



Newsletter Spring 2026

This term's value: Perseverance

Art Voucher



The children and staff in school were thrilled to learn that they were one of the winners of the EADT Art Tokens collection, winning a £100 voucher. Thank you to all parents and guardians that collected the tokens and spread the word far and wide. The art voucher will replenish all types of artistic media that we will be using over the next few terms.



Mental Health Awareness Week

The week commencing the 2nd of February was Mental Health Awareness week. As part of the

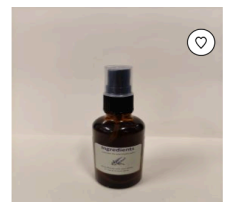
activities in school some pupils from Debenham High School came to the school to talk about the importance of a good sleep routine, limiting time on devices before bedtime and the positive effects of sleep on wellbeing. As part of this they have created an enterprise called Zen Trading Station which sells items that promote and assist with sleep, and we are sharing the link with you here in the hope that you will support them and their initiative. Here are some of the products on offer: [Zen Trading Station](#)



Zen Child Wellness Kit
£10.00



Zen Adult Wellness Kit
£15.00



Zen Sleep Mists
£5.00

National Storytelling Week

Last week was National Storytelling Week, so KS2 took part in a National Literacy Trust webinar with author Alim Kamara. The children learnt all about using rap (rhythm and poetry) to tell stories and to express themselves. The theme was 'Soundtrack your story' and the children had a go at writing about using their own superpowers for good. The children came up with some great superpowers they have, including being bold, brave, inclusive, powerful, kind, resilient and imaginative. The children used bars of 4 beats to achieve rhythm in their raps. Well done, Chestnut and Sycamore classes!

An example rap about Kindness by Molly:

*Be kind with me,
Come on, just try and see.
You will feel good,
Take off your hood.
All you need is a smile,
Let's go the extra mile.
Don't think just about yourself,
It's not good for your health.
Make a new friend,
You can all blend.
I need to rest my head,
And go to bed,
Goodbye everyone,
This rap is now done!*



Forest School

To tie in with Chestnut Class' History learning on the Vikings, KS2 have been making bows and arrows, spears and a Viking Longship in Forest School. They also looked at pictures of Viking coins and used an aluminium sheet to make markings and cut out their own version of Viking coins.



Free Breakfast Club

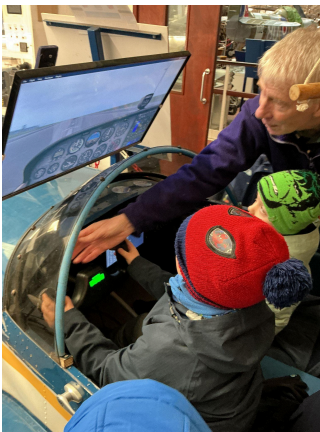


The children have enjoyed trying to make a big domino rally after their breakfast each morning. Working as a team and persevering when the dominoes get knocked over, they have made some impressive domino extravaganzas.

Thank you to Tommy and Ayda's mum and Mrs Diwan who both donated boxes of dominoes.

Lime Class Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum trip:

On Tuesday, Lime Class went to the Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum to link with their History learning. During the trip the children learnt all about the Wright Brothers, the names of different parts of the aeroplane and got to experience walking onto aeroplanes to see how they work. They all had an amazing time and their behaviour was described as impeccable by the museum volunteers.



Chestnut Class Drama Workshop:

On Tuesday Chestnut Class had the first of 2 drama workshops through the Tiny Play, Big Ideas scheme which is run by the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds. The children worked with a professional playwright to learn all about the bare bone of playwriting and discussed how to get their play off the ground. By the end of the

2nd workshop the children will all have written a short 4 minute play in groups. A winning play from each school taking part in the scheme will be performed on stage by professional actors during a performance at the Theatre Royal on 24th March.



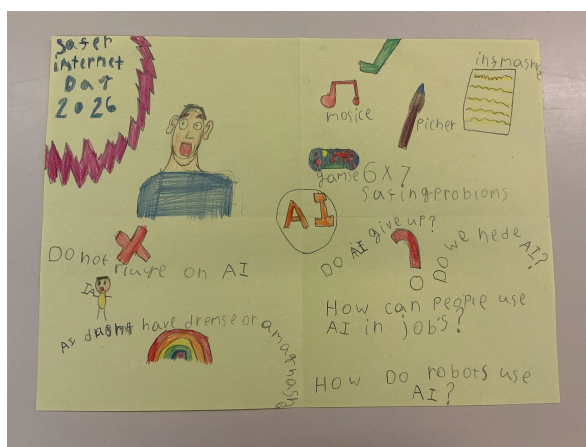
KS2 Orienteering Trip:

The children in Key Stage Two had a brilliant time using their map work skills to complete several different orienteering activities on 12th February. They worked in pairs and small groups to navigate their way around the field at Hartismere High School following a map and getting to as many control points as possible. The children behaved impeccably despite the chilly weather conditions.



Safer Internet Day:

Safer internet day 2026 was on Tuesday 10th February. Mrs Plowman held a collective worship for the children on internet safety which covered many different safety tips from AI to what to share and not share on the internet. After the collective worship, some classes completed internet safety posters to help them recall their learning.



Here is a link to a parents' guide to safer internet day:

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/the-parents-guide-to-safer-internet-day>



I Love Baking Competition:

A huge thank you to all of the children who took part in the I love baking competition. After a lot of careful decision making Mrs Wallis picked the winning cakes. Congratulations to our 2 winners: Lexi Souster for best decorated and William Alexander for best baked.

During the bake sale after school, an impressive £40 was raised for the school. Thank you to friends for organising the competition and sale. We are all very lucky to have you supporting our school.



Important Dates:

Date	
13/2/26	Break up for half-term
23/2/26	Back to school
24/2/26	Chestnut Class Drama workshop
5/03/26	World Book Day
12/03/26	Mother's Day Lunch
w/c 16/03/2026	Parent and Guardian Consultations- Please book on MCAS
20/03/26	Comic Relief Day
23/03/26	Debenham High School Liason Day for Yr6
24/03/26	Chestnut Trip to Theatre Royal, Bury St.Edmunds
26/03/26	Easter Service in the church 2.15pm
27/03/26	Break up for Easter

Ms Wallis Executive Headteacher and Mrs Diwan Head of School