



# SCHOOL *NEWS*

*September 2024*

## *Message from Senior Leadership Team*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to welcome you all to the new school year, filled with positivity and excitement for what lies ahead. Many of you already know that we have started this academic year on a high note, having received a good Ofsted report in the first days of term, following the graded inspection at the end of last year. The report highlights the progress we are making as a school, and I want to thank each of you for your continued support.

As we look ahead, I am excited to continue working in partnership with you to ensure our school remains an inclusive and welcoming space for all our children and families. Together, we can ensure that every pupil is supported to reach their full potential in an environment that fosters growth, respect, and belonging.

Kind regards,

Lukasz Rumanowski  
Academy Head



Important dates for your diary:

25th October - PD day

18th October - Just Chat





Riverwalk School



# Family Support **NEWS**

*September 2024*

Family Support are available to provide help, support and guidance.

Please contact Lucy or Jane on 01284 764280

email

familysupport@riverwalk.suffolk.sch.uk

**ADHD**

AWARENESS MONTH

*AWARENESS IS KEY*

<https://suffolkfamilycarers.org/adhd-awareness-2024/>

<https://suffolkfamilycarers.org/adhd-awareness-2024/#EventsList>



**The Challenging Behaviour Foundation**

<https://www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/information-and-guidance/person-centred-support/resource-planning-for-adulthood/>



<https://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk/>



# Bears



# NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome back Bears! And welcome to our new members of the class and class team.

We are all having a wonderful time getting to know each other. We have been getting used to our new class routines and returning to some familiar favourite activities such as soft play, rebound therapy, yoga and wheelchair dancing with our friends in Bumblebees.

We have been making the most of the good weather and spending lots of time in our garden area, planting and exploring our new mud kitchen!

Our topic this term is 'My Life - All About Me!' Over the next few weeks we plan to look at how we have grown and changed over the years so it would be great if you could send in any baby photos or photos of your child pre-school.

Thank you!





# Bumblebee



# NEWS

September 2024

The Bumblebees have been really welcoming to new Bumblebees who have settled in really well. It has been lovely to see new friendships being formed with some great turn-taking happening.

The topic for Lower School pupils this term is: **Me and My Family - Who is in My Family?** At the moment, we are reading **Peace At Last** as our sensory story - exploring family life and the different sounds we might hear. Next it will be **Croc and Bird** if you would like to read-a-long at home!

Could you please send in / email photos of family members (or people that are important to your child) and a baby photo?





# Butterflies NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome Butterflies!

It has been great to hear about the children's summers and the new things they have learned to do.

We are looking forward to what we can learn in school, too. Our Autumn term topic is, Me and My Family - Who is in My Family.

Could you please send in photos of family members (or people that are important to your child)? This will help the children understand family relations.

Many thanks in advance.  
Have a lovely weekend.





# College **Post 16** NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome back to all our students and staff.

It is lovely to hear about the lovely adventures you all have had over the summer holidays.

We welcome new students to college this year who are all settling in really well and enjoying the college learning environment and variety of Independent living activities.

We have been enjoying time out in our garden area and exploring lots of sensory cooking sessions and developing their independent life skills.

Students have also been making their personal AQA option choices.



Please can we remind parents & careers to send in daily snacks.



# Elephants



# NEWS

*September 2024*

The children in Elephants class have made a wonderful start to the Autumn term. They have enjoyed getting to know their new friends, exploring all the fun activities that have been put out for them and familiarising themselves with regular classroom routines.

We have all liked making the most of the outside area in the lovely autumn sunshine. We have especially enjoyed watching the trees leaves changing colour, holding them up to the light to see the beautiful yellow and orange colours appearing. As we try to go outside as much as possible, please could you make sure your child has some named welly boots and a waterproof coat or puddle suit in school.

Our topic this term is 'There's nobody else just like me' and we have already made a start, exploring our favourite foods in cooking and painting using our hands and feet. We have also enjoyed dressing up and looking at our reflections in mirrors.

Well done Elephants!!!!





# Emus



# NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome back Emus! A warm welcome to our new class members and staff, we look forward to getting to know you.

Since being back, we have been working hard at getting used to class routines and exploring some of our favourite activities, especially art and cooking.

In our phonics sessions we are working on recognising environmental sounds.

Please send us in pictures of family so that we can explore our theme 'All About Me'.



**Message from the team:**

Please ensure you send in spare clothes, waterproofs and wellies so we can enjoy wet and messy play - Thank you!





