



RINGSFIELD COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



A message from Mr Jeal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an excellent start to our school year—I am incredibly pleased with the progress and achievements across our school. Behaviour has been excellent, attendance is strong, and attitudes toward learning have been consistently positive. It is clear that our children are working hard to 'Grow with us and be the best they can be'. I have been thoroughly impressed with our new Reception class children. They have come in through the gates full of confidence and ready to begin their journey with us.

This term has been filled with enriching activities and opportunities, including school trips and our Year 6 Bikeability. Attached to this newsletter are key dates for this term, including parents' evening dates.

Please try to attend parents' evenings. We strongly believe in the importance of teachers and parents/carers working together. Also, don't forget that we have a PD day on the Friday before half term!

Kind regards

Mr Jeal



St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
Diocesan Multi Academy Trust



Dates for the diary -

October

6th - Year 6 Arts Day - SJLHS
9th, 13th & 14th - Book Fair
14th - Individual / Sibling School Photos
20th, 21st & 22nd - Parents' Evening KS2
20th & 21st - Parents' Evening - Nursery and KS1
20th - No choir
23rd - Harvest Festival
27th - 31st Half Term (24th PD Day)

November

20th - Crucial Crew Yr 6
21st - Flu Immunisations

December

11th and 12th - Christmas Performances (not Nursery)
16th - Marina Theatre (not Nursery)

Sharing Assembly

Parents are invited to join us on Fridays at 2.55pm for our sharing assembly. The children show work that they are proud of and celebrate with the rest of the school community.

Keystage 1 and Reception

26th September
10th October

Keystage 2

3rd October
17th October

Attendance

Oak - 97%
Willow - 95.4%
Elm - 94.9%

**Whole
School -
95.7%**

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**Our
Contact
Details**



Henham Steam Rally



Elm Class were invited to participate in the 49th Henham Steam & Country Show, alongside several other local schools. This event presents an excellent opportunity for the children to expand their understanding of topics ranging from steam engines to the concept of farm to fork.

All the children had a fantastic time.

We encourage our families to visit over the weekend and support this two-day event, which is organised by a wonderful group of volunteers.





Friends of Ringsfield Primary.

My name is Rachel Hunt, and I am the current Chair of the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) here at Ringsfield Primary School.

For those who may not know, the PFA is a registered charity that works alongside the school to raise vital funds and organise events that benefit every child. Some of our key annual activities include the Easter Disco and Egg Hunt, the Summer Fair, Mother's and Father's Day shops, regular bake sales and raffles, and of course, the much-loved Christmas Fair.

The money raised from these events goes directly back into the school, helping to fund things such as new iPads for classrooms, school equipment, books, school bus hire for trips, and so much more.

At the moment, the PFA is down to just one person, myself, and in order for this great work to continue, we urgently need more support. We are currently looking for:

- 2 New Trustees
- **1 Treasurer**
- 1 Secretary
- New Committee Members
- Plus, volunteers to help at events when needed

This may sound like a big commitment, but I promise it is manageable. I personally balance this role alongside being a mum of three, running my own businesses, and serving as a school governor. If you have a little flexibility in your schedule, you really can make a big difference.

We are required to hold at least one meeting per term, which usually lasts no more than an hour and is arranged at convenient times, typically after drop-off or before pick-up.

Unfortunately, if we do not get any further help from parents, we will be forced to terminate the PFA. This would mean all of our children would miss out on the benefits and fun that the PFA brings to school life.

If you'd like more information, please do get in touch with me – I'd love to hear from you. Together, we can ensure the PFA continues to provide fun, community events and much-needed support for our school. Please give your name and contact details to the school office and I will be in touch.

Warm regards,

Rachel Hunt

Chair of Ringsfield Primary PFA



World Champion Success!



We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you about Mr Wilson, who teaches P.E. at Ringsfield Primary School (pictured holding the trophy below). Mr Wilson has recently achieved remarkable success as a world champion, and we couldn't be prouder of him!

Mr Wilson was delighted to have been selected to represent GB in the Racketlon World Championships in Rotterdam.

For those unaware, Racketlon is where you play an opponent at TABLE TENNIS, BADMINTON, SQUASH, and then TENNIS, with each sport played to 21 points in the singles categories but playing up to 11 points in the teams' events. At this event there were over 430 competitors from over 30 countries.

Mr Wilson's big intention this year was success in the Teams event, where he was selected for the GB team to play in the Nations Cup.

Facing Austria in the first match, Mr Wilson played alongside his captain for the doubles section, and despite losing the table tennis against opposition to specialises in that sport, they won the remaining sports. The 5 members of the team did enough collectively that they only needed 2 points in tennis to take the win.

Next up, an experienced Hungarian team and Mr Wilson were selected to play the lead singles. As Mr Wilson had expected he unfortunately lost the table tennis leg but stormed back to win the badminton & squash legs. His teammates did likewise, and the points that they had gained meant that tennis was not even needed.

With 2 great wins, tremendous team spirit, and lots of support meant, GB would face a very strong French team in the final. Mr Wilson played singles against a player who was much higher ranked than him, but with determination, Mr Wilson and his team managed to secure the World Championship Gold and the Nations Cup Trophy!

This success is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and exceptional talent of Mr. Wilson and his team. We invite you to join us in congratulating him on this incredible achievement.

We are extremely proud to have such an inspiring individual motivating our children in P.E. lessons.



High School Applications

We would like to remind you of the key dates for secondary school applications for Year 6 children starting High School in September 2026.

****Opening Date for Secondary Applications:**** Friday 12th September 2025

****Closing Date for Applications:**** Friday 31st October 2025

Please take some time to talk to your children and to look at your High School options; many of the schools will hold open events for you and your child to have a look around.

