 - Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6.30pm  
13.2.20 - BB Sharing Assembly 9.05am

**School finishes for Half Term at 3.15pm on Friday 14th February and we return at 8.50am on Monday 24th February**

26.2.20 - Year 2 Trip to The Aviation Museum  
4.3.20 - Year 1 Trip to The Aviation Museum  
2.3.20 - 6.3.20 - Reading Week  
5.3.20 - World Book Day  
9.3.20 - 13.3.20 - Science Week  
10.3.20 - Science Family Learning Day  
19.3.20 - TT Sharing Assembly 9.05am  
26.3.20 - SS Sharing Assembly 9.05am  
1.4.20 - Spring Assembly (time to be confirmed)

**School finishes for Easter at 3.10pm on Wednesday 1st April and we return at 8.50am on Monday 20th April**

### Reminders

There is no parking at the Jubilee centre on Mondays before or after school as they have a booking in the hall.

If you have no choice but to drive to school, please be considerate with your parking and think about those that live on both Norwich Road and Hungate Street and do not block entrances. BVS have also noted that some people are parking on the yellow zig-zag lines on Hungate Street. This is a safety issue and will be reported to the community policing team.

Please could dinner slips be put in book bags rather than brought to the office on a Monday morning.

We have noticed an increasing number of children who are arriving late for school. School starts at 8.50am and children should be on the playground ready to go in with their class.

### Thank you

We have had a lovely letter from the lifeboat station to thank us for visiting them during our trip to Sheringham. The crew passed on how touched they were by the scrapbook that the children made for them.



Well done John of Gaunt.

## Aylsham Library and the Puppet Theatre

We are really excited to have been involved in the joint venture between Aylsham Library and Norwich Puppet Theatre. I know that lots of the children have made some lovely bird puppets as I have seen them flying into the bird box for collection. All the puppets will be displayed in the library during half term and as you can see from the poster below there is an opportunity to go and see the puppets and also book in to watch a show performed by Norwich Puppet Theatre. If you haven't already joined the library, it would be a great time to do that too as it's a great source of free reading material.



**NORWICH PUPPET THEATRE**

### Beautiful Birds

**Exhibition at Aylsham Library**

See a display of beautiful birds created by pupils from Bure Valley School and John of Gaunt Infants. The exhibition will be on every day during February half term.

Aylsham library will also be hosting a Birds and Beasts workshop on **Sat 15 Feb** and a performance of Norwich Puppet Theatre's *Pied Piper* on **Weds 19 Feb**. Show must be booked in advance. See social media or visit the library for more details.

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# World Book Day and Reading week

As usual, we are planning on celebrating World Book Day again this year. World Book Day is Thursday 5th March and we would love it if your child could come in dressed as their favourite book character. This year we want to celebrate reading even more and so we are planning a whole Reading Week, which will include World Book Day. During the week 2nd - 6th March, we are all going to study an author and share books and tailor our learning to incorporate that author. We have invited some guest readers to come in and share a story with the children and hope that we can immerse them in our love of books.

This year we also want to make this event even bigger, so during the whole of next half term we want to be part of Sharing a Million Stories!!!! Now, that is a lot of stories, so we are going to need your help. We will be sending home a sheet for you to record every story that you read during the half term up until Easter. Remember if you share a story to more than one child then that counts as two towards the million. So if we read a story in assembly then that is 160 towards the million stories shared! Sharing a story is one of the most precious things we can do with our children and research shows that those children who have stories read to them make the most progress at school. We hope that you will really get on board with our pledge to be part of reading a million stories as we love a challenge at John of Gaunt.



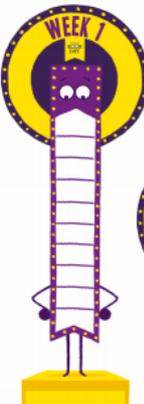
## MY SHARE A MILLION STORIES READING RECORD



COLOUR or TICK a stripe every time you share a story for 10 minutes or more. Remember to ask a grown-up to add your story shares to your profile at the end of each week [worldbookday.com/share-a-million-stories](http://worldbookday.com/share-a-million-stories)

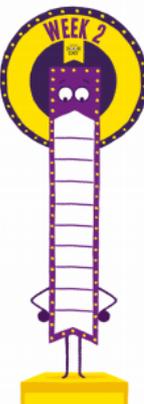
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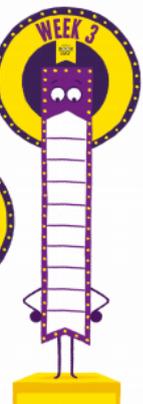
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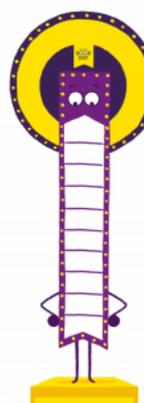
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**WEEK 5**



