

March 2022

Where did the Spring term go?

Despite the challenges of some significant staff absence, due to ill health this term, staff have shown great resilience and determination in continuing to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, as you can see in this newsletter. We are all ready for a rest now, in preparation for an even busier summer term. We hope you also enjoy the Easter break too.

Nursery & main school close at 3.15pm on Friday 1st April and reopen to children in main school on Thursday 21st April (Please note, this is different from the junior school)

Nursery reopens on Friday 22nd April, except Saplings PM, which reopens on Monday 25th April to allow for home visits

Science week



Children in all classes, carried out a number of experiments, during science week. Thank you to Miss Hillyard our Science Leader, for planning this. In **nursery**, children investigated objects, which float and sink. They also learnt about growing cress, sunflowers and beans. **Reception children** closely observed the coloured water creeping up the kitchen roll in the ‘walking rainbow’ experiment. They identified different colours that were created, as they mixed together. They also learnt about how important it is to keep our outdoor environment tidy. They used litter pickers, to collect litter. They also found out about, the importance of recycling, rather than throwing away. **Year 1 children** learnt about lifecycles. They also designed their own lifecycle poster and carried out an experiment using skittles. **Year 2 children** enjoyed visiting our Ewe and her lambs each day, making observations and discussing how to look after them. They tested the theory that wool keeps a sheep warm and discovered that fleece was the best material.

The week the lambs came to stay



Thank you to Mrs Hunter, who arranged for the lambs to come and stay last week. This has been 2 years in the planning, so it was great when they finally arrived. All of the children had opportunities

to get up close to the lambs and learn some key facts and we were all sad when they had to return to their farm in south Norfolk. We are however, keeping in touch with the farmer and we hear they are already enjoying being out in the fields in the spring sunshine.

[Year 1 visit to the Sainsbury Centre](#)



Did you know the Sainsbury Centre is right on our doorstep? The Art Gallery at the UEA, contains a collection of world art and includes an outdoor sculpture park, which is free to visit. Year 1 children recently visited to explore texture, as part of their art curriculum. They took part in a workshop to make their own paint, to create a canvas.

[Keeping children safe](#)

We hope you are finding the **monthly online safety newsletter** helpful. The newsletter gives you information about new sites/games/apps that have appeared recently. If you would like any advice about managing your child's safety online, please see our website or speak to a member of staff.

If you are worried about a child who you believe maybe at serious risk of harm, please call Norfolk County Council 0344 800 8020.

SEE SOMETHING, HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING



[Clubs](#)

A **Multi-sports club** will continue to be offered, after school on **Wednesdays** only, next half term for **Year 1 and 2** children. Families can sign up on the day, at the school office. Spaces are limited and prompt collection at 4.20pm is essential

[Next Term](#)

Due to staff absence Elm and Oak class parent review meetings did not take place as planned. They have been rescheduled for the week beginning Monday 25th April, so please sign up for a time. Please look out for information early next term, about statutory assessments in reception, Year 1 and 2 and how we plan to support your child moving onto their next year group in September.

