

We warmly welcome back children, parents and staff this September! With an extended welcome also to our new Reception intake and new children in many of our other classes.

We welcome into the school Ms Rew (new teaching assistant for Year 4) and Mrs Whitehouse-Giles (new teaching assistant in Year 3). We welcome back Mrs. R Lawrence returning from maternity leave and teaching alongside Mrs. Thompson in Year 2. We also congratulate Mrs Wray for her completion of her SCITT course resulting in gaining her Teacher Qualifications and taking on her role as Year 3 Teacher. Mrs Pelling is now our Intervention Teaching Assistant and will be working across the school with individuals and groups to support in class progress. She will also be supporting Ms Rowe and support children who may need some pastoral support within class.

As always this term is going to be busy. We have our Reading and Maths afternoons, Christmas productions and many sporting competitions. There are also a number of changes this year too...

- No more Boomreader for Key Stage 2, we are introducing a new tool called Accelerated Reader. Once this has been set up we will ensure that both children and parents know how this operates both at school and at home. In the meantime remember to KEEP reading!
- EYFS and Key Stage 1 have been given the fantastic opportunity for whole Key Stage Maths training from the NCTEM. This is a year long project which will support continuing improvements and progress in "Number Fluency".



- Mr Childs, Mr Barnard and Mrs Redbond are hard at work researching and gaining quotes for new gym trail equipment for our school field. (Funded by the Sports Premium Fund from the Department of Education). We hope to get this installed as soon as possible to support our School Games pledge of improving and increasing children's physical activity.



- Knowledge Organisers; We are introducing a new termly class Knowledge Organiser that will be published on each class webpage on the school website and sent out to parents via Tapestry (Reception) and Seesaw (Y1- Y6). The organiser will contain information on all the new topics and learning for the term, plus some useful information including activities for home, topic vocabulary (so you can use it at home too) and much more.
- In discussion with the School Ambassadors, in particular our Eco and Head Ambassadors from September 2023 all school reports will be sent out digitally via our ParentMail/ Tapestry and Seesaw platforms. During the summer term the Ambassador team worked out as a school we could save over £500 a year on paper by sending reports digitally, this figure could increase if we can reduce our waste at the photocopier. All monies saved will be used for additional resources within each class! The newly elected 2023 Ambassadors will be given the task of checking and ensuring we are saving money to spend on them!

Please do attend the meet the teacher evenings if possible as they will give you an opportunity to initiate contact with the class teacher but also find out about what the children will be learning and much more!

Last year the school continued to build on the success of the previous years and so we intend to continue to grow, develop and improve. From seeing in July 2022 where we saw our biggest progress score for our year 6's SATs with an average of +4.7 in Reading, Writing and Maths with the national comparison of only -0.1 to -0.3, {meaning we made greater progress from Year 2 to Year 6 than many other schools}. Again in July 23 we have continued to build on this success and hard work. Results in EYFS and Year 6 put us above National Data and our Year 2 data shows a sharp improvement from previous years (and only 5% below National Data). The school is evolving all the time and will continue to strive so that every child has the opportunity to learn to their full potential.

6th September

- ✓ Gates will open at 8:45am
- ✓ Children can wait with parents in the playground (if you wish)
- ✓ A bell will ring for 8.55am and all children will line up behind their labelled cone (parents say their farewells)
- ✓ The class teacher and class adults will lead the children into their classroom

Reminder that as of 7th September onwards, the school reverts to its normal opening procedure.

- ✓ Gates will open at 8:45am
- ✓ Children are dropped off at the school gate and make their way into class (Reception parents can drop off here or take children to the door of the reception class). **(Children should not enter onto the playground before 8:45am, as they will not be supervised and accidents can happen)**
- ✓ Children can arrive anytime between 8:45 – 9:00am
- ✓ Gates will shut at 9:00am
- ✓ Latecomers will need to enter the school via the carpark gate and the school office
- ✓ **Children are marked late if they are not in school by 9:05am**

Picking up and dropping off

- ✓ If appointments have to be made during school time (we would prefer appointments to be made outside of school times if possible), children MUST be picked up from and dropped off to the main school office.
- ✓ Children need to be signed in and out of the main office system for Health & Safety and fire regulations. (This is a change from previous communications during and after Covid where children could be picked up or dropped off at class doors).