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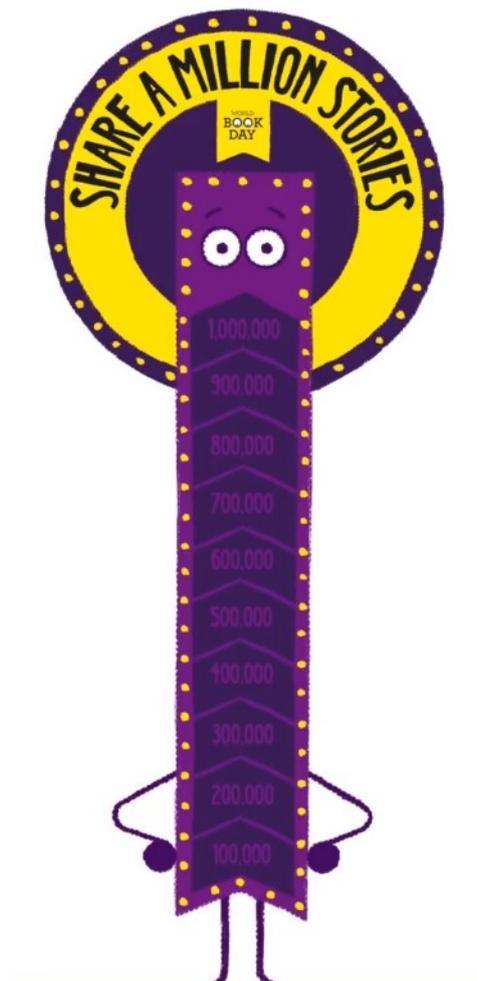
**WEEK 6**



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**Celebrate stories. Love reading.**  
World Book Day is a charity funded by publishers and booksellers in the UK & Ireland.





## Family Learning Day

Our next Family Learning Day is on March 10th from 1.30pm - 3pm. Our Family Learning falls during Science week when we will be doing lots of activities related to Science and STEM and therefore our Family Learning Day is also related to Science. This time we are using an afternoon instead of a morning and you and your child will be able to do two activities, one in their own classroom space and one in another. If you have more than one child at our school and you are coming to the Family Learning afternoon, let us know and we will arrange for your children to be together so you don't have to split yourself.

The children really love sharing their learning with you so I would urge everyone to try to come along. There is no need for you to be a super scientist just be willing to get stuck in!



We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday March 10th.



### John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School Family Learning Afternoon

We would like to invite all parents/carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, younger brothers and sisters to join their child for a fun science themed family learning afternoon on

**Tuesday 10th March**  
**1.30pm - 3pm**

**Our doors will be open to families from 1.15pm**

Refreshments available.

If possible please bring your own lidded refillable cup with you.

Weather permitting we may go outside please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.



**SCIENCE**

## Children's Corner

This is the section of the newsletter for the children's voice. It may be about something that they have been doing in school or a special event.

This newsletter it is the turn of:



The Super Snakes

All about our Abracadabra topic...

I liked the dog, but I still know it was Mrs Gotterson! - Lola

I liked Room on the Broom when the new broom came out of the pot - Connor R

I liked Miss Bullock as the Dragon - Myla G

I liked making a frog for my friend - Harrison

I enjoyed the bit where the witch tapped the broomstick

I enjoyed it when we went to the reading café and we made the spells there and mine erupted - Joshua

I enjoyed making spells - Rowan

I liked the magic paintbrush story. You have a magic paintbrush and when you draw, it comes true - Anna

I thought the dragon was trying to get the witch - Samuel

## Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%.  
Our current figure up to Friday 7th February is

94.3%

The best Class this week was by

Lovely Leopards on 99.3%



THE  
AYLSHAM  
COMMUNITY  
TRUST  
(FAMILIES)

**It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child**

## The Aylsham Community Trust (families) Adult Learning Evening Programme February & March 2020

Our adult learning programme offers trust families a range of opportunities to explore and develop new skills alongside studying to exam level.

*"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young." – Henry Ford*

**Keep Learning. Stay young!**



We have been delighted with the response to the launch of The Aylsham Community Trust (families) Adult Learning Evening Programme.

Several of the courses offered as part of our autumn term programme were heavily oversubscribed – we therefore suggest that if you are interested in joining a course you book your place as soon as possible!

We will be offering our families the opportunity of joining an expanding programme over the coming year and would like to thank Clarion Futures and Victory Housing for their financial support towards delivering this programme.

### French for Beginners

Starts Monday 24th February

Tutor - Stéphanie Bowen

7pm - 9pm

Aylsham High School

A 6 week introductory course to start learning basic holiday French in a relaxed learning environment.

