



## MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Mrs Joy Haycocks this week. She had been a valued member of our school community for many, many years and will be greatly missed. Please keep Joy's family in your thoughts as they go through this difficult time.

In the coming months the school will look to celebrate the life and achievements of Mrs Haycocks by hosting a community netball event at our school in her honour.



## SCHOOL CROSSING

We ask that parents, carers and pupils be aware that the drive adjacent to the Hungate Street crossing is in use regularly. Please try to keep safe by crossing from within the cones.

Kind regards

*J Olney*



## ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is... **94.2%**

Our class of the week is: **Brazil with 99.2%**





## BVS Readathon

Thank you to everybody who got behind this year's event to help raise funds for our schools library project. Together we have raised just over **£1500**, how amazing is that! Every penny will be allocated to improving the reading corner, and the purchasing of new books. Class winners will be announced in Monday's assembly. Certificates and a £10 book voucher will be awarded to the pupil of each class who clocked up the most amount of time reading. Once again, on behalf of FOBVS, and the school.



THANK YOU



### UPCOMING DATES

7 March	Yr4-6 Netball Trip
15 & 16 March	Possible strike days - tba
20 March	Yr3-6 Cross country event
20-24 March	Book Fair in school
22 March	Yr4 Castle Museum Trip
24 March	Easter Fair
28 March	Parents consultation evening
29 March	Parents consultation evening (not France)
30 March	Parents consultation evening France
31 March	Star of the half term assembly (time/venue tba)
31 March	Last day of Spring term





## MRS HAYCOCKS

As Mr Olney has already mentioned in his letter, we are all saddened with the news that Joy passed away earlier this week. Joy had been in hospital for a while, however, last week, she was able to come back to her home in Aylsham and be with her family.

Joy was part of BVS for many years, from when the school was known as Aylsham Junior school, then Aylsham Middle school and currently Bure Valley School. After she retired, she continued to be involved in school life, sometimes as a stand in teacher, but over the last few years with coaching/teaching the netball teams. As her Yr6 pupils left BVS, they would then graduate on to Wednesday night netball, including league matches in Norwich.



Many, many years ago, back in the 80s, when Joy's daughter, Jenny (Centre), myself (Wing Defence) and a group of our friends left Aylsham Middle school for Aylsham high school, we were upset to learn that there would be no netball at high school, only hockey! Determined not to give up on our love of netball, we would practise at lunch time and after school and were able to join a league, which meant regular trips to Norwich. Joy would give up her evenings taking us to these matches, driving us in the school minibus - she wasn't going to see us girls lose out on our netball! Some of the Norwich teams could be rather intimidating for us Aylsham girls... but then Joy would appear and it would be them quaking in their Dunlop Green Flash plimssoles!

That was 40 years ago and some of us girls have had daughters who have gone on to be coached by Joy. She was a respected referee - nobody messed with her decisions!

We will all miss her and are grateful for her time and devotion she has given to Aylsham children (and adults) over the years. We will miss her England flags on her car and her pink hair. We send our deepest sympathy to Matthew and Jenny and all her family.

Joy's funeral will take place at 3pm on Friday, 31 March at St Michael's church, followed by a celebration of her life from 4pm in the town hall. Her family would be happy to see as many of you there who are able to attend and share your memories.

Mrs Watson  
School Office





## 25 HALOS AS @ 3/3/2023

### FRANCE

Rowan G, Connor R, Myla G, Logan F

### SPAIN

Isaac D, Blake B, Joseph B, Mya S, Daisy S

### GREECE

Willow G

### IRELAND

Alice W, Archie G, Alfie G, Joshua B,

### MEXICO

Yvonne S, Caitlin L, Lewis H, Elle P

### INDIA

Honey-Ann M

### BRAZIL

Ryker G, Oliver S

### JAPAN

Evie W, Holly E

## 50 HALOS AS @ 3/3/2023

### FRANCE

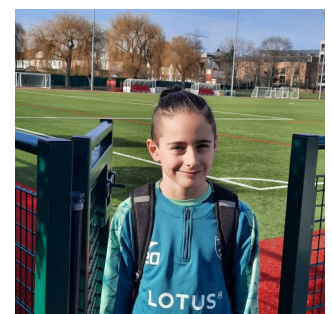
Sam R-G, Sadie G, Sarah H

**WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

## WELL DONE DEXTER!

Congratulation to Dexter who has been signed by Norwich City Academy. Here is a photo of Dexter representing Norwich City FC at Arsenal. Our school community is really proud of his achievement and commitment. We hope he continues to enjoy his football.

