



SCHOOL NEWS

January

Message from Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we settle into 2025. January is often a challenging month, and this year has been no exception, with many staff and children battling the seasonal coughs and colds. Despite this, the school community has continued to support and learn together, demonstrating resilience and care for one another. I am proud of how everyone has pulled through and continued to uphold the vibrant spirit of our school.

This month, we had the privilege of welcoming Sarah-Jane Smedmore, Executive Director of Children and Young People for Suffolk County Council, to our school. Sarah-Jane toured the school and was incredibly impressed by the nurturing and inclusive environment we've cultivated. It was wonderful to hear such positive feedback, which is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the support of our families.

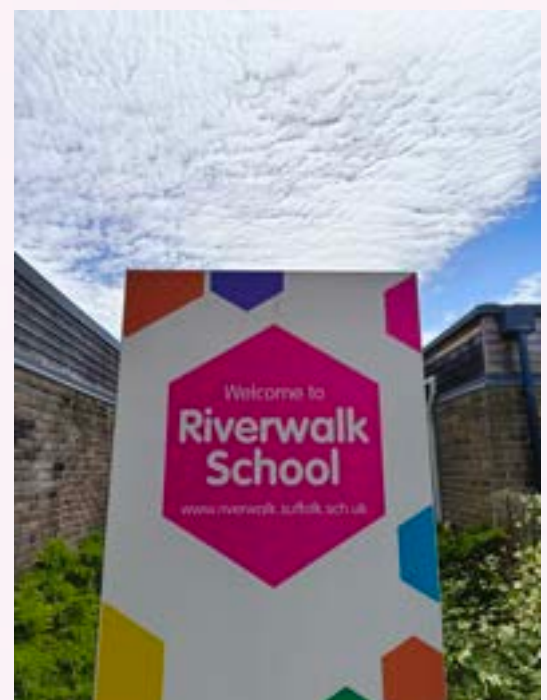
I'd also like to take a moment to reflect on the most recent parental engagement meeting, where I had the opportunity to meet with the new PTA. It was fantastic to hear fresh ideas and enthusiasm for supporting the school in the coming months. The PTA's commitment is truly invaluable, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact of their work on our community. As we move through the term, I am excited about what lies ahead for our school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making our school the wonderful place it is for all our students.

Kind regards,
Lukasz Rumanowski
Academy Head



Important dates for your diary





College **Post 16** *NEWS*

January

College students have been working hard to explore the different weather types. we have been working towards recognising when we need to wear our coats for outside activities.

We have also been completing some amazing work for identifying different clothing for different weather as well as creating some amazing autumn pictures.





Riverwalk School



Eagles



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Eagles have made a great start to 2025. They and the staff have welcomed me very kindly to their room and activities, and we've had a good re-organisation of the environment to make it more suited to our needs and tastes.

We've been enjoying sensory activities, working on our communication skills and are looking forward to visiting other resource rooms to develop our transitioning and social skills.



Emus



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In Emus class we have had a great start to the new year. Our theme this term is Traditional Stories. We are exploring The Gigantic Turnip as our class text. We are looking at different type of vegetables and are even going to taste some and use them for making prints in Art.

This half term we have also starting to go horse riding. This is the first time for some of us and a return to a loved activity for others. We have been brilliant at learning to wear the riding helmet and riding boots - which are very different to what we are used to. We have also learnt how to mount a horse with support and how to sit in the saddle and hold the 'buuny ear' reins. Some of us are even using our core strength to sit upright and move with the horse without holding on!

Message from the team:

Please continue to send your child in with appropriate clothing for all weathers. Could we also request that all children have at least 1 spare set of clothes in their bag in case they get wet or dirty. Thank you!





Koalas



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This term so far in Koalas we are very proud of our students, especially for handling well the welcoming of new staff and classmates to our team. We have been working very hard on our maths, phonics and mark-making, as well as enjoying this terms book 'The Gigantic Turnip'. Hopefully we'll soon see the end of the cold weather, but indoors we've been having fun with our Lego, train sets, and sensory routines. We also wish everyone a very happy Lunar New Year, which our class were keen on celebrating.



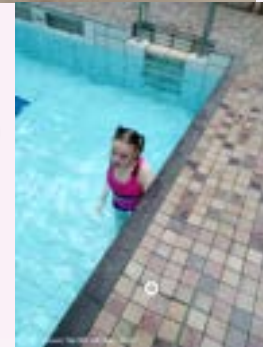


Leopards NEWS

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Leopards have had a good start to the year and seemed eager to come back to school, see friends and adults too! Our topic for this term is Magic & Mystery Stories and we are exploring the book Mr. Magic Fish. Children are working well in phonics, identifying and copying sounds of learnt words. We also have been looking at shapes, exploring them and identifying some of their characteristics.

Leopards also started swimming and everyone is really confident with transitions. Children are also showing improvements in levels of independence. Well done Leopards and let's hope 2025 it's a great year.



Reminders from Leopards team

Please continue to send your child in with appropriate clothing for all weathers and a healthy snack daily. If you haven't yet please send a PE kit too. Thanks for your ongoing support



Meerkats



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Meerkats had a great start of the Spring Term. Our topic is traditional tales and we have been working on the Gigantic Turnip story. Children enjoyed pulling out the turnip together. And creating their gigantic turnips in ART. We started our cooking lessons and children are doing so well at following adult's instructions. Children have been encouraged to build their confidence and independence throughout the day. Some of the activities include helping with washing up after lunch, taking paperwork to the office or asking specific items from other classes. Meerkats are doing amazing and we are very proud of the children's achievements the last few weeks. Well done everyone.



PE kits will be kept at school and will be sent home before half term. Please continue to send your child in with appropriate clothing for all weathers. Please send back the food containers on Monday ready for our cooking lessons. Thank you for your support.



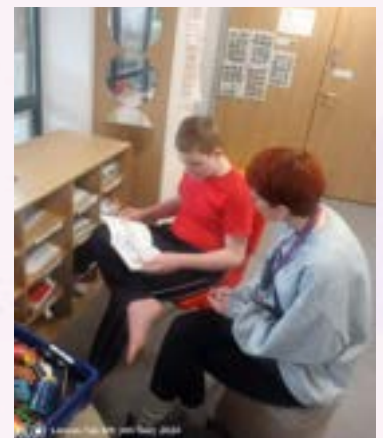
Octopus



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Octopus class have had a great start to 2025. The children have enjoyed learning about our senses in Science, reading 'Please Mr Magic Fish' in English and thinking about where we live in Humanities. As always, we have been working on reading, writing and mathematics skills and the children have been making steady progress. We have also spent lots of time playing together and have been working hard on emotional regulation.





Orcas



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Orcas have had a lovely half term, exploring the outside area, enjoying art and messy play.



We are looking forward to sharing what the children have been up to thorough Evidance for learning



Tigers



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The Little Tigers have had a roar-some start to the year! In our first half term, we've been loving our winter activities in Arts, mixing colors and creating snowstorm paintings with rock salt. Outdoors, we've had a blast taking turns and scooting around! We've also been making great choices using our visual aids and discovering new favorite activities. The click-clack tracks and puzzles have been a big hit with some of us! And of course, we had lots of fun getting messy with gloo! Well done Tigers!