Uniform

ROYAL BLUE- Our uniform is Royal Blue and children can wear either school branded or unbranded school uniform as long as it is “Royal Blue”.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Book bags- we have introduced new smaller and more suitable book bags for KS1. (We are encouraging no ruck sacks in Reception and Key Stage 1). The newer bags fit perfectly in children’s trays in the classroom! All new Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have been given a new book bag thanks to a donation from The Felixstowe and Suffolk Freemasons. Please speak to class teacher if have not received one yet!



PE Kits

As children wear their PE kit to school on their PE days this is part of our daily school uniform and therefore should follow our uniform policy.

School branded or unbranded:

- ✓ white or royal blue top
- ✓ royal blue jumper, cardigan or hoodie
- ✓ Black or charcoal grey joggers/leggings

X Branded sports tops such as Adidas, designer or football tops etc

X Branded tracksuits



Both new and pre-loved uniform can be purchased from the school office. We will hold a pre-loved uniform sale early in the autumn term on the school playground: date and info to follow.

Please remember the PE uniform has been updated (see attached pictures) and does not include track suits.

Key stage 2 are kindly asked to bring in a spare pair of old trainers that can stay in school for lunchtimes on the field.



September 2023

Mon 4 Sept- Friday 20 Oct

Mon 4 & Tues 5 Sept PD Days- No children

Wed 6 Sept	School Starts
Fri 8 Sept	Pastor James Assemblies start- fortnightly assemblies
Fri 8 Sept	Deadline for Seesaw Invites (Y1- Y6- please inform office if not received)
Mon 11 Sept	Year 6 Swimming Starts
Mon 11 Sept	Year 2 & Year 6 Meet the Teacher Meetings
Tues 12 Sept	Year 4 & Year 5 Meet the Teacher Meetings
Tues 12 Sept	Individual & Sibling Photographs with Kittle Photography
Wed 13 Sept	Year R Meet the Teacher Meetings
Thurs 14 Sept	Year 1 & Year 3 Meet the Teacher Meetings
Fri 15 Sept	Parents to receive Autumn Term Knowledge Organisers
Mon 18 Sept	Book Fair all week
Wed 20 Sept	Year 4 Wildwood Morning
Mon 25 Sept	KS 2 Cross Country Competition- The Grove
Tues 26 Sept	Open the Book Assembly (Local Church Assembly)
Wed 27 Sept	Year 6 Wildwood Morning
Thurs 28 Sept	KS 2 Hockey Competition- Felixstowe School
Fri 29 Sept	National Teaching Assistants Day- Thank You!
Tues 3 Oct	Flu Vaccinations
Tues 3 Oct	KS 1 Reading Afternoon- 2.30pm
Wed 4 Oct	KS 2 Reading Afternoon- 2.30pm
Wed 4 Oct	Year 1 Wildwood Morning
Thurs 5 Oct	International Teacher Day- Thank You!
Fri 6 Oct	Year 5 Sutton Hoo Trip
Mon 9 Oct	Christmas card design Deadline
Wed 11 Oct	Year 2 Wildwood Morning
Fri 13 Oct	Music Sharing Assembly (children only)
Mon 16 Oct	KS 2 Paarlaf Competition- Felixstowe School
Tues 17 Oct	Y6 Crucial Crew Visit- Riverside Centre
Wed 18 Oct	Cauliflower Christmas Card Pick-up
Wed 18 Oct	Y5 Wildwood Morning
Wed 18 Oct	U11 Ten Pin Bowling Competition- Martlesham

Mon 30 Oct- Wed 20 Dec (Half Term 23- 27 Oct)

