



**Wensum Junior School**  
**An academy trust school**



*From the head*

**January**

Another busy month... I am so proud of how hard the children are working in their classes and how so many of them continue to display our school values every day. Recent external feedback has stated that the school is calm and purposeful and both children and staff are all working really hard. Well done everyone.

I love being able to celebrate children's achievements and have awarded the following 'Head Teacher Awards' this month.

**Head Teacher Awards:**

Parker – For being an outstanding 'Play leader'.  
Meryl – For being a great role model to others.  
Amelia H – For great improvement in Maths.  
Jayden O – For fantastic writing.  
Jordi – For following our school's values.  
Lenda – For great progress in Reading.

It was so lovely to see so many children and families at our book fair. Thank you for supporting this and enabling the school to add new books to each classes book collection.

**Mrs Peachment**

SEN Meeting:

Just a reminder that there is a meeting tomorrow, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February in school at 1.45pm for any parent who has a child with SEN, or anyone who has concerns about their child. No diagnosis necessary. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Dates for your diary 2024:**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Yr3 Roman Day  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup>-Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February - Yr6 Hilltop Residential Trip  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> - Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Half Term Holiday  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March - Science Week  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of term  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Return to school  
Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May - Yr6 SATS week  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Reserve Sports Day

### January - Author visit.

Time-travelling author, Julia Edwards, visited Wensum Junior. She began by giving the whole school a whistle-stop tour through history, introducing *The Scar Gatherer* series. Julia gave an insight into what inspired her to write books, before summarising a few of her stories, as well as reading extracts direct from her books. It was such a treat to hear the author of a book reading it aloud! The children particularly enjoyed the quirky and fascinating facts from history - the tales about Henry VIII's wives really captured their imagination.

Following on from the assembly, Year 4 and 5 children participated in 'Dramatic Tension' workshops with Julia. They learnt that dramatic tension was about keeping the audience engaged to want to read or watch more. Julia linked this to well-known fairy tales and the children dressed-up and acted out some of the scenes, focusing on the dramatic tension elements of the stories. The workshops finished with a question-and-answer session about what it was like to be an author.

Back in the classrooms, the children will take what they have learned about the importance of having a strong character in their stories as they explore how tension can be created through heroes/heroines, as well as antagonists. It will help them to get all the elements correct to create a cliff hanger in the narratives that they are currently working on.



## Year 5/6 Football

A massive congratulations to our year 5 / 6 football team for winning the 1st division league.

They battled against other schools at 'The Nest' football ground in Horsford and have now earned their place in the Championship! Children, we are very proud of what you have achieved. Watch this space in April when they will be back in action for the next round!



To save any confusion you may have regarding school lunches and school trips, we will explain which app is used for what.

### The Pantry:

The Pantry is used for ordering your child's lunches. You should have an account set up and simply order the lunches for your child yourself via the website, by logging into your account. You can order up to 6 weeks in advance. If your child is ill, you must cancel your meal before 9am, otherwise you will still be charged. If you are struggling with your account, please email the office at [office@thepantrycatering.co.uk](mailto:office@thepantrycatering.co.uk), or ring them on 020 8813 7040



### School Money:

School Money is used for clubs and trips. This includes booking your child in for Breakfast Club or After School Club, booking school discos or school trips. You can also pay through school money. If you are having any issues paying through the app, please visit the school office. If you do not have an account on school money, please ring the school office on 01603 620877 or email us at [office@wensumjunior.org.uk](mailto:office@wensumjunior.org.uk) and we will create an account for you.



schoolmoney

# Awards for this month 😊

## 3/4A Reading awards

- Demi-Leigh
- Zico
- Meredith
- Oore
- Sebastian
- Caleb

## Always Award

Cameron



## 5P Reading awards

- Pamela
- Yanqi
- Tamim
- Jemima
- Noah
- Matilda
- Goda
- Myrtle
- Kyle
- Freddie
- Sonny
- Eleanor
- Isabella
- Harriett

## Always Award

Goda



## 6C Reading Awards

- Cody
- Parker
- Kaustubh

## Always Award

Jayden

# Awards for this month 😊

## Reading Awards 5W

Abi  
Ashley  
Thisali  
Yanqun  
Gabija

## Always Award

Thisali



## Reading Awards 6SH

Amalia  
Umar  
Maddie  
Lula  
Jayden  
Harry  
Elias  
Jack

## Always Award

Harry



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Please feel free to follow these links and watch our Evolution Academy Trust Choir day 😊

Evolution Academy Trust - Children on song at Trust choir event

Evolution Academy Trust Choir - "Sing" ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))

Trust choir day - Wensum Junior ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))

## The Hive – SRB



It was lovely to welcome the children back for a new term, we are hoping the weather improves – though we think they are rather hoping for snow!

### Art



In art we have been exploring Modroc. We created sculptures from newspaper, covered them in Modroc and then painted them.

The guinea pigs visit every Friday – we made them Guinea pig mazes to try.

We love cooking each week. We used a packet dough and a roll out dough to see which made the better pizza base – the packet mix won!

The Hive team.



Midday Supervisory Assistants

**Required as soon as possible at Wensum Junior School**

Term time only -5 days

12.05 pm-1.25pm

Scale A £10.50 p/h

Wensum Junior seek to appoint enthusiastic and caring midday supervisors to join our staff team. The post involves assisting in supervising children during lunchtime, encouraging healthy eating and promoting positive play on the playground.

