# Surlingham Primary School

## Newsletter 6.11.26

It has been a lovely week in school, with the children settling quickly into their routines and engaging enthusiastically in their learning.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils particularly enjoyed their recent **Play Leader Training** and returned bursting with ideas! We are looking forward to seeing them put their plans into action as they lead games and activities for other children at playtimes.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our older pupils to develop their confidence, leadership and teamwork skills, while helping to make playtimes even more active and enjoyable for everyone. We can't wait to see their ideas come to life! 😊🌟

**Willow Class Travel Back to the Ancient Maya**



Willow Class have made an exciting start to their new history topic on the Ancient Maya. The children began by investigating artefacts and using their detective skills to work out what they could tell us about this fascinating civilisation.



I was lucky enough to see the class enjoying a lively game of Pok-a-Tok yesterday, and they were clearly having a fantastic time! The ancient Mesoamerican ball game challenged the children to work together and move the ball without using their hands or feet, leading to plenty of laughter and teamwork.

To round off the lesson, the children sampled a Maya-inspired hot chocolate with chilli powder. Some enjoyed the spicy twist, while others were less convinced!

What a memorable way to begin learning about this remarkable civilisation. We look forward to hearing more about their discoveries in the weeks ahead.







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**🎨 Beautiful work from Hawthorn Class! 🎨**

As their final art project before half term, Hawthorn Class have been learning about the artist **Paul Klee**. We explored his use of repeated geometric shapes, contrasting colours and different hues, and used these techniques to inspire our own artwork.

Drawing inspiration from both local and international buildings, the children created their own stunning paintings, combining creativity with the artistic styles and techniques we have been studying.



## ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance this year is 97%. This week our attendance was 95.6%

**Firework night celebrations**

This week, the children learned all about Bonfire Night and why it is celebrated on 5th November. They travelled back to 1605 to discover the story of the Gunpowder Plot and learned why fireworks remain an important part of the celebrations today.

The children then put their creativity to work by designing their own colourful firework pictures, inspired by the spectacular displays we see at this time of year.

Well done, everyone, for your enthusiastic learning and fantastic artwork! 🎇✨



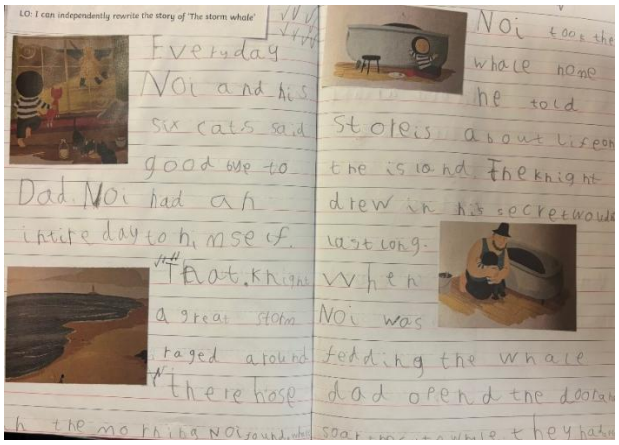
**Celebrating Handwriting at Surlingham**

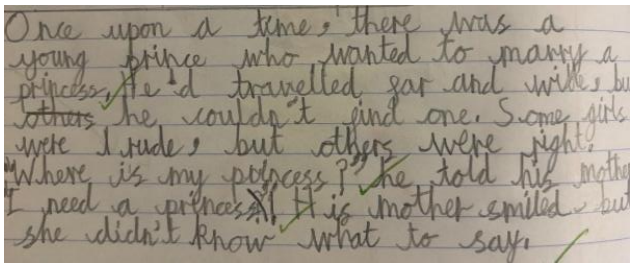
One of the many highlights from our recent inspection was the positive feedback we received about the presentation of our children's work. We are incredibly proud of the high standards of handwriting and pride in learning that can be seen throughout the school.

