



STARS OF THE WEEK

Amara Mavin
Evelyn Ross
Annabelle Stephenson
Daisy Mallaburn
Hildi Wehr
Lily Taylor
AJ Chapman-Orr

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%
LAST WEEK: 90.7%

Nursery (Seahorses) - 89.1%
 Reception (Turtles) - 93.6%
 Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 94.7%
 Year 2 (Puffins) - 92.2%
 Year 3 (Sharks) - 86.4%
 Year 4 (Penguins) - 86.9%

Well Done Jellyfish!

2022 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 18th January	Weekly swimming lessons for Y1 and Y2 begin
Wednesday 19th January	Weekly swimming lessons for Y3 and Y4 begin
Friday 18th February	School Closes for Spring Half Term
Tuesday 1st March	School Reopens for Spring Half Term 2
NEW Friday 1st July	Additional Bank Holiday date for Queens Platinum Jubilee

SWIMMING LESSONS START AGAIN NEXT WEEK

Further to the letter we sent out at the start of term, swimming lessons restart next week. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit to school with them in the morning.

Y1 & Y2 will swim on Tuesdays and Y3 & Y4 will swim on Wednesdays

In order to ensure that swimming lessons are sustainable, we ask for a weekly contribution of £2 per child (or £1 for those entitled to Pupil Premium). We will add these contributions to SchoolGrid accounts on a weekly basis to make it easier to pay and reduce cash handling in school.

Thanks to all parents who have already completed the swimming questionnaire we sent out—this will help us to put the appropriate support in place for the children who are not water confident or just a little worried about swimming in general.

Children in Y2 are likely to be a little late in returning to school after swimming on Tuesdays—we recommend that parents aim to arrive to collect them at 3.20pm.

We look forward to seeing our children make some great progress with their swimming again in the coming months.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

It's been good to see most children return to school in full school uniform including black shoes. We appreciate that there are times when children's school shoes need replacing and parents often let us know if children may not be in shoes for a couple days. Please note though that trainers or other shoes/boots are not our agreed school uniform. Our uniform policy can be found [HERE](#). We have a small number of spare uniform items should they be required - please let us know if you might be able to make use of these.

EARRINGS

Please note that the only type of earrings allowed in school are studs. Children must also remove these for PE/ Swimming lessons. If children are unable to remove their own earrings we ask that parents remove them before school. Soft silicone earrings are acceptable as a replacement on PE days.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Each half term, every teacher in school produces an online newsletter for parents explaining what the children will be learning in every subject. These newsletters often contain a range of links to online resources and tips for how you can support the children with their learning at home. It is also useful to use these pages if you would like your child to do additional homework or if they are absent from school and are able to do some additional work..

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JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY

As part of the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the summer an extra bank holiday has been allocated. As this falls during the summer half term break, schools have been asked to select an additional date to ensure that all staff benefit from the bank holiday. The date we have chosen is Friday 1st July. This is the same date as other schools in the Coquet Partnership. School will be closed that day.

COVID TESTING AND ISOLATION

Government Covid rules are changing rapidly. This week sees the removal of the need for a PCR test to confirm a positive Lateral Flow Test. Next week, the isolation period for positive cases has been reduced to as little as 5 full days. From Monday, anyone testing positive should begin isolating (Day 0). On day 5, a lateral flow test can be taken, and further tests every 24 hours. After 2 negative tests, the isolation period can end. We hope that this means many children will be able to return to school more quickly IF THEY ARE NOT INFECTIOUS.

Please let us know details of when your child started symptoms or tested positive and we will be able to advise more specifically on each case.

DOODLEMATHS

We've been really impressed with increased engagement with Doodlemaths since our new push on this began last week. We now have many more children in the Green Zone. We have identified that some children are telling us that they have been on Doodlemaths but their stars have not registered. In order for the children's stars to register with us they must have logged in using the specific Doodlemaths password that the children have in their homework books or reading diaries. Please note that this is different to their School360 username and password. We now have our reward chart in place in the hall to celebrate which classes have the best engagement each week.

DOODLE MATHS COMPETITION

Mrs Kelly, our maths co-ordinator, has entered each class into a national Doodlemaths competition.

By joining in, we're encouraging the to develop healthy learning habits by using Doodle for a few minutes each day. Most excitingly, each class will be in with the chance of **winning a bundle of games worth £50!**

Well done to Jellyfish as the winners of this week's Doodlemaths Star for our hall board (as well as the extra playtime!). 81% of the children are in the Green Zone!