



School Newsletter



Our Wonderful Year 6 at their Leavers' Assembly

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A Final Message for the Year

I'd like to start this final newsletter of the year by thanking all of you for all the support and assistance you have given me during my first year here. Moving to a new school is never easy, and certainly one as established and well-regarded as Guildhall. It's been a real pleasure to start to get to know families, staff and children, and to start to move the school forwards into being one that we can all be immensely proud of. You will know from previous newsletter entries earlier this year that some aspects of the school, and the standards in the school, have needed to improve this year. We have started this journey and have made many great strides forward this year, particularly with phonics teaching (as borne out by our excellent 91% Year 1 phonics check scores this year), and the equally wonderful Year 6 results (being above national averages in all areas this year). However, we've also made great strides forwards in many other aspects of school life and we will continue to do so next year. Although the academic performance of the children will always be a key concern, we also want the school to become a rich, vibrant place where children enjoy their learning, and treat each other with respect, tolerance and kindness. Much that we will be looking to further improve next year will centre on achieving all of this and raising the bar for the Guildhall pupils in all aspects of then becoming well-rounded, thoughtful and ingenious citizens. I look forward to us all being able to enjoy that outcome together in the years ahead.

I must take time to thank, once again, those staff who are leaving us this year. We wish them all very well in their future careers and thank them for the part that they have played this year in delivering for the children.

One change that you will start to feel from early next year will be the school's new curriculum, which staff have been working on during the year. This should prove a great vehicle for delivering even better outcomes and even more enjoyable and meaningful education for the children of Guildhall. I'll be sharing more details about this just prior to the start of next term. Have a great summer.

Holiday Concerns

If you have any concerns regarding wellbeing of any pupil at the school during the holidays, or if you have any significant family changes/issues that the school will need to know, there are contact options for during the holiday. I can be contacted on head@guildhallfeoffment.suffolk.sch.uk for much of the holiday period. You can also message fc.thompson@guildhallfeoffment.suffolk.sch.uk if I am not able to respond. One of Mrs Thompson and myself will be contactable for much of the holiday period.

Should you have an immediate concern about a child's welfare then please link to the Bury Safeguarding team at <https://www.bury.gov.uk/social-care-and-support/child-care-and-support/report-a-child-at-risk>

A Farewell to Year 6

I've already mentioned the excellent SATs results from the Year 6 cohort, but I must also take time to celebrate the fact that they are so much more than just some results. They have been a truly outstanding Year 6 and a group of young adults that the school, and all its teachers, are extremely proud of. It was simply a joy to share the London trip with them last week. They had worked so hard to raise the money for it during the year, and it was a fitting sendoff for the group and a lovely final memory of their time together. Sharing the great museums of London, enjoying a picnic on Green Park and culminating in seeing their astonishment at the Lion King production, proved to be a wonderful experience for the children and the staff alike. We wish them all well in their future studies and lives, and look forward to hearing about all their future successes.

Thanks also to those parents who attended the leavers' assembly yesterday. There was not a dry eye in the house, as the children shared their memories of their time at the school. As a cohort they have set the bar very high for next year's Year 6. Thank you children for all being so wonderful.



OAA Days for Y3, 4, 5, and 6

This week the children have been taking part in Outdoor Adventurous Activity (OAA) days at the Abbey Gardens. The event was run by Explore Outdoor and allowed the children to take part in Climbing and Orienteering activities. It was a lovely additional PE experience for the children for the end of the year.

Gardening Club

Thank you to the Gardening club for everything that they have delivered in transforming the courtyard and other areas of the school. The Bury on Bloom judges loved seeing your work and enjoyed talking to you about what you'd done. A special mention must go to Julie Southgate who has supported this club from the outset and been hugely helpful to Mrs Thompson in getting this up and running so well. As you can see from the picture below the courtyard is looking lovely once again.



Thanks Julie

House Points Trophy

We must congratulate the Sapphire house for not only winning this week's House point trophy, but also the termly victory.



At the end of a long year of competition between the houses the final victors (after a tie break), and winners of the House points cup for 2023 are also the Sapphires house. Congratulations to them for all the hardwork they have put in this year. Well done also to all the children who have worked hard for their house this year.



Water Safety

We have recently had reports from the Police with regards to young people accessing private land that has lakes or sections of rivers running through it to use the water to swim/play in hot weather. I'd like to remind you all of the dangers of children playing near rivers and lakes, due to reeds/mud and unseen debris. Please talk to your children about this if you feel this is appropriate.

Uniform

We have lots of unclaimed uniform still waiting to be taken. Please take whatever you might need from the lost property table today, as it will disappear at the end of term. We will retain a number of items to be freely taken by anyone who needs additional uniform for next year.

Friends of Feoffment

A huge well done to the Friends of Feoffment for raising £2,500 from the 180th Anniversary event. This money will be invaluable to the school next year. We have also had some very generous donations to the school's Just Giving page, which has just raised £1500 for the school. This includes an incredible £1000 donations from an anonymous donor. Whoever you are (and hopefully you get to read this newsletter), please accept a huge thank you from the school for this incredibly kind donation.

The Friends also need to say thank you to Lilley and Julie for co-chairing the group this year. They will be stepping down in September, and I'd like to thank them for all that they have achieved for the Guildhall children this year. There will be an AGM in September for planning the year ahead, and I'd encourage as many new and existing families to come along and get involved in supporting the school. The date for this meeting will be shared at a later time.

Summer Kids Eat for Free

If you are looking for details of where you can eat as a family over summer, with free deals for children, then please check out this link which is very helpful.

<https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free>

Summer Reading Challenge

The Suffolk Library service have just released details of their Summer Reading Challenge, please see the flier opposite for details.

A reminder about Next Year

Please can I remind you all that next term the 4th and 5th of September are training days and that the school is not open until 6th September for the pupils. Can I also remind you all that the times of the school day are changing from September too. The gates will open at 8.30am as usual, but the bell will ring at 8.40am for the children to line up. At the end of the day all classes will now finish at 3.15pm. If you have a Reception child, your other children will be directed to the Colleges playground to meet you regardless of which year group they are in.

Upcoming diary dates

4	SEP, MON	● All day	Training Day (Day 1/2)
5	SEP, TUE	● All day	Training Day (Day 2/2)
6	SEP, WED	● All day	Term starts
		● 3:15 – 4:15pm	Lego club Year 3/4
11	SEP, MON	● 3:30 – 4:30pm	Year 3-6 Basketball Club (Clarke Coaching)
13	SEP, WED	● 3:15 – 4:15pm	Lego club Year 3/4



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