



## MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers

It has been a busy and productive first half term at Bure Valley. We have been able to welcome the vast majority of our parents in to school, have participated in some fabulous events and have worked hard to get the new academic year off to a positive start.

We have also welcomed a new year group to our school alongside a number of new children and families.

I hope you all feel settled and satisfied with the education we are providing your children. We continue to seek your feedback and really appreciate your support. Please continue to work in partnership with us across the autumn term and into 2024.

Have a good half term break.

J Olney



## ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is... **95.8%**

Our class of the week is: **FRANCE with 98%**

## SHOE BOX APPEAL 2023

In conjunction with Aylsham Girl Guides (who are based at Bure Valley) and Blythswood Care we are once again promoting the Shoe Box Appeal.

Since 1993, Blythswood have sent more than 2.5 million boxes – each one different, each one personal, each one an expression of your care and kindness towards a stranger in need.

The individually wrapped shoe boxes you fill will contain small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing, they are then distributed to schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low-income communities. Many have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine.

If you and your child(ren) would like to wrap a shoe box and fill it with some simple gifts, please click on the link and take a close look at the check list and follow the instructions: [https://blythswood.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/ShoeBox\\_leaflet\\_2023.pdf](https://blythswood.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/ShoeBox_leaflet_2023.pdf)

The school will act as a collection point, please bring your shoe box to the school office, where you will see our display. The deadline for completion is Friday 3 November. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your gift truly makes a difference.

## FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Harvest Festival collection for the North Norfolk Food bank.

We have extended the collection until the end of this half term. Any further contributions can be left in reception.

Thank you.



### THIS MONTH, THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED

TINNED MEAT

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED TOMATOES

SQUASH / FRUIT JUICE

PASTA SAUCE

JAM

LONG LIFE MILK

CEREAL

ANY TOILETRIES

ANY HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS

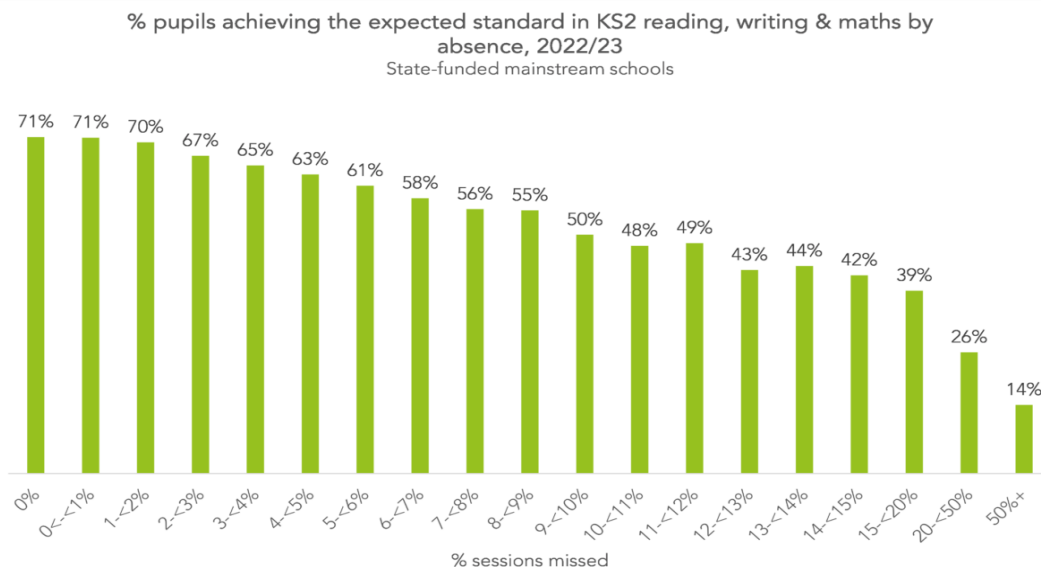
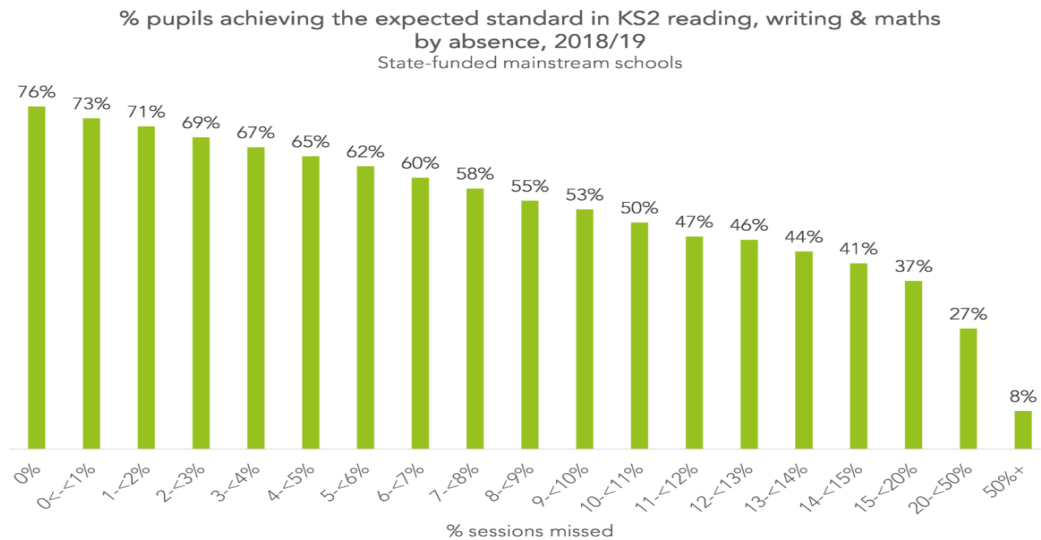
RE-USABLE SHOPPING BAGS



## ATTENDANCE

As we now move towards the last week of this half term, we continue to monitor attendance closely across our school. We do so because we have to, and we have to, because research highlights the positive relationship between good school attendance, good attainment and positive life outcomes.

