



NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

Unfortunately, we have again been hit by staff shortages this week not only due to COVID but also sickness. We continue to try and maintain continuity for our children and their learning, but obviously there are occasions when we are unable to do this. We have also had several confirmed COVID cases of pupils throughout the school. Many cases appear to begin with cold like symptoms, headaches, stomach aches and tiredness. The familiar symptoms of persistent cough, temperature and change to taste/smell also remain common. If your child has any symptoms, please get them tested. If your child is asymptomatic but you are concerned, you may still be able to obtain lateral flow tests free of charge at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or at nominated stores in Stowmarket <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/#/location/Stowmarket>

The guidelines in the case of a positive test remain to isolate for a minimum of 5 days - test on day 5 and 6 and return to school on day 6 if both tests are negative. The maximum isolation period is 10 days unless the symptom of a raised temperature persists.

Watch out for photos in new week's newsletter.



It was lovely to see the children come to school dressed in yellow and blue and bringing a donation in support Red Nose Day charities and families affected by the conflict in Ukraine. We have raised **£123.60**. Thank you all very much for your support.



World Down Syndrome Day
On Monday, please come to school in bright coloured socks or odd socks as we will be raising awareness and recognising people with Down Syndrome.

Diary Dates

21 March – World Down Syndrome Day
6 April – KS2 theatre trip to Norwich
8 April – 9.30 am Easter service at the church
8 April – Last day of term
25 April – First day back in school
3 May – Public Holiday
30 May – 3 June Half-term
6 June – Return to school after half-term
21 July – Last day in school

School Term Dates Academic Year 2022 - 2023

Term	School Starts	School Finishes	Half Term, Week beg.	Comments
Autumn Term 2022	Monday 5 September	Friday 16 December	Monday 24 October	*Thursday 1 September * Friday 2 September
Spring Term 2023	Wednesday 4 January	Friday 31 March	Monday 13 February	*Tuesday 3 January *Monday 20 February
Summer Term 2023	Monday 17 April	Thursday 20 July	Monday 30 May	**Monday 1 May *Friday 21 July

* PD Day = Professional Development Day for school staff only

** Public Holiday