# Giraffes



# NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to our new students and class team in Giraffes class. We have all settled well, following the classroom routines and enjoying different activities in class and on the playground. This term our topic is: "Things we like to do" and we have been already working on choosing our favorite game and song. What an amazing star of the year. Well done Giraffes!



As the weather is getting wetter, could you please send in spare clothes or maybe waterproofs, thank you. The Giraffes team.



# Grasshoppers NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome Back to our Grasshoppers from last year and a warm welcome to all the new members of the Class!

I hope you all had a fantastic break and are ready for an exciting September. We've got lots of fun activities and learning lined up for you!

Our topic this term is "All About Me". This is a great chance for us to learn more about ourselves and each other. We'll be thinking about our favourite things, talking about our families and celebrating what makes each of us unique.

In Science, we have started exploring the wonderful world of plants, finding out how they grow and change? we will be exploring & growing different plants, learning about what they need to stay healthy.

This term we will also be getting active in our PE & swimming sessions! On our first session in the pool we had great fun enjoying the water and learning new skills. In PE we have had fun moving over obstacles and will be working on our accuracy when throwing and kicking.

It has been lovely seeing the childrens smiling faces as we return and I look forward to all the learning and growing that we will do together this term.

Welcome back, Grasshoppers!

Warm regards, Simon Voller



## Reminders from the team

As the weather cools down could students please be sent in with a cold weather coat.

Where possible could all items of clothes be labeled with students names



# Kangaroos



# NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome back Kangaroos!

You have all made a fantastic start to the new school year. Everyone has been working really hard on our topic 'All about me'.

We have enjoyed lots of art, painting portraits and creating work in the style of Andy Warhol.

We have also been working hard on our maths, writing and phonics skills.

We had fun on our first horse riding session and have already had a visit from Choccy the dog.

We are loving our cooking sessions and have been exploring plants and seeds in Science. We especially liked cutting fruit open to find the seeds.

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at how we have changed, so if you are able to send in or email us some pictures of the children as babies or when they were younger that would be lovely.

Thank you

Well done Kangaroos you are amazing!





# Koalas



# NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome back Koalas.

It has been lovely to welcome back the class. We have made a lovely start to the year. Our topic for this term is 'All About Me'. We have explored this topic by creating self portraits and encouraging everybody to communicate some of their favourite things. We have been working really hard on our phonics, trying our best to listen to and identify different environmental sounds. In science we have been learning about our senses and using them to explore different materials. We have been also working hard on our counting and subitising skills in maths. As always we have been enjoying our cooking and music sessions.



Reminder from the team:  
Please keep an eye out for any permission slips and information requests



# Ladybirds NEWS

September 2024

Welcome back Ladybirds Class!  
Everyone has settled in so well,  
enjoying classroom activities  
and following the daily class  
routine.

Our topic in the Autumn Term is  
Me and My Family- who is in My  
Family, and we have lots of fun  
activities planned linked to this.



Please could you label all childrens belongings  
many thanks from Ladybirds Team



# Leopards NEWS

*September 2024*

Leopards seemed eager to come back to school and quickly settled back into routine. Our topic for this term is Things I Like to Do and we have been exploring pupils favourites activities, toys and places too.

We are working very well in phonics, attempting to produce and also move to sounds

In Art, we are at looking at different painters, techniques and different way of applying paint to paper.

Outings to Nowton are working well and we will carry on enjoying the fresh air and the walk.

Well done and welcome back Leopards



## Reminders from Leopards team

If you haven't yet, please send in a PE kit to school. Also please send appropriate clothes and footwear for the weather. Thank you



# Lions



# NEWS

It has been lovely welcoming all our new children and their families to Riverwalk. The children have made such a great start to Lions class, busy exploring the classroom and having fun outside. We like to go outside as much as we can, so please send in welly boots, coats or puddle suits so we can enjoy splashing in the puddles. Please remember to name everything, thank you.

It has been amazing to see so many of the children learning our classroom routines and now coming to sit with their friends for snack and lunch. We all enjoy the bubbles at the end of the day too!

Our topic this term is called 'There's Nobody Else Just Like Me' and we have started with exploring paint with our hands. Some of us liked it and some of us really didn't!

Well done Lions!





# Meerkats



# NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2024

The children in Meerkats class have made a wonderful start to the Autumn term. Welcome to the children that joined us in September. They have enjoyed getting to know their new friends, joining in the learning lessons and familiarising themselves with consistent classroom routines.