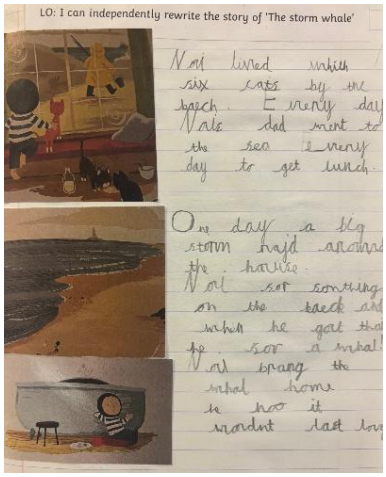
This week, staff took part in a fascinating professional development meeting focused on handwriting progression from Reception through to Year 6. Looking at children's work across the year groups provided a wonderful opportunity to see the remarkable journey our pupils make as writers.

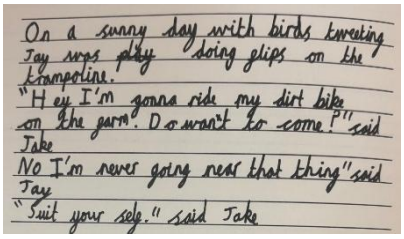
From those first tentative pencil marks and carefully formed letters in Reception, through to the fluent, joined and confident handwriting of our oldest pupils, it is inspiring to see how skills develop over time. High-quality handwriting is about much more than neat presentation; it supports spelling, composition, confidence and communication, enabling children to express their ideas effectively.

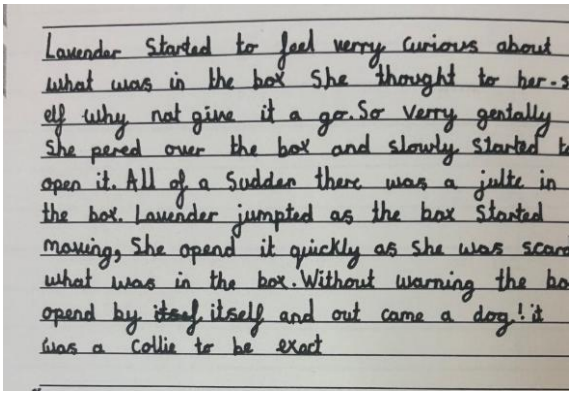
Strong handwriting habits established in primary school provide an important foundation for success at secondary school and beyond. As children become increasingly automatic and fluent in their writing, they can focus more fully on developing their ideas, creativity and independence as learners.