If you have a sporting success story you would like to share or something, you are proud of and want to share with the wider school community, please do let us know.



## MENTAL HEALTH DIFFICULTIES IN CHILDREN

Please have a look at this link - it has some great short articles and videos for parents about a variety of mental health difficulties children aged 4-11 might struggle with.

[https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm\\_source=Schools&utm\\_campaign=9aa6e0e510-Non-Partner\\_Schools\\_Newsletter\\_March\\_2023&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_c6b02a1e38-9aa6e0e510-221322056](https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Schools&utm_campaign=9aa6e0e510-Non-Partner_Schools_Newsletter_March_2023&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c6b02a1e38-9aa6e0e510-221322056)





## BUSY TIMES ON THE SPORTS FIXTURES

### Dancing fun

Well done to all our Yr6 pupils who went to North Walsham High School with North Norfolk Sports. They enjoyed a great morning learning a routine and then adding their own ending to a song from High School Musical 2 (2007!). Check out their dances on our twitter page @bvs\_sports



### Strike, Spare or Split

Some of our pupils enjoyed a morning at JR's North Walsham in a bowling tournament. It was fantastic to see everyone cheering on and encouraging their teammates.



### Football Frenzy

Thank you to Colby School for coming over for two Thursdays and allow our Yr5/6 girls and our Yr3/4 pupils to enjoy some football. The girls won their game whilst the two Yr3/4 teams won one lost one. All the games were played in great spirits with a wonderful effort put in by all and smiles all round to finish.





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## Maths Pays

### PLAN, SHOP, SAVE! 😊

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 10am to 12pm or 1pm to 3pm

The Emmanuel Church Aylsham, Cawston Road, NR11 6BX

**Come and join us to.....**

**Learn how to plan and budget your weekly meals**

**Cost it out using our simple templates and online tools**

**Get new ideas for easy low cost recipes**

**PLUS...take away a £40 Tesco shopping voucher to help put your new meal planning skills into action**

All courses are fully funded for people aged 19 and over, living in Norfolk

To book your place, please contact Lisa Whatnall on:

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## **Big Norfolk Easter Holiday Activity scheme – Booking now open!**

We're pleased to announce that booking is now open for Big Norfolk Holiday Fun. Activities will run across the Easter Holidays from 3 – 17 April. Families can now visit our [EveryMove activity finder](#) to search activities and make bookings.

Please support us by sharing Big Norfolk Holiday Fun information with eligible families.

Also please remember the scheme is also open to all vulnerable children regardless of their free school meal status. This includes for example young carers and refugees. Please refer any additional children that you'd like to recommend using the link here [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun: Information for Schools \(activenorfolk.org\)](#).

### **Helping you promote the scheme**

Don't forget we have a range of free promotional marketing tools to help you get the message out to your free school meal eligible families.

Materials include

- Promotional playground banners and posters
- Printed or digital flyers to go home in book bags
- Newsletter copy and social media graphics

### **[Download the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun toolkit or order printed copies here](#)**

Now that booking is open, please encourage families to book activities by doing the following:

- sending the Big Holiday Fun pdf to all eligible families (find this in the school promotional toolkit )
- working with families you know who may struggle to make the booking themselves
- promote the scheme in your weekly school newsletter using the copy provided
- promote the scheme on your Facebook page using the social media images provided (or share Norfolk County Council's Facebook posts)

This year we've extended our offer with even more providers and activities available which is great news. On top of that we've secured more specialist SEN providers for 2023 giving us an even wider range of inclusive activities.

If you have any questions, please email the team on [bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:bnhf@norfolk.gov.uk)

Thanks in advance for all your continued support.

Best wishes

**Tim Eyres**

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Norfolk County Council Children's Services