During the course you will have fun learning basic French language skills through a variety of interactive activities. The course will be ideal for those wishing to holiday in France and will include booking a hotel, food shopping and ordering a meal in a restaurant.

This course is designed for complete beginners.

### Sew a Tote Bag from Recycled Materials

Starts Tuesday 25th February

(3 week course)

Tutor - Linda Meers

7pm - 9pm

Aylsham High School

**Come and learn new skills in a relaxed environment.**

During the 3 weeks you will learn hand and machine sewing skills, including how to sew on a button to help you create a lined tote bag from recycled materials. This course is suitable for total beginners and those who wish to improve their basic skills.

All materials supplied.

### Dog Toys!

Starts Tuesday 17th March

(3 week course)

Tutor - Elaine Daykin

7pm - 9pm

Aylsham High School

A 3 week course offering the opportunity for you to meet fellow dog lovers whilst creating hard wearing fleece dog toys and a small snuffle mat to take home for your pooch to enjoy.

There will be an additional non refundable fee of £6.00 towards the cost of materials for this course, payable on the first evening.



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Our courses attract a refundable fee of £10.00 for the full 3 or 6 weeks, which includes examination entrance fees where applicable. The refundable fee must be paid either by cash or cheque to the course tutor on arrival. Unfortunately we are unable to accept card payments. All courses have limited spaces—they are offered on a first come basis.

Following attendance to all 3 or 6 weeks of the course you will be able to either claim back your refundable £10.00 fee or offer it as a donation to The Aylsham Community Trust (families). The Aylsham Community Trust (families) is a registered charity, donations will be used to provide further opportunities and support for our trust families.

Some courses will require a non refundable payment for materials, this is clearly stated where applicable.

**To book a place please contact our Development Officer  
Monica Harding either by e-mail [mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk)  
or phone/text 07780 887348.**

**Please provide your full name plus confirm which school your child(ren)  
attend. Extended family members, including grandparents are also  
welcome to join these courses.**

Unless otherwise stated our courses will be delivered at Aylsham High School. Car parking will normally be available at the front of the main school building. We recommend arriving approximately 5/10 minutes before the start of your course each week in readiness for the course to commence on time.

Refreshments - unfortunately we are unable to offer refreshments during our adult learning courses, but you are welcome to bring your own along.



### Parent Support Advisor



Parenting isn't easy and sometimes things can get tough.  
As a parent/carer you want what is best for your child.

Our Parent Support Advisor is available to listen and support your family with any issues or concerns from home or school you may be facing.

She may not have all of the answers, but she can offer:

- A confidential listening ear
- Help to enable you to express your concerns about your child to the school and act as a link between school and home
- Support and advice if you have concerns about your child's social, emotional or behavioural development, helping you to nip things in the bud before they get serious
- Support with transition – as they start or move between schools
- Give hints and tips about general parenting issues
- Help to find services and other agencies who are available to help you and your family
- Help with issues around school attendance

Carol Flatters is our Trust Parent Support Advisor, she can be contacted by e-mail [cflatters@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:cflatters@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk) or text/telephone 07780 922545.

If you would like to meet Carol she will be at Aylsham High School on the following dates: -

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020

9.30 am – 10.30 am

Please feel free to pop in and see her – no appointment required.

Alternatively contact Carol by e-mail or phone at any time throughout the school year.  
(term time only)



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### Shopping & Saving Money Online

FREE workshop exploring the benefits of being able to shop  
and save money online safely and securely.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

10am - 12.30pm

Venue - Aylsham High School



During the morning there will be an opportunity to get up to date with useful  
money saving websites and services. You will be offered hints and tips to help find  
the best deals and bargains, advised how to compare the market and  
shop online safely and securely.

This workshop will be delivered by the Clarion Futures Team.

For further information or to book your FREE place please contact Monica Harding:  
07780 887348 or email [mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk)



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Day: **Tuesday\***

Time: **10am - 11.30am**

Age: **Pre-School**

(from 2 years upwards)

\* Due to the nature of the sessions, places are  
limited and must be booked in advance



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# SEND local offer

## Family Roadshow

“Listening to children, young people, and their families... supporting inclusion, meeting needs and changing lives together”

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30-13:00 ([Holt Hall](#))

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 10:30-13:00 ([Knight's Hill Hotel, King's Lynn](#))

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30-13:00 ([Kings Centre, Great Yarmouth](#))

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 10:30-13:00 ([Charles Burrell Centre, Thetford](#))

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 10:30-13:00 ([The Willow Centre, Cringleford, Norwich](#))

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30-13:00 ([Pensthorpe, Fakenham](#))

To book your place  
[send@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:send@norfolk.gov.uk)

