

Newsletter Spring Term 1 Collective Worship Theme: Courage

Wow, this term has been jam packed with activity! Here are some of the wonderful activities the children have been doing here at Wetheringsett...



Maths Day 2025:

On Monday 27th January all children took part in Maths activities based around 'Maths in the Workplace'. They explored how maths is used and applied in real life. We started the day with a collective worship to introduce the topic about how different members of the community use maths in their work lives. Thank you to all parents and guardians who sent in information about how they use

maths in their jobs.

Website links:

<https://www.wetheringsett.suffolk.sch.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=75>

<https://www.wetheringsett.suffolk.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=76&gcatid=18>

National Story Telling week

Sycamore and Chestnut class took part in National Storytelling week today. The theme for this year was 'Reimagine Your World,' which involved the concept that the most extraordinary story can come from the most ordinary place.

To start off the morning, the children were lucky enough to spend time online with an award winning author- Tola Okogwu. During this online session, the children were taken through Tola's writing process and were able to work with her to refine ideas for a story about a superhero. Next, the children worked in mixed age groups, using the same writing process to come up with a superhero story of their own. The inspiring session from Tola ensured a buzz in the classroom as the children busily began writing down their own ideas.



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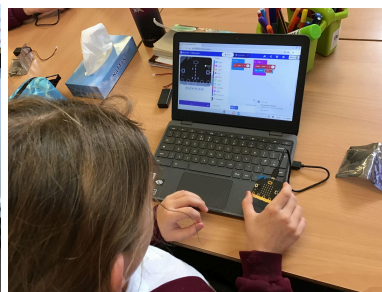
Gruffalo Reading Challenge Reward

On Monday 3rd of February the children had a reward for completing the Gruffalo reading challenge, to read enough books equivalent to the height of the Gruffalo. All the children had a special story time with hot chocolate and a biscuit at the end of the school day.



Computing: Microbits and Adastral Park Visit

KS2 have been learning how to code Microbits. They have written algorithms (a sequence of instructions to make something happen) on our Chromebooks and downloaded these onto the Microbits. So far they have been able to make the Microbit continuously scroll their name, make a beating heart animation and create their own icons to develop their own short animations.



Chestnut Class had a fabulously inspiring day today at Adastral Park. They started the morning by seeing a self-drive bus negotiate itself around the car park and then explored this concept by programming their own Edison robots to stop at bus stops and pick up passengers. After that, the class were able to take their microbit skills to the next level by programming them to detect that soil was too dry, so the farmer needed to water their plants. Or finding that the atmosphere was too dark, so the farmer needed to give their plants more light. After lunch, the children enjoyed listening to why a technology career is suitable for both genders during an inclusivity workshop.



We finished the day on a high with the showcase workshop where we got to investigate many 'wow' moments with some very cleand helpful technology.

Website links: <https://www.wetheringsett.suffolk.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=77&gcatid=16>

<https://www.wetheringsett.suffolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Adastral+Park&pid=94>



Muslim Visitor in KS2

Chestnut and Sycamore class had a visit from Mr Mo, a practising Muslim. He talked about the importance of prayer and how the Qur'an is treated.

Mr Mo Spoke about Salat which is where Muslims pray 5 times a day. He showed us how Muslims prepare for prayer by ceremonial washing (Wudu). He talked about needing to face the Ka'bah to pray.

Website link: <https://www.wetheringsett.suffolk.sch.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=78>

Playtimes

A reminder at this time of year the children need to bring in either wellies, so they can play in the garden or a spare pair of trainers and socks to play football on the field. Please note that studded footwear is not suitable as the children will not be wearing shin pads. Spare socks will be required as the children may get wet feet from the grass.



Friends:

A huge thank you to Friends who have put on another range of activities again this year, including a disco, break the rules day and a weekly Tuck Shop. Their fundraising and your contributions have meant they have been able to pay towards transport to the pantomime, Stow Saxon Village, Adastral Park and support other activities in school. We have other exciting things coming up in the Summer Term that the Friends have also offered to pay for and contribute to.

On the 14th of February they are organising a Wear what you love -non uniform day, for a suggested donation of £1 followed by a bake sale at 3.15pm.

Important Dates

Date	
10/02/2025	Tractors in Schools
14/02/2025	Wear what you love day and Valentine Tuck shop
14/02/2025	Break up for half term
24/02/2025	Back to school after half term
11/03/2025	Lime and Sycamore Class trip to Banham Zoo
14/03/2025	Orienteering KS2
27/03/2025	Mother's Day Lunch
31/03/2025	Year 6 Debenham High School Liason Morning
03/04/2025	Easter Service
04/04/2025	PD Day
22/04/2025	Back to school after Easter

We are always pleased to hear your reactions to events at school and plan to keep communicating these with you by newsletter, our newly designed website and social media pages.

Please see the links above which cross reference these learning opportunities with further information on our website.