These graphs taken from FFT education data lab show that attainment declines as absence increases.



We recognise that absence may be a contributory factor to low attainment, but it may not be the only reason why some children achieve lower outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2 or as they progress on to high school. We also recognise that pupil attendance is complex and that for some families and individuals there are a multitude of reasons why their school attendance percentage is lower than we would like.

This message is not a moan or warning, it simply outlines why we place so much importance on children attending school and why we must continue to work in partnership for the benefit of our children. Not because we want them to score highly in a national test, but because we want to give them the best possible life chances moving forward.







## FAMILY LEARNING DAY

We had a great Family Learning afternoon this week making some amazing Christmas cards. They will now be heading to AHS for printing and we hope to send proofs home after the half term break. You will then be able to place your orders via Parentpay.







## Rehoming Winter Coats

Has your child outgrown  
last year's winter coat?

TACT (Families) are starting a  
winter 2023 project to help  
families sustainably recycle  
their old warm and waterproof  
coats.

- REDUCE - landfill waste
- REUSE - rehoming good  
condition coats
- RECYCLE - coats which have  
plenty of life left in them

Thank You for  
Your Donation...



## Please Donate

Clean, warm and  
waterproof coats of any size  
or colour will be accepted  
from toddler to adult.

Coats will be rehomed in  
TACT (Families) schools  
from nursery to high school.

Please take any of your  
coats for donation to your  
child's school office, where  
they will be taken to a  
central distribution point.

For further information, please contact  
Monica Harding  
TACT (Families) Development Officer  
& Family Learning Co-Ordinator  
07780 887 348





## Do you have any outgrown School Uniform?

**Please Donate items  
to the Friends of BVS.**

**We accept:**  
**Red jumpers/cardigans (logo or plain)**  
**Red Fleeces**  
**School dresses**  
**Skirts and shorts**  
**Trousers**

**with the new yr3s coming up, we are also looking for  
PE kit items and school shoes.**

**Preloved Sales  
every 1st and 3rd  
Wednesday  
of the month  
after school**



**Thank you for your continued support**





## Aylsham High School Thursday 2nd November 6 pm - 7 pm How to Hang Wallpaper



Hints and tips to help you successfully hang wallpaper at home.

During this free workshop Kevin Woodfield will demonstrate and offer hints and tips to successfully hang wallpaper in your home.



At the end of the session you will take home a basic wallpapering tool kit containing items similar to these.

Please book your place by completing the booking form. For further information please e-mail Monica Harding [mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:mharding@aylshamhigh.norfolk.sch.uk) or text 07780887348.

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Norfolk County Council to deliver a range of learning opportunities for our families through a new government-funded programme called Multiply which aims to support adults to build confidence with numeracy skills.

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## Aylsham High School Thursday 2nd November 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm General Household Plumbing Hints and Tips.



During this free workshop Paul Lane and Kevin Woodfield will demonstrate and offer useful hints and tips for general household plumbing concerns such as how to unblock a sink/toilet, isolate the water supply, change a washer in a tap.



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## Festive Fabric Box Starts Wednesday 15th November (2 week course) Tutors - Fiona Chant and Alison Bell 7 pm - 9 pm Aylsham High School



A two week course offering the opportunity to make a fabric festive padded box for yourself or to give as a gift.

Basic sewing machine experience required.  
There will be an additional non refundable fee of £5.00 towards the cost of the materials for this course.







## From Trash to Treasure

Who doesn't love something for nothing!  
As our household budgets continue to be squeezed making gifts and cards for friends and family can not only save you money but each one is totally unique. Come and enjoy making lovely cards and gifts that cost you nothing but time 😊

Where: Emmanuel Church, Cawston Road, Aylsham  
When: Wednesday 8th November 10am to 12.30pm

To book your place, contact  
Lisa Whatnall  
Email: [lisa.whatnall@clarionhg.com](mailto:lisa.whatnall@clarionhg.com)  
Phone: 07770704740



## Aylsham Fireworks Evening

### Friday 3rd November

**Next to Woodgate Nursery, Aylsham**

Aylsham Community fireworks in partnership with 1st Aylsham Scouts and Aylsham Event Committee.  
Display by FLASHfx

Ticket	Pre-order	On the night
Family (2 adults, 2 children)	£15.00	£20.00
Adult	£5.00	£6.00
Child (Age 5-16)	£4.00	£5.00
Under 5's	free	free

**Food vendors and fairground rides**

Tickets can be bought from Coxfor's Butchers (Aylsham), JB Postle (Aylsham), Aylsham Town Council (Town Hall) or over the phone payment, 01263 733354

Disabled parking only as this is a 'walk to' event.

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS LEAFLET



Delivered by local churches in partnership with Christians Against Poverty (CAP), money coaching is a free service designed to empower you with the knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to better manage your finances.



Everyone is welcome – from seasoned budgeting experts to those struggling to get to grips with their spending. It's backed by a range of financial experts, and it's 100% free.

Charity Registered No: 1097217 (England & Wales), SC038776 (Scotland). CAP is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.



**'The money coaching activities gave us an opportunity to have conversations about where we think we should be spending our money.'**

Dan and Chloé – money coaching participants

**Our free four week course starts**  
Tuesday 31st October 2023  
9.15am-11.15am

Jubilee Family Centre  
Norwich Road  
Aylsham NR11 6JG

**Book your free place:**  
[aylshamcommunitychurch.org](http://aylshamcommunitychurch.org)  
or phone 01263 733332

