



# Newsletter

## Issue 6 Spring 2024

### Message from Mrs Toplis, Headteacher

That's a wrap for the Spring Term and it seems to have flown by.

We are so proud of our lovely school and everybody in it. The children continue to work tirelessly with lots of energy and enthusiasm wowing us each and every day.



Year 1 and 2 had a really super time on Friday last week watching the playground proms at BVS which you might have seen on BBC news. The weather was not very spring like but the children really enjoyed listening to some live music which is such a great experience for them. My thanks to Mrs Taylor at BVS for organising this for us.

We have had a super day today with our Spring Assembly and also our Easter Hat Parade. This is such a lovely tradition at John of Gaunt. Thank you for all your hard work creating the hats. Well done to everyone taking part we hope you enjoyed your little bit of creativity,

Please take note of the calendar to the right for all the upcoming events for the Summer term and pop them on your calendars.

Thank you for all your continued support this half term. Please try and touch base with your child's RWI book over the holidays to keep their skills up, and find lots of opportunities for them to read in everyday life without them even realising!

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter break and see you all at 8.50am on Monday 15th April.



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### Attendance Watch

Our target school attendance figure is 96.0%. Our current figure is 93.9%

The best Class this week was Leopards 95.7%

### Dates for your Diary

**Summer Term starts Monday 15th April 2024**

22/23.4.24 - Reception Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing screening

6.5.24 - May Bank Holiday

7.5.24 - Class Photos

10.5.24 - Year 1 Sharing Assembly

16.5.24 - 9am - 10am: Year 2 Writing Café

21.5.24 - 9am - 10am: Reception Reading Café

22.5.24 - 9am - 10am: Year 1 Maths Café

11.6.24 - Main school family Learning Day

13.6.24 - New Reception Parents for 2024 open evening

22.6.24 - Annual Family Learning Event at AHS

26/27/28.6.24 - Transition Days

4.7.24 - John Bears Nursery Family Learning event

5.7.24 - Sports Day

8.7.24 - Main school open evening

12.7.24 - Main school annual reports sent home

17.7.24 - 9.15am: Year 2 Leavers Assembly

**School finishes for summer on Friday 19th July at 3.10pm**

## Sharing Assemblies

We are delighted to be continuing our sharing assemblies this year with just a little change. Instead of class assemblies there will now be Year Group assemblies so both classes together rather than individually.

Year 1 sharing assembly at 9.15am on Friday 10th May

Reception sharing assembly at 9.15am on Friday 7th June

Year 2 do not have a sharing assembly in the Summer Term as they have their leavers assembly

## Read Write Inc

The children have all done brilliantly this half term considering it was such a short one and they only had 3 weeks between assessments! Remember if your child is on Yellow, Blue or Grey level this is one where they have a whole term in order to consolidate their reading and especially their fluency.

Just a reminder that the children's book wallets need to be taken out for reading but then put back in their book bags so that they are always in school.

Recently we have had a number of families who have mislaid their books or they have not been taken care of. Whilst we definitely want the children to read they do need to be taught how to respect property and this includes our books. When we do not have books returned this costs the school to replace them. Budgets in schools are extremely tight and money spent on lost or ruined books means less money for other areas of schooling.

Please can we all try hard to keep book wallets in book bags, look after our books and have a hunt for those that have been lost.

Thanks you for your support with this.

The logo for Read Write Inc. Phonics. It features the text "Read Write Inc." in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font with a black outline, set against a teal background. Below it, the word "Phonics" is written in a white, sans-serif font on a white background.

## Miles for March

A huge well done to our wonderful Year 2's and the staff, for running a mile every day in March to raise money for FoJoG, which in turn supports all the children. They have run no matter what the weather and March 1st was a truly special one to start them off!

Mr Blake (who is an expert runner) was truly challenged by the speed of some of our Year 2's.

## Reminders

**Just a couple of reminders:**

- **John of Gaunt is a non smoking site and this includes vaping**
- **John of Gaunt and Bure Valley are dog free sites (please do not tie dogs at the gates either)**
- **Please do not park in the entrance to the nursery car park (before the barriers) it stops vehicles being able to access the car park including the bin lorry and emergency vehicles.**

## Punctuality

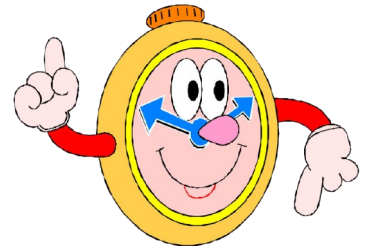
Just a little reminder that school starts at 8.50am and finished at 3.10pm.

We have noticed an increase in lateness over this term which does have an impact on the children both in terms of their feelings and their learning. Turning up late to class when all the rest are settled is an uncomfortable feeling for a child.

Being late also has an impact on office staff who need to deliver children to their classroom, update registers and order dinners.

Please try to be ready on the playgrounds for 8.50am so that your child can go in with all their friends and start their day as they should.

On another note if you are late, please do not drive into the school grounds to drop your child off - you still need to park off site and walk in.



## New Staff

We have welcomed Mrs Brooker to our lunchtime team this week. Mrs Brooker has a long standing history with John of Gaunt so she is not a new face for the staff but is for the children.

Mrs Brooker will be lunchtime support for the Giraffe class but all children will get to know her out on the playground.

## Summer term uniform

Just a reminder that as the weather gets warmer (hopefully) across the course of the term then children are welcome to wear blue gingham dresses or grey shorts. On PE days they can wear their sports shorts instead of leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

During the Summer term we do use outside more for PE so they will need plimsolls or trainers (velcro only please) so that they are not doing PE in their school shoes.

On warm days please think about hats, suncream and water bottles.

