



## OFSTED Report

As you will be aware, the school received a visit from Her Majesty's Inspectorate during the last few days before Easter. Thank you to the families who were able to complete the parent survey as we appreciate that this was very short notice.

This was an 'ungraded' inspection, a type of interim review, where OFSTED try to determine whether the school is maintaining its previous levels of good-to-outstanding education or not. We were hoping that this would recognize the significant progress that we have made since 2020 and trigger a full inspection for Outstanding in 12 months' time. However, as the government announced in September that the judgement of Outstanding will no longer be used, we are only likely to receive a further visit should our standards be judged as lower than in 2020, either Requires Improvement or Inadequate. This outcome, as well as a summary of their findings, will be outlined in a report due to be published in the next week or two.

## Feedback on Changes to Lunchtime

Last term, we made a couple of small changes to the way in which the pupils ate their lunch. Even though the overall lunch remained the same, the biggest difference was moving from a staggered lunch for each phase to a more traditional switching model with one phase being outside for the first half (whilst the other eats in the hall) and then vice versa in the second half. We also introduced a 10-minute quiet eating period, in which the children are asked to eat rather than talk before a more relaxed eating environment is allowed.

Whilst we accept that some pupils prefer the old approach, from our perspective this has been a huge success that we wish to continue with the following aims achieved:

- As our food waste is collected separately and weighed, it is clear that these steps have resulted in a significant increase in the amount of food being eaten and a reduction of waste.
- We have purposely asked Year 1-4 to play first before eating and then returning to class after lunch – again, our records show a positive impact with only 6 recorded issues in the last three weeks of the Spring term for these 180 pupils.
- The level of accidents at play have also reduced, with an 18% reduction in the three weeks after the changed, compared to the three weeks prior.

## Hats and Suncream

We would encourage children to attend school with hats and cream during warm weather. However, we do not apply our 'no hat, no play' rule until after half term. In addition, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school everyday and continue to send your KS2 child with their tie and we will ask them to place them in their desks if it reaches a certain temperature.

## Additional Play Equipment

We are very grateful to have two new additional activities on the Junior playground: a new climbing wall and two electronic active walls. These have been funded in the main through one parent's, Mrs Howard, work with the local parish council and the new development taking hold in South Wootton, with some additional funding from the PTA around their installation.

As fun as they are, please could we remind families that our insurance does not allow the children to use these before and after school and we would appreciate your support with this.

## Extended Care

With the warmer weather and lighter skies, the extended care team will be letting the pupils play on the Junior Playground whenever possible. If you are able to see them outside, please feel free to collect your child from the Tesco gate if this is more convenient.

## Diary Dates

MAY			
5th	Monday		Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed
6th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Pine Class - Additional PE
6th	Tuesday	13:15 - 15:00	Mental Health Support Team - Y6 Worries
7th		19:00	PTA meeting
8th	Thursday	13:00 - 15:00	Reception Hearing and Vision check
12th - 15th	Mon - Fri		KS2 SAT's
13th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Additional PE - Conkers Class
16th	Friday	9:00 - 15:00	Yr 5 Perform Shakespeare at Kings Lynn Minster
16th	Friday	12:30	Yr6 to watch Shakespeare performances at Kings Lynn Minster
19th	Monday	10:00 - 14:45	KWIK Cricket Tournament - NRCC - Y5/6 Selected children
20th	Tuesday	9:30-11:00	Den Day Years 1-6
23rd	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Y3/4 Mini Tennis Competition - Lynnsport - Selected children
26th - 30th	Mon - Fri		Half Term
JUNE			
2nd	Monday		Children return to school
2nd	Monday	10:00 - 15:00	KWIK Cricket Finals - NRCC - Y6 Selected children
2nd - 13th			Year 4 Statutory MTC
3rd	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Fir Class - Additional PE
3rd	Tuesday	9:00 - 12:00	Mental Health Support Team - Y6 Transition
3rd	Tuesday	11:15	KES Teachers to visit Y6's
4th	Thursday	9:45	Springwood High School Teachers to visit Y6's
9th - 13th	Mon - Fri		KS1 SAT's
10th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Willow Class - Additional PE
12th	Thursday	19:00 - 20:00	New Reception Intake 2025 - Parent Meeting
16th	Monday	10:00 - 11:30	KS1 Active Kids Festival - Lynnsport - selected children
17th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Maple Class - Additional PE
17th	Tuesday	15:30 - 16:15	Welcome to Year 5 meeting - Year 4 parents
19th	Thursday	18:00	Y6 Public Speaking Competition at COWA
20th	Friday	9:30 - 11:30	KS2 Sports Day
20th	Friday	13:15 - 14:30	KS1 Sports Day
20th	Friday	15:30 - 16:15	Welcome to Year 6 Meeting - Year 5 Parents
23rd	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Y5/6 Quadkids Athletics - Selected Children
24th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Cedar Class - Additional PE
24th	Tuesday		KS2 Project Morning
24th	Tuesday	15:30 - 16:15	Passport to Juniors Meeting - Year 2 parents
25th	Wednesday		Rowan class last swimming lesson
25th - 27th	Wed-Fri		KLA Transition Days for Year 6
27th	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Mini Tennis Competition - Lynnsport - Y5/6 Selected children
27th	Friday	13:30	EYFS Sports Day