Mon 30 Oct	School Starts
Mon 30 Oct	School Ambassador Interviews
Mon 30 Oct	Parent's Evening Week
Wed 8 Nov	Year 3 Wildwood Morning
Wed 8 Nov	KS2 Tag Rugby Competition- TSM
Thurs 9 Oct	U10 Girls Football- Ipswich Town Football Club
Mon 13 Nov	Friendship Week
Wed 15 Nov	Year 2 Wildwood Morning
Thurs 16 Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 17 Nov	Odd Sock and Child in Need non-school uniform day
Tues 21 Nov	70's Play Day- Non School Uniform- Mrs Ross's big 50 Birthday
Mon 27 Nov	Y4 & Y6 Maths Afternoon
Tues 28 Nov	Y1 & Y5 Maths Afternoon
Wed 29 Nov	Year R & Year 2 PE swap (instead of Friday 1 Dec)
Wed 29 Nov	YR Maths Afternoon
Thurs 30 Nov	Y2 & Y3 Maths Afternoon
Fri 1 Dec	Y6 Wildwood Morning
Tues 5 Dec	U9 & U11 Indoor Athletics Competition- Felixstowe School
Fri 8 Dec	Gem and Reading/Maths Celebration Assembly (Children only)
Mon 11 Dec	Christmas Post Boxes taking deliveries
Mon 11 Dec	Dress Rehearsal to KS 2
Tues 12 Dec	KS 1 Nativity Play
Wed 12 Dec	KS 1 Nativity Play
Thurs 14 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day- Xmas Jumper Day
Fri 15 Dec	Class Parties
Mon 18 Dec	KS 2 Christmas Concert Rehearsal to KS 1
Tues 19 Dec	KS 2 Christmas Concert
Wed 20 Dec	KS 2 Christmas Concert
Wed 20 Dec	End of Term

Please check the school blog!

All important notices will be added to the school blog. Please check this regularly for latest updates about things that are happening in the school. If we need to send out important messages we will either use text messaging, email, Seesaw or Tapestry.

Key Events in the Autumn Term

Meet The Teacher –

Meet the teacher is normally a chance for you to meet your child's new class teacher. The teacher will clarify the expectations in the year group, PE days, homework days, the curriculum, and answer any questions you may have.

Keeping everyone updated!

Updates will be added to the news blog on the school website and important messages will be sent out via ParentMail, Tapestry and Seesaw.

<https://www.trimleystmartinprimaryschool.com/news-blog>

As events are planned, we will send out information nearer the event



EYFS & KS1 2:30pm – 3:30pm
 Year R – Tuesday 3rd October
 Year 1 – Tuesday 3rd October
 Year 2 – Tuesday 3rd October

KS2 2:30pm – 3:30pm
 Year 3 – Wednesday 4th October
 Year 4 – Wednesday 4th October
 Year 5 – Wednesday 4th October
 Year 6 – Wednesday 4th October



Reading Curriculum Afternoons

Do you know the difference between a phoneme and a digraph? Could you read a sentence or a paragraph and predict what might happen next or explain its meaning through inference. If the answer is 'no' to any of the above then the Reading Curriculum Afternoon is just for you!

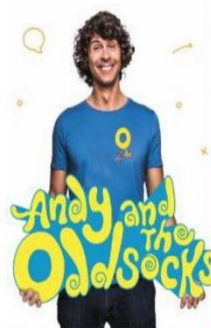
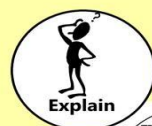
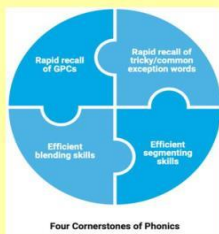
The afternoons start at **2:30pm** and will involve the Class Teacher showing / explaining / teaching you and your child the expected level of phonics and comprehension understanding required for their age. You then have the chance to work alongside your child, as a team, completing activities and having fun "just" reading. The content of the sessions may be completely new, or they may be familiar. Even if you feel confident with phonics and reading, it will be useful to listen to vocabulary used by the class teacher, as this is language used in our phonic and guided reading sessions at school. This means when helping at home, the message is consistent and the same language is used.

As classrooms may be quite busy, we would suggest that only one parent comes along to work with their child. If you are unable to attend, the teacher will support these children during the session or allow them to work with another parent, as part of a group.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Mrs Matthews (English Lead)
 Mrs Campbell (Phonics & Early Reading Lead)

**We have the power to enable all our children
 become confident and enthusiastic readers and writers.**



Friendship Week

13th -17th November 2023



The theme this year is "Make A Noise About Bullying."

It is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and they have set the following key aim:

"whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, we can bring an end to bullying".

Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless.

We want to encourage young people to consider what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying.

Together, let's be the change we want to see. Reflect on our own behaviour, set positive examples and create kinder communities.

On Friday 17th to finish the week and to support Children in Need too, we will have a non-school uniform day.

The only rule is to wear something with Odd Socks. & bring in a donation.