## Comic Relief



We raised a whopping £158.25 for Comic Relief.  
Thank you for all your contributions.



# Friends of John of Gaunt News Update

Thanks to everyone who donated to our fundraising mufti day last half term, we made £112.82 which will go towards supporting the school to provide trips, visits and extra fun activities for all children in school.

## March Miles!

We would like to say a huge WELL DONE to our very sporting year 2s who have been running a mile every school day throughout March! That's a total of 18 miles. Phew!

All money raised from this fun run will be used to benefit all year groups. Please return sponsor money by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.







**Aylsham High School**  
**Thursday 25th April**  
**6.30 pm - 8.30 pm**



**Mini Hand Tied Jam Jar Arrangement**

During this FREE workshop you will work with Charlene to create a mini hand tied arrangement in a jam jar, wrapped with birch twigs using seasonal flowers and foliage.



Resources such as birch twigs, seasonal flowers/foilage, jam jar and tools will be provided.

Limited places available, please book your place by completing the booking form.  
 For further information please contact:  
 Monica Harding—mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk or text 07780887348.

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Norfolk County Council to deliver a range of learning opportunities for our families through a government funded programme called Multiply which aims to support adults to build confidence with numeracy skills.



**DYSLEXIA AWARENESS**

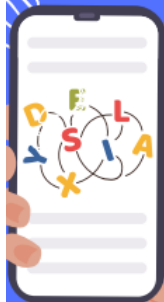
*Aylsham High School*

**Thursday 25th April**  
**12.30 pm - 2.45 pm**

*Arrivals from 12.15 pm*

Come along to a free workshop delivered by our Dyslexia Outreach Service.

You can gain:



- a greater understanding of what dyslexia is.
- knowledge of how dyslexia can affect a young person in their learning.
- knowledge of how to help at home if your child has difficulties with literacy.
- a useful take home booklet with tips and resources to support your child with reading, writing and spelling.

Please book your place with Monica Harding our Family Learning Co-ordinator:  
 mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk  
 or telephone/text 07780 887348



# OPEN MORNING

**John Bear's Nursery, Aylsham**  
**Saturday 27th April - 10am to 12noon**

**Come along to our stay and play open morning to meet our friendly team of staff and find out what our nursery can offer your family.**



The stay and play morning is open to families who are new to the nursery with children aged from birth to 4 years.

**Please scan the QR code for more information and to let us know you'll be joining us.**



**We're excited to announce that we're now enrolling 2 year olds for September 2024**





**Meet the Mini Monsters!**  
**Aylsham Heritage Centre**  
**Friday April 5th**  
**11 - 12 £8 per child**



**Mini  
Monsters**

**Book @ [www.aylshamheritage.com](http://www.aylshamheritage.com)**



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## **Eastern Shotokan Karate Association**

Wednesday 3rd April 10:30am - 2:30pm

Thursday 4th April 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday 5th April 10:30am - 2:30pm

Wednesday 10th April 10:30am - 2:30pm

Thursday 11th April 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday 12th April 10:30am - 2:30pm

**Booking now open**  
**Sign up today!**



<https://www.everymove.uk/providers/eastern-shotokan-karate-association/activities/karate-training-at-the-dojo-norwich-eska-easter-bnhf>



# EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS



## Sports Camp Activities Include

- MULTI SPORTS
- DODGEBALL
- NERF COMBAT
- BASKETBALL
- TAG RUGBY
- AND MUCH MORE!

## Creativity Camp Activities Include

- FREE PLAY
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- FILMS
- DEN BUILDING
- BOARD GAMES
- CARDS



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## HOW TO BOOK:

- Head to the 'Camps and Clubs' section on our website and create an account on our booking system, iPal. After an account has been created and your child has been registered, you will find a list of our camps to book onto.
- There is a tutorial video on our website showing how to use the system!

**Regular Time (9am - 3pm) - £16**  
**Extra Time (8:30am - 4pm) - £20**  
**3 Regular Time Spaces - £8 Credit Earned**  
**3 Extra Time Spaces - £10 Credit Earned**

Children will need a packed lunch, plenty to drink, suitable clothing/footwear and bundles of energy for the day!

## MULTI-BOOKING REWARD:

When booking multiple spaces, you will be rewarded with account credit, which can be redeemed on future camps! The credit you earn through our multi-booking deal will be added to your iPal account wallet. 😊  
 To redeem your credit, you **MUST** get in touch with us, confirming you have booked 3 or more spaces.

**Ages 5-12 Years Old**

[www.activeeducation.info/camps-and-clubs](http://www.activeeducation.info/camps-and-clubs)



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# EASTER HOLIDAYS CALENDAR!



**Creativity camps will run alongside our normal sports camps, same venue, same times, SAME PRICE!**  
**If children wish to jump from creative to sports or vice versa at any point throughout the day, they are welcome to do so.**

Monday 1st April	Tuesday 2nd April	Wednesday 3rd April	Thursday 4th April	Friday 5th April
<b>Bank</b>	Lyng Village Hall Dodgeball/Nerf	Astley Primary School Dodgeball/Nerf	Lyng Village Hall Multi Sports	Astley Primary School Dodgeball/Nerf
<b>Holiday</b>	Fakenham Junior School Multi Sports	Cromer Junior School Dodgeball/Nerf	Fakenham Junior School Dodgeball/Nerf	Cromer Junior School Multi Sports
Monday 8th April	Tuesday 9th April	Wednesday 10th April	Thursday 11th April	Friday 12th April
Astley Primary School Multi Sports	Roughton St. Mary's School Dodgeball/Nerf	Astley Primary School Dodgeball/Nerf	Roughton St. Mary's School Dodgrball/Nerf	Astley Primary School Multi Sports
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