Fancy dress costumes

Polite request: if you have any clothes aged 6-9 years that you no longer need that would be suitable for our reception children to use to 'role play homes' i.e dresses, trousers, emergency service costumes etc we would be very grateful to have them donated.





Noticeboard

**BUNGAY
HIGH SCHOOL**

An Invitation to our
OPEN EVENING
Thursday 25th September 2025

Due to its popularity, the sessions are running between 5.30pm-7.00pm and 6.45pm-8.15pm, with Headteacher presentations at 5.30pm and 6.45pm



We believe a visit to our exciting school is a brilliant way to be able to make an informed and important decision about your child's future. Therefore, we are offering you the fantastic opportunity to join us on Thursday 25th September for tours across the site. This will include interactive activities and experiences and the opportunity to speak to staff and students about life at Bungay High School as well as meeting the Headteacher, Chanel Oswick.

Should you wish to visit during the day on one of our School Day Tours below, please contact Rachel Blake at rblake@bungayhigh.co.uk or call 01986 891642 / 01986 892140 to arrange. Although these will be limited, we will endeavour to do our best to make alternative arrangements for you.

School Day Tours

Please note two different times on offer:
10.15 - 11.00am on 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24 September
10.15 - 11.00am on 1 October
9.15 - 10.00am on 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 30 September
Parents are asked to arrive promptly ready to start the Tours at the appropriate start times.

Save Money

Potential saving of
£450

LUNCHTIME FREE MEAL

Healthy, nutritious and freshly made daily

EVERY child in Reception Year 1 & 2
can have a **FREE** school lunch.

Please contact reception
for details

FOOD FESTIVAL

By Aspens

Westhall Apple & Pumpkin FESTIVAL

SAT. OCTOBER 4TH
VILLAGE HALL & FIELD, IP19 8RQ
FROM 1PM - FREE ADMISSION
A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY

Come along for an afternoon of pumpkin & apple fun for all ages! Enjoy locally made crafts and gifts, try pulling a tractor, face-painting, guess the weight of the pumpkin, listen to some great music, buy locally grown apples, pumpkins and wonderful produce selection, admire the tractor display, try your luck at the have-a-go stalls and welly wanging competition plus much more all afternoon. A great variety of hot and cold refreshments will be available from 1pm in the Village Hall and The Racehorse Community Pub.

Follow us on Facebook - Westhall Apple and Pumpkin Festival.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories are false or misleading beliefs that explain events as secret plots, often involving powerful groups. While once fringe, they are now more accessible through digital media, online influencers and because of algorithmic recommendations. The DfE guidance document, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) explicitly recognises conspiracy theories as potential content risks. This guide will help parents and educators understand the risks, spot the signs, and build children's resilience to conspiracy theories.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNDERMINING TRUST

Conspiracy theories can lead children and young people to distrust democratic institutions and British Values, teachers, and even their own families and loved ones. This erosion of trust makes young people more vulnerable to extremist narratives by isolating them from reliable sources of information.

ONLINE ALGORITHM TRAPS

Digital media platforms can often recommend personalised content. Once a child engages with one conspiracy-themed video or post, algorithms push more of the same, thereby creating an echo chamber that can intensify their beliefs.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Exposure to frightening conspiracy content, such as global plots, viruses, or government control, can fuel feelings of anxiety, paranoia, or hopelessness. For some young people, it can trigger prolonged distress or obsessive thinking.

GATEWAY TO EXTREMISM

Conspiracy theories can often overlap with extremist ideologies. Narratives that blame specific groups, such as politicians, scientists, or particular ethnic groups, can groom children in ways that foster hate, bigotry, and radicalisation.

CONFLICT WITH PEERS

Belief in conspiracy theories can lead to isolation or conflict at school. Children may struggle with peer relationships if they express these beliefs or become distrustful of others who disagree; sometimes, confrontation can even result in a strengthening of the belief in the conspiracy theory.

ERODED CRITICAL THINKING

Young people influenced by conspiracies may reject evidence-based learning. This risks undermining their academic progress and weakening their ability to think critically, assess risks, or engage in healthy debate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CREATE SAFE CONVERSATIONS

Don't mock or dismiss any questions that children and young people ask about conspiracy theories. Instead, create open, judgement-free spaces to talk. This strengthens trust and makes it more likely they will confide in you.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Teach young people how to assess information critically. Encourage them to ask appropriate questions, such as: Who is telling me this? What evidence is there? What do other trusted sources say? Use real examples from current media to explain your answers and reasoning.

MONITOR DIGITAL BEHAVIOUR

Be aware of the content children are accessing, especially on platforms such as TikTok, YouTube, or Reddit. Use parental controls, but more importantly, maintain ongoing dialogue about online experiences and influencers.

REINFORCE RELIABLE SOURCES

Point children toward trustworthy and reliable sources of news and information in a variety of formats tailored to the young person's age. Build habits of verifying facts using reliable sources, and teach them how to spot misleading content.

Meet Our Expert

Brandon O'Keeffe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/conspiracy-theories>



Junior Road Safety Officers

Please remember not to park on the stripy lines or where the cones are for the children's safety.

As the nights get darker, please be extra vigilant when crossing the road.



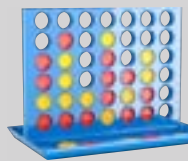
Out of School Club

Breakfast Club

7:45 - 8.45am

Cost - £4.50

Includes breakfast



After School Club

3:20 - 5:30pm (Mon-Thurs)

Cost - £4.00 per hour

Includes a snack

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility

Designated Senior Leaders - Mrs A Thomas, Mrs M Wood & Miss L Ashford

Alternative Safeguarding Lead - Mr S Jeal, Mrs J Burns, Miss N Kemp, Mr J Chipperfield

Named Safeguarding Governors - Rev Mark Bee

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