We are looking for applicants who:

- Enjoy working with children
- Have a calm, caring and consistent manner at all times
- Is flexible and able to work as part of a team
- Is committed to the success and well-being of all children

**Wensum Junior is a successful and thriving city school that celebrates diversity and difference. We have a strong staff team who are committed to inclusion and high expectations for all children.**



# Our Local Governing Board is seeking people just like you... find out what is involved



## We are looking for people with ...

- Energy and enthusiasm
- Curiosity and willingness to ask questions
- Common sense
- The ability to work as a team
- A willingness to share responsibility



## Interested?

If you have decided that you would like to apply to become a Local Governor, please contact the Trust Governance Professional Andrea Ryan at [a.ryan@evolutionacademytrust.org.uk](mailto:a.ryan@evolutionacademytrust.org.uk) for more details



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# Local Governing Boards are crucial to the running of our school

## Role overview

Generally Local Governors are not specialists in education. Much of the role is about exercising common sense and working together in the best interests of our pupils.

You will focus on a number of areas including:

- Pupil outcomes and personal development of all our children
- Safeguarding
- Community engagement

## Our Local Governing Boards share responsibility for monitoring:

- Safeguarding the children in the school
- Ensuring that the school is providing for all its pupils whatever their needs
- Implementation of relevant policies
- Ensuring standards are continually improving
- Ensure the school supports spiritual, moral and cultural development
- Engagement with stakeholders (pupils, parents and the community)

## Skills

The Local Governing Board needs additional representatives from the local community who are enthusiastic, willing to learn and curious about the school to provide support and constructive challenge. Educational experience is not necessarily required to apply for the role as you will be supported by an educational specialist on the board.

## Benefits

The opportunity to gain skills you may not otherwise acquire. To gain a wider perspective of your community by understanding how our Trust and schools are managed and pupils are supported to maximise their potential. Most importantly, the satisfaction of contributing to the school and helping to make a difference for our pupils.

## Who sits on our Local Governing Board?


- Two Parent Governors
- Two Community Governors
- One Trust Governor (an educational specialist)
- The Headteacher

The Board works collaboratively as a team and Governors cannot take action/make decisions as an individual.

## What is involved in being a Local Governor?

- A voluntary position (usually for a term of four years)
- A commitment to attend at least one board meeting per term (maximum two hours, usually during the day)
- A commitment to one school visit per term linked to your role
- Training will be offered to support you in your role
- You will be encouraged to attend school events
- A DBS check will be required to align with our strong safeguarding culture

## A Governor does not:

- Write school policies
  - Undertake audits or classroom observations (even if the Governor has the relevant professional experience)
  - Spend much time with pupils (if you want to work directly with children there are many other voluntary roles)
  - Fund raise as this is the role of the PTA
  - Do the job of school staff
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**SEE SOMETHING**  
**HEAR SOMETHING**  
**SAY SOMETHING**

These are difficult times and families are under huge amounts of pressure - we are here to help

If you hear something or see something that makes you feel worried about a child living nearby, please let us know



[0344 800 8020](tel:03448008020)

In an emergency call [999](tel:999)

Help us to keep Norfolk's children [safe](#)

## Supporting Parents



# Help with living costs

You may be struggling with living costs for a range of reasons. This leaflet tells you what support is available and how to get advice. You can also find this information on our website [www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving). If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can go online at any of our Norfolk libraries.

There is also a cost of living hub provided by the government which contains useful information. This can be found at [www.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living).

Winter 2023/24





If you would like more updates on your children and what they are up to in school, please feel free to follow us on facebook or twitter, where we share information about clubs, lessons, school trips and more!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091397707725>

Polite reminders: Please ensure you are picking your child up at promptly 3:15 at hometime.

Please ensure to check your emails from the school, as this is our most used form of communication.

We are encouraging children to bring healthy snacks in for their break time. This includes any fruit or vegetables, as a way of promoting healthy eating and your children having their 5-a-day.

Please ensure your child is wearing their correct uniform to school. We expect all children to follow the school dress code at all times:

- Jumpers/cardigans - Royal blue. Children should wear plain items or featuring the school logo.
- Polo Shirts - Royal blue, light blue or white can be worn. These can be plain or with the school logo.
- Trousers/Skirts/Pinafore dresses/Shorts - children can wear plain black or grey. No cycling shorts or leggings are allowed.
- Summer dresses/ - blue or navy gingham can be worn.
- Jewellery is not permitted in school, with the exception of earrings.
- Make- Up -Is not permitted at school.
- Shoes - We ask children to wear plain black outdoor shoes/trainers, a suitable style for everyday wear.
- Socks/Tights - White, black or grey.

PE kits can be worn to school on the day of PE lesson, the children should wear plain black shorts and a t-shirt that is the colour of their house. When the weather gets colder, children should wear plain, unbranded black or dark colour jogging/tracksuit bottoms and a plain, unbranded sweatshirt or hoodie. They are allowed to wear their school jumper or cardigan too.

If you change your telephone number or email address, please could you let the school office know without delay in case we need to contact you.

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## Do you have a safeguarding concern?

We have an amazing Safeguarding Team at Wensum who will be available to talk too regarding any safeguarding concerns.



*Mrs Peachment  
Lead DSL*



*Miss Glen  
DSL*



*Mr Hubery  
DSL*



*Mrs Miller  
ASC DSL*



Thank you for all of your donations for our non-uniform day for children in need! We raised £120.85, which is amazing!