<https://youtu.be/kfz4e-shc8>

As events are planned, we will send out information nearer the event



Tuesday 21st November 2023

- ✓ Join Mrs Ross in celebrating her BIG 50 on Tuesday 21st November.
- ✓ Non-school uniform day- wear red & white (Sunderland), blue & white (Ipswich) or your favourite outfit!
- ✓ Children can bring in a favourite party snack and a traditional game to play with their class for the last hour of the day. (No tablets/phones/iPads)



EYFS & KS1 2:30pm – 3:30pm
 Year R – Wednesday 29th November
 Year 1 – Tuesday 28th November
 Year 2 – Thursday 30th November

KS2 2:30pm – 3:30pm
 Year 3 – Thursday 30th November
 Year 4 – Monday 27th November
 Year 5 – Tuesday 28th November
 Year 6 – Monday 27th November



Maths Curriculum Afternoons (These are FUN!)

Are you baffled by the methods and strategies that we encourage children to use in their maths lessons? Are you confused when your children talk about Maths Mastery? Do you find maths tough yourself? Or... are you someone that wants to help your child at home but doesn't want to confuse them by showing them 'your special way of working it out'? If the answer is 'yes' to any of the above then the Maths Curriculum Afternoon is just for you!

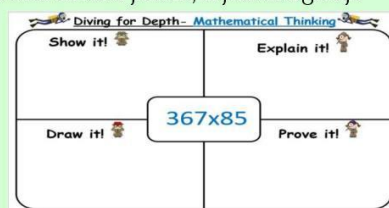
Each class has chosen a different day to run their Maths Curriculum Afternoon. This means if you have children in various year groups you'll hopefully have the chance to work alongside all of your children.

The afternoon starts at **2.30pm** and will involve the Class Teacher showing / explaining / teaching you and your child the methods and strategies required for their age. You then have the chance to work alongside your child as a team solving a selection of problems/activities and games using the methods and strategies shared. It will be useful to listen to the vocabulary used by the class teacher uses. This means when helping at home, the message is consistent and the same language is used.

As classrooms may be quite busy, we would suggest that only one parent comes along to work with their child. If you are unable to attend the teacher will support these children during the session or allow them to work with another parent, as part of a group.

We look forward to seeing you there,

Mrs MacFarlane (Maths Coordinator)



P.E. Timetable

Please ensure your child is in their P.E. kit for the following days.

Don't forget to add names to school clothing!

Trimley St Martin – Weekly Timetable (Physical Education) Sept 2023

8:45 - 9:00	9:05	9:30-10:30		10:45 - 11:45	11:30 - 1:00	1-1:30	1:30 - 2:30	2:30 - 3:30	3:30-4:30
M			9:30 - 11:10 Swimming Mandela Y6		Lunch (Sports Leaders & Mini Clubs)		Donaldson YR	Nightingale Y2	KS1 Sports Club
	9:05	9:30-10:30		10:45 - 11:45					
T		Hamilton Y4 <i>Mr Cremer</i>	Playtime	Attenborough Y3 <i>Mr Cremer</i>					
8:45-9:00	9:05	9:30-10:30		10:45 - 11:45			1:30 - 2:30	2:30 - 3:30	3:30-4:30
W		Wild Wood <i>Mr Childs</i>		Wild Wood <i>Mr Childs</i>			Teacher Release <i>Mr Childs</i>	Irwin Y3	KS1 Sports Club
8:45-9:00	9:05	09:30 - 10:30		10:45 - 11:45			1:30 - 2:30	2:30 - 3:30	3:30-4:30
T		Attenborough Y3		Earhart Y1			Mandela Y6	Irwin Y5	KS2 Sports Club
8:45-9:00	9:05	09:30 - 10:30		10:45 - 11:45			1:30 - 2:30	2:30 - 3:30	3:30-4:30
F		Donaldson YR		Nightingale Y2			Hamilton Y4	Earhart Y1	KS2 Sports Club

The Sports Box

HOME COURSES ONLINE BOOKING MEET THE TEAM VALUES

The Sports Box

Helping to provide sporting opportunities in Suffolk

Inspiring the next generation...

TSM Sports Club –

Mr Childs will be running clubs on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday after school and Sunday mornings.

For details and how to book please go to:

<https://www.thesportsbox.net/>

Trainers!

We will try to use the field as much as possible this term at playtimes & lunchtimes. To help keep shoes clean & new, we strongly suggest children in KS 2 bring in **CLEARLY NAMED** trainers that can be left at school for daily use. In the past we have suggested an old pair of trainers, this year we are suggesting that they come to school in a **NAMED BAG** too- perhaps an old football boot bag or one of our trainer bags from the school office.