

# Newsletter

## Thank you!

Thank you to all parents/carers who have generously bought staff gifts and for your cards and well-wishes. We wish all our families a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year on Monday 6 January.

## Last day of term – tomorrow - 20 December – School closes at 1.30pm

It will be **Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day tomorrow** – £1.00 donations requested to go towards school funds for playground equipment.

## Dates for early Spring:

<b>School reopens</b>	<b>Monday 6 January 2025</b>
Friday 17 January	No Suffolks tea-time club
Thursday 23 January	3Olusoga class assembly 9-9.20am
Monday 3 February -	Book Fair
Thursday 6 February	3Ramirez class assembly 9-9.20am

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Winter Sale, it was a real success!

## Brain of Carterhatch quiz

Thank you to our wonderful quizzers who took place in the Brain of Carterhatch quiz today! It was very close – with the winner being decided by **three** tie-break questions! As huge thank you to our contestants:

**Year 3:** Ariba, Oluwadarasimi, Derin

**Year 4:** Eflin, Roj, Alya

**Year 5:** Catalin, Joshua, Sadra

**Year 6:** Umaizah, Riley, Kaan

The pupils competed in their “families” with Emerald winning by just one point!

## Message from Androulla Nicou, Chief Executive Officer of our Trust

Please see [Holiday Season Message to Our Connect Family of Schools.pdf](#) and also an overview of all our schools’ work over the last year click on this link - <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/e00e4f96f2.html>



## Author of Spring term

We are excited to announce our author for Spring term will be Bali Rai. We have booked him to visit our school on Thursday 9 January.

**He will be signing books during the school day so please check out his book list and buy a book in advance and bring it along on Thursday for a personal signing.**

As the children visit the library next term, they'll have the opportunity to explore a range of his titles and delve into his rich, relatable narratives that inspire and captivate readers.

## Book Fair



We are pleased to announce our next Book Fair will take place from Monday 3 February 2025 until Thursday 6 February 2025 inclusive.

Please come along - each book purchased contributes to the school receiving free books to support reading for pleasure.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## For Parents - Roblox Major Safety Updates

Last week Roblox, the game used by 90 million people daily, announced some major updates which are available to users and parents. The rollout has already started and will be fully implemented by March 2025. These safety updates include:

- Limits to how children under 13 can communicate.
- Parental controls accessible from the parents phone rather from the child's device (remote management)

To see an explanation of all the new features visit the Roblox website [HERE](#). You can also see the full guide to Roblox parental controls on the Internet Matters website [HERE](#).

## Keep your child safe online

Thanks to those who attended the Local Authority launch of their new Online Safety guidance. Here is the link to their new guidance. [Keep Your Child Safe Online Guide 2024 \(1\).pdf](#)

# Congratulations

## Success Certificates

Congratulations! The pupils awarded success certificates since our last newsletter are:

**Year 3:** Henry, Alin, Layla, Talia

**Year 4:** Maya, Emmanuel

**Year 5:**

**Year 6:** Esther, Rhema, Liam, Andreas, Arche, Yusuf

## Always Stars

Our "Always Stars" are awarded an enamel badge to wear to school every day to show that they always work hard and uphold our school values, are a good role model and are proud to be part of our school. They are always a credit to our school and their families. Our pupils have the opportunity to become an 'Always Star' once during their time in Years 3 and 4 and once again during Years 5 and 6.

The pupils awarded an "Always Star" badge since our last newsletter are:

Year 3: Melike, Ceylla

Year 4: Alan Junior,

Year 5: Miki

Year 6: Jasper, Tyana

## Congratulations for Best Attendance in December

6 December 5 Vaughan 97.6%

13 December 5 Vaughan 97.9%



## Dates for your Diary

20 December	Christmas Jumper day - £1 donation to school funds
20 December	Last day 1.30pm finish - No Suffolks Tea-Time Club
<b>21 Dec-3 Jan</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays - school closed</b>
<b>6 January</b>	<b>School re-opens for all pupils</b>



## Term dates

### 2025

6 January	Pupils return to school
17 January	No Suffolks Tea-Time Club
<b>17-21 February</b>	<b>Half Term - school closed</b>
<b>24 February</b>	<b>Inset day - school closed</b>
25 February	Pupils return to school
4 April	Last day 1.30pm finish - No Suffolks Tea-Time Club
<b>7-21 April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays - school closed</b>
22 April	Pupils return to school
<b>2 May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday - school closed</b>
<b>26-30 May</b>	<b>Half term - school closed</b>
2 June	Pupils return to school
18 July	Last day of Summer Term 1.30pm finish - No Suffolks Tea-Time Club
<b>21-22 July</b>	<b>Inset days - school closed</b>
<b>23 July-29 August</b>	<b>Summer Holidays - school closed</b>

[School term dates for 2025-2026](#) are also on our website

**Please note November inset days – staff training days – have changed.**