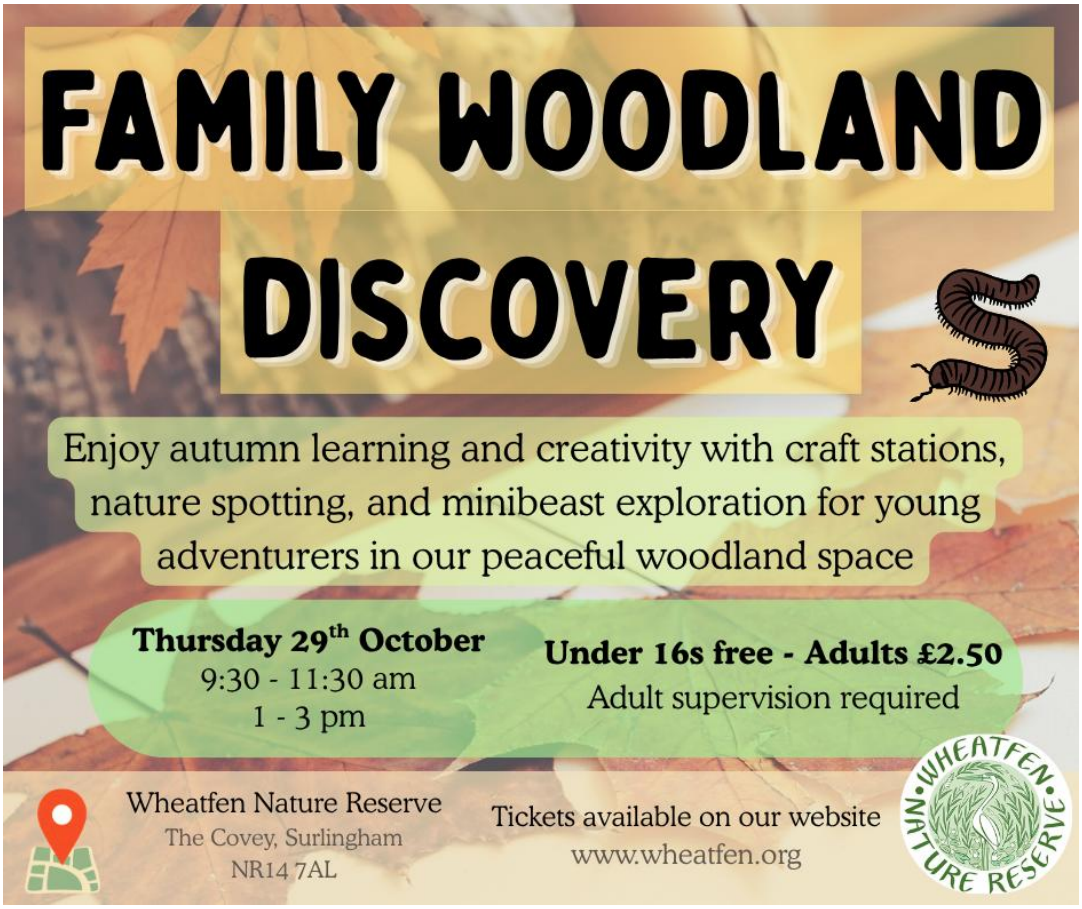






## Dates for the Diary

We have identified events in **GREEN** that parents/carers are invited to.
Events in **RED** have been recently added.


OCTOBER HALF TERM WOODLAND DISCOVERY SESSIONS
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
9:30 - 11:30 AM & 1 - 3 PM
Explore a self-led walk with a leaf hunt and wildlife list to spot
Become a woodland detective by learning what trees are around you
Make your own bug house to take home
Get stuck in finding minibeasts
Enjoy autumn crafts with leaf printing & wax rubbings in the woodland
CRAYONS
Wheatfen Nature Reserve
The Covey, Surlingham
NR14 7AL
Tickets available on our website
Children free - Adults £2.50
Adult supervision required
WHEATFEN NATURE RESERVE


FAMILY WOODLAND DISCOVERY
Enjoy autumn learning and creativity with craft stations, nature spotting, and minibeast exploration for young adventurers in our peaceful woodland space
Thursday 29th October
9:30 - 11:30 am
1 - 3 pm
Under 16s free - Adults £2.50
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# Friends of Surlingham School

## Events Calendar 2026-27

### September

**Teddy Bears Picnic**

Sunday 20th

FREE



### October

**Quiz and Chips**

Saturday 17th 6.30pm

Surlingham Village Hall




### November

**Movie Night**

Saturday 28th

Surlingham Village Hall



### December

**Christmas Carols**

Saturday 12th



### January




### February

**Jumble Sale**

Saturday 20th

Surlingham Village Hall

2pm-4pm




### March

**Easter cafe**

Thursday 25th

Surlingham Village Hall

3.15pm-4.15pm



### April

**Spring sculpture Trail**

Over the 2 week Easter break



### May

**Colour run sponsorship forms being sent out**



### June

**Summer fete**

Saturday 5th



### July



### August

**Fantasy Football**



# CRUSADERS RUGBY CLUB

## LITTLE MELTON RD, NORWICH NR9 3NP

# CALLING ALL GIRLS IN YEAR 6 AND YEAR 7



New and Experienced players welcome

Build confidence and be part of a growing team

Learn new skills

Make new friends






Training: Wednesdays 6.30pm

Sundays: Training and Matches

For more information contact our team manager

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