16th October 2026

**This Week**

FOMSA have received lots of fantastic entries for our **'Draw the Teacher' competition** for the school website. We look forward to sharing the winning entries soon.

We are looking forward to the **Disco** this evening and hope everyone has a wonderful time.

We welcomed **Chris Warren**, who has written a song in support of **Save the Children**. Children enjoyed learning the song and recording their voices as part of the project. Donations from this year's Christmas Jumper Day will contribute to the charity.

Children enjoyed working with **Sam Oldfield** (Mid Suffolk Recycling) to learn more about how pumpkins can be recycled after Halloween and the positive impact this can have on the environment.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended **Parents' Evening** this week. We greatly value your feedback and look forward to sharing the outcomes with you in due course.

**Next Week**

Local artist **Hannah Farthing** will be working with children on **Tuesday**. Families are warmly invited to view artwork created this half term after school in the hall.

Our **Reception Open Evenings** will take place from **4-6pm on Thursday**.

If you have requested a **flu vaccination** for your child, these will take place on **Friday**. Children attending the residential visit will be included in a follow-up session.

Children in **Years 3 and 4** will be heading to **Thorpe Woodlands**. This is always a memorable experience and, for many, their first night away from home. We know they will have a fantastic time.

Don't forget the **FOMSA Indoor Car Boot Sale** taking place on **Sunday**.

## Parent & Carer Focus Group

We would like to invite parents and carers to join our **School Focus Group**. This is an opportunity to:

· Learn about our key priorities and improvement plans for the year ahead.

· Find out more about developments across the school.

· Ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of school life.

· Share your views, suggestions and ideas.

· Work alongside school leaders to help shape the future direction of the school.

**Date: 18th November - 3:15.** Children may attend after school club free of charge during this session.

We value the perspectives of our families and believe that by working together with parents, carers and governors (a selection of whom will be in attendance), we can continue to strengthen our school and provide the very best opportunities for our children.

We hope to see many of you there!

## Important Reminder for Year 6 Parents

The closing date for applications for High School places is **31st October 2026**. Please ensure your application is submitted before this date.

## Draw the Teacher Competition

We've received lots of fantastic entries for our *Draw the Teachers* competition! We're extending the deadline until the Tuesday after half term, 3rd November, to give everyone a little more time to complete their pictures.

We've had plenty of drawings of class teachers, so why not draw some of our other amazing staff too? Our principals, teaching assistants, office team and support staff would love to be included. If you need a template, please ask your teacher or call into the school office.

## Reporting Your Child's Absence

Thank you for letting us know when your child is unable to attend school. When reporting an absence, we kindly ask that you provide a specific reason for the absence wherever possible. Unfortunately, terms such as *"ill"* or *"unwell"* do not give us enough information for our attendance records.

Having a clearer understanding of the type of illness affecting our pupils helps us identify if there is an increase in similar illnesses across the school. This enables us to take any necessary steps to protect the health and wellbeing of our school community, including enhanced cleaning or, where appropriate, a deep clean of the school.

Thank you for your support, cooperation, and understanding in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

# Dinner Menu
# Week Commencing 19th October

| | 19.10.26 |
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| Monday | Ta-Da<br>Vegetable Frittata<br>(E, Mi)<br>_____<br>Meatballs & Pasta(W, B)<br>Can't Be Meatballs<br>_____<br>Winner Winner<br>Chicken Dinner<br>(W, E, Mi)<br>Vegetarian Option |
| Tuesday | |
| Wednesday | |
| Thursday | 3 Cheese Pizza<br>(W, Mi) |
| Friday | Homemade<br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Chips<br>(W) |

**JACKET POTATO**

Cheese (Mi)
Beans
Butter (Vegan)

**HELP YOURSELF TO**

Pasta (W),
Bread (W)(Mi),
Cheese (Mi),
Crackers (W),
Tortilla Crisps (W),
Wedges,
New Potatoes,
Garlic Bread (W) (Mi),
Salad, Coleslaw,
Mango Salsa,
Veg Sticks,
Seasonal Vegetables

SELECTION CHANGES DAILY

**SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH**

Bagels/Sandwiches/ Wraps(W)

FILLINGS
Cheese (Mi), Ham

SERVED WITH

Tortilla Crisps (W) or Lentil Rings with unlimited Sides, Salads & Fruit &

Dessert

**DESSERTS**

Fresh Fruit Platter, Yoghurt, Jelly Daily where available

Homemade Dessert of the Day
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Friday—Real Fruit Lollies, Ice Cream Tubs

**ALLERGENS GLUTEN**

**W**-Wheat
**O**-Oats
**B**-Barley
**R**-Rye
**SP**-Spelt
**GF**-Gluten Free

**ALLERGENS**

**P**-Peanuts
**TN**-Tree Nuts
**E**-Eggs
**SE**-Sesame
**S**-Soya
**Mi**-Milk
**CE**-Celery
**MU**-Mustard
**F**-Fish
**Mo**-Molluscs
**CR**-Crustacea
**L**-Lupin

**Diary Dates**

20th October - Art Show
21st October - Book Fair Arriving
22nd October - EYFS Open Evening
22nd to 23rd October - Year 3 & 4 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands
23rd October - Flu Vaccinations
25th October - Indoor Car Boot Sale

**26th to 30th October**
**Half Term**

4th November - Book Fair Collected
6th November - Christmas Jumper Swap Shop for a Donation

## Attendance This Week

Willow: 97.67%
Elm: 99.44%
Oak: 97.78%
Chestnut: 96.47%
Holly: 95%
Cherry: 95.56%

## Super Learners

Willow - Ella
Elm - Colby, Delilah
Oak - Lilly, Isabelle
Chestnut - Evie, Polina, Alexa
Holly - Nathan, Daniela
Cherry - Reya, Bella