

19th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Summer Term 1. What a week we have had weather wise, with all seasons happening at once on some days! The children have all come back rested and ready for learning.

The highlight of this week was for Elm class, who welcomed Mrs Quinn, their new class teacher. We will be contacting parents/carers regarding a 'meet the teacher session' shortly.

A reminder that clubs start next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

*Sarah King*

Head of School



## Online Safety

### Township

Almost 250 million downloads. Since its release way back in 2011, Playrix's online and mobile game Township has become a firm favourite with casual gamers of all ages – letting users build a community of their own design in a colourful 'sandbox' environment, and even share their creations with other people.

However, with an online multiplayer mode, in-game purchases and a steady stream of enticing adverts, it's not difficult to imagine where online safety risks might begin to occur. This week, our guide explores Township – highlighting potential hazards and offering strategies to minimise possible pitfalls for young players.



## Mendlesham Heritage Fair

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Mendlesham Church/yards  
12.00 – 5.00



Reconnecting the Community with its unique Tudor Heritage

part of the *Armoury Facelift Project*

- Re-enactors recreating Tudor rural life
- Parish Militia training with Muskets, Bows, Bills + Halberd
- Expert Talks about Armour + Longbows + Replica Armour to try on
- New Armoury Booklet + Children's Storybook + Activity Book
- Short film about the Armoury
- Heritage Crafts Demonstrations including:
  - Beekeeping
  - Heraldic Calligraphy
  - Spinning & Weaving
  - Stone Carving
  - Tudor Food demonstration
  - Blacksmith
  - Pottery
  - Stained Glass
  - Traditional Oak Carpentry
  - Wattle & Daub
- Tudor Music on Recorders + Crumhorns
- Children's Games + Trail + Quizzes
- Art + Craft Exhibition by Mendlesham School pupils
- Beer tent, Food, Teas + more...

Entry £10 u16s Free  
cash preferred please  
[stmarysmendlesham.org.uk](http://stmarysmendlesham.org.uk)



### The Armoury

is the small upper floor of Mendlesham Church's north porch – and the only one in any English parish church still holding its parish collection of arms and armour. It has been there for about 450 years, since a law during the reign of Queen Mary, daughter of Henry VIII, compelled parishes to provide arms, armour and trained men to defend the country against invasion, such as the Spanish Armada in Elizabeth I's reign.

Though in 2020 Covid restrictions forced St Mary's PCC to close the armoury to the public, the Armoury Facelift Project holds exciting plans for better conservation, interpretation & display of our heritage so it can be treasured by future generations.

### The Heritage Fair

Come to this amazing event and watch the Parish Militia training with bills, bows and muskets as they would have done over 400 years ago, discuss Tudor village life with those who bring it to life, hear and talk to two international armour and longbow experts, try on some replica armour and see a wide range of highly talented craftspeople demonstrating crafts still practised from Tudor times. Enjoy some food and drink to the accompaniment of gentle Tudor sounds and enjoy the art and craft contributions by local schoolchildren.

#### ALL PROFITS TOWARDS THE ARMOURY PROJECT

Although we can't open the armoury on this day, you can see a superb short film about it.

- Parking available in Mendlesham Playing Fields : Please be aware - many surfaces are not wheelchair accessible &
- if you are considering bringing a dog, that there will be some occasional loud bangs from musket firing & the Parish Council does not permit dogs on the Playing Fields.

## Oak Class

Oak Class will be walking to the Church next week for an art lesson.

## After-school club

We have a new doorbell for afterschool club, so we can hear collections from the back of the school.

### Super Stars

Willow—Jack  
Elm—Rocky, Jake  
Oak—Edie, Audrey, Arthur,  
Rosa-Leigh  
Hazel—Dylan, Alfie  
Chestnut—Matilda, Princess  
Holly—Ethel  
Cherry—Ava

**Well Done Everyone**

### Golden Certificates

Willow—Lottie  
Elm—Oscar  
Oak—Maggie  
Hazel—Shianne  
Chestnut—  
Holly—Lacie-Mai  
Cherry—Jack

**Well Done Everyone**

### Key Dates: 23/24

24th April—Bags to School

6th May—Bank Holiday Monday

27th May—Half Term

### Attendance This Week

As we know, good attendance at school supports pupils' attainment and well-being.

Willow - 92%  
Elm - 91%  
Oak - 99.07%  
Hazel—95.3%  
Chestnut - 96.4%  
Holly - 95.71%  
Cherry - 91%

#### **Congratulations**

Oak Class for the  
best attendance  
this week

### School Dinners

Due to increases in the costs of feed and labour, we are no longer able to maintain lower than average school lunch prices. From 1st May the price will increase from £2.30 to £2.40 (50p across the week). This still keeps our lunch prices amongst the cheapest in the county.

The new Summer Menu starts after Easter and each week will continue to be shown on the newsletter. A full copy of the menu can be found on our school website

<https://www.mendlesham.suffolk.sch.uk/>

### Dinner Menu

### Week Commencing 22nd April

#### Monday

Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza  
Jacket Potato (Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo)  
Potato Waffle  
Selection of Salad/Vegetables  
  
School Packed Lunch Sandwich  
Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
Fruit Selection/Veg Sticks Salad  
Side Changes Daily  
  
Bake of the Day  
Selection of Fresh Fruit  
Yoghurt

#### Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognaise  
Quorn Spaghetti Bolognaise  
Garlic Bread  
Selection of Salad/Vegetables  
  
Jacket Potato (Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo)  
  
School Packed Lunch Sandwich  
Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
Fruit Selection/Veg Sticks Salad  
Side Changes Daily  
  
Bake of the Day  
Selection of Fresh Fruit  
Yoghurt

#### Wednesday

Roast Dinner  
Roast Quorn Fillet  
Roast Potatoes/Stuffing/Yorkshire Pudding  
Vegetables  
Gravy  
  
Jacket Potato (Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo)  
  
School Packed Lunch Sandwich  
Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
Fruit Selection/Veg Sticks Salad  
Side Changes Daily  
  
Bake of the Day  
Selection of Fresh Fruit  
Yoghurt

#### Thursday

Wraps with Chicken Guojons/Fish Fingers  
Jacket Potato (Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo)  
Selection of Salad/Vegetables  
  
School Packed Lunch Sandwich  
Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
Fruit Selection/Veg Sticks Salad  
Side Changes Daily  
  
Bake of the Day  
Selection of Fresh Fruit  
Yoghurt

#### Friday

Chicken Burger  
Veggie Burger  
Chips  
Beans/Sweetcorn  
  
Jacket Potato (Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo)  
  
School Packed Lunch Sandwich  
Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
Fruit Selection/Veg Sticks Salad  
Side Changes Daily  
  
Bake of the Day  
Selection of Fresh Fruit  
Yoghurt