



Olympic Athlete Visit for Children's Mental Health Week (9th-15th Feb)

The last week of this term is Children's Mental Health Week. As a school, we believe strongly that sport and leading an active life is one of the best ways in which we can teach our pupils to look after their mental health. Therefore, we are working together with a charity - *Great Athletes* - to bring an Olympic athlete into the school for the day: Alice Sharpe, a team cyclist who competed in the 2024 Paris Olympics. She will be visiting the school on Tuesday 10th February to inspire the pupils with her sporting story as well as leading a short workout session with each class. Therefore, all pupils will **need to wear their PE clothing on this day**.

This is a sponsored event where the charity is asking for a donation in order to support their work in schools, as well as potentially contributing towards our continued commitment to active play. Therefore, we have attached a sponsorship form which explains how contributions can be given electronically or by handing this into the class teacher. It is important that the forms are completed, as the organisation provides stickers etc. to those who contribute.

Heritage Day (Friday 13th Feb)

Another key event that we hold each spring term is Heritage Day – a day in which we like to celebrate the diverse backgrounds that our school community originates from as well as developing our pride of living in West Norfolk.

During this non-uniform day, we encourage families to send their children in any outfit that can represent an aspect of their heritage ranging from traditional clothing to sports kits, from white t-shirts with a county flag stuck on, to a North Wootton jumper. As always please do not feel like something has to be bought, we are just looking for the opportunity to learn something new about each other.

As this is a Friday, we will be **moving Year 1-2 PE to Thursday** for this week to prevent any wardrobe conflicts. As this is a full non-uniform day, we would normally use this to raise money for local charities. However, as we have a money-raising event earlier in the week, we will not be asking for any money for this year's Heritage Day.

Could you be a School Governor?

We are very fortunate to have a stable Academy Council that acts as a governing body for the school. Currently, we have four parents and ex-parents in this role but we are looking to add at least two additional members. In terms of commitment, we meet for 90 minutes, 5 times a year at 7pm with the option of joining online or in person. There is approximately 4 hours of annual training and we would like at least 3 school visits per year. Therefore, we hope it is not a huge workload for what is of great benefit to your child's education. If you are interested, please speak with myself or email the office or the trust: deborah.hinks@eastern-mat.co.uk.

Parent Teacher Association

We had a cracking start to the school year with our Bingo, Christmas Fair and Christmas Disco. In 2026 we have lots of great events planned, kicking off with the Bingo - 19th March. Tickets will be on sale soon on Scopay.

At the end of March we'll be having our annual Easter egg hunt in school and our Easter raffle so please look out for your raffle tickets which will be coming home with your children after half term.

We are always taking donations of your preloved uniform and are still asking for any unwanted Christmas jumpers as we're hoping to do a sale much earlier next Christmas. You can find the bins in reception.

The garden project should be complete by Easter and we can't wait for that.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming events.

Key Year 6 Dates

A number of parents have asked if we could publish some key dates for what will be the last events for their Year 6 children at the school:

Sport's Day – Friday 19th June

Leaver's Performance and Graduation – Wednesday 15th July

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY			
3rd	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Pine class - Additional PE session
9th - 15th	Monday-Friday		Children's Mental Health Week
10th	Tuesday		Great Athlete Event - Sponsored Fitness Circuit with Alice Sharpe
10th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Oak class - Additional PE session
10th	Tuesday	15:30 - 18:30	Parent Teacher Meetings
12th	Thursday	16:00 - 19:00	Parent Teacher Meetings
13th	Friday		Love West Norfolk Heritage Day - Non Uniform
16th - 20th	Monday - Friday		Half Term
23rd	Monday		Children return to school
24th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Willow class - Additional PE session
MARCH			
2nd	Monday	15:30 - 16:15	MTC Parent awareness session - Year 4 parents
3rd	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Maple class - Additional PE session
5th	Thursday		World Book Day
10th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Rowan class - Additional PE session
10th	Tuesday	10:00 - 11:45	Dance Festival - Selected children
16th	Monday		KS2 Homework Project Morning
17th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Acorns class - Additional PE session
19th	Thursday	9:00 - 12:00	Class Group Photos
19th	Thursday	18:30	PTA Bingo
20th	Friday		Comic Relief Day
24th	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:00	Conkers class - Additional PE session
25th	Wednesday	9:00 - 11:00	Last swimming lesson for Y5s
26th	Thursday		PTA Easter Egg Hunt
26th	Thursday	13:00	Y5 Shakespeare Workshop
27th	Friday	9:00	PTA Easter Raffle Assembly
27th	Friday		Last day of term
30th - 10th Apr			Easter Holidays