Our topic this Term is My Life - All about me Children enjoyed painting their bodies and talking about the body parts. Meerkats have a fantastic routine in the morning where the children are encouraged to walk down to class independently and put all their belonging away. Children will then do the sensory circuit, this helps the children to be regulated and join in the class learning.



## Reminder:

As we try to go outside as much as possible, please could you make sure your child has some named welly boots and a waterproof coat/suit in school.

Thank you for your support.





# Octopus



# NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a lovely Summer break. Octopus Class have had a smashing start to the year by remembering our class routines and excellent reading, writing and Maths skills. The children have started to explore toys from 1960s in History, Things We Like to Do in our topic, and senses in Science.

We have also been working on independence. including washing up and preparing healthy food for ourselves and our friends. Well done Octopus Class!





# Orcas NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome back to all of our Orcas and welcome to our two new students! Orcas have started settling back in to their routines. Our topic this term is Things I Like to Do and we will be looking to explore some of our hobbies. We have started back strong and are looking at pets as one of the first of our hobbies as a number of the students have pets at home. We will be exploring pet noises as part of our phonics tasks to identify new and different sounds and will be enjoying continuing visits from Choccy the therapy dog and hope to integrate this with our sensory story and art activities. We are glad to be back and continuing our learning!



Please remember to send back your signed therapy dog consent forms and intimate care plans! Thank you!





# Owls



# NEWS

## September 2024

Welcome back Owls! And welcome to our new members of the class and class team.

We are getting to know each other and have been getting used to our new class routines and returning to some familiar favourites such as art and PE.

We have enjoyed finding out what we have all been up to in the school holidays and learning what our new friends like to do. This is our theme this term 'Things I like to Do'.

Our favourite lesson so far this term has been phonics! we are really enjoying the activities and taking turns in all the tasks!





# Rabbits



# NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome back little Rabbits, it is lovely to see how quickly all the children settled back in the class routine. Welcome to the new students too, they are settling in well and are forming positive relationships with adults and peers.

Our Autumn topic is My Family and Me - this is an exciting theme and we will do activities that allow the children to learn more about themselves.

Thank you for sending a healthy snack for your child for snacktime. Please ensure that you label all your child's belongings.





# Sharks NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome back to Sharks! We've had a positive start to the school year, learning new routines and getting back into our weekly timetable. All of the pupils have really impressed me with their knowledge, skills and engagement. We are doing lots of work on behaviour - particularly towards peers and staff, and Sharks have responded very well to our 'Consequences' board. We're all looking forward to a year of learning, fun and friendship.



## Reminders from the team

We have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays (PE Kit please!) and Nowton Park - weather permitting - on Thursdays.





# Tigers



# NEWS

September 2024

The children in Tiger class have made a fantastic start to Autumn term. They have been busy exploring the classroom and outside space, as well as beginning to settle into our daily school routines.

Our topic this term is 'Me and my family' and we have already made a start, looking in the mirrors, making marks over our photos and copying our names. We have also enjoyed making prints with apples during Arts, practising our balancing and climbing skills in PE and visiting the sensory room.

Well done, Tigers!

A friendly reminder: As we try to go outside as much as possible, could you make sure your child has some named welly boots and a waterproof coat or a puddle suit in school.





# Wolves



# NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome back, Wolves, and welcome to our new students and staff in Wolves! Everyone has settled well into the daily class routine.

Our topic for this term is "Things I like to do" and we have started to work on choosing our favourite songs during our singing and signing sessions.

We have had a lot of fun during our class activities; we have started exploring toys from the past in History lessons, discovering primary colours in our Art class, and enjoyed exploring and playing with different materials during our messy play sessions.

Well done, Wolves; what a great start of the year!





# Raise



# NEWS

*September 2024*

We hope all our students had a great summer break and are ready to hit the academic year running!

So far our boys have done a great job, tidying the raise garden by clipping and dispsosong of weeds, cooking vegetable stir-fry, practicing fine motor skills in mark making, fast and and slow in music and much more



We are delighted to have our students back, ready to take on the new year!





# ZEBRAS



# NEWS

*September 2024*

Welcome back Zebras and a warm welcome to our new members too!

Everyone has settled into the daily routines really well and some lovely new friendships are forming. We have had lots of fun painting in a variety of ways in Art and making Pizza Muffins in Cooking and the children have been working really hard in their daily Phonics sessions. A highlight so far was a visit from Choccy the therapy dog, the children were very excited to see her.



Our topic this term is 'things I like to do'. If you have any photos of activities your children like to do out of school, with friends/ family or at a club and are happy to share with the class please send in, or you can share this in the home school book, thank you.