

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been no let-up in pace this week, despite the heat!

Our **Year 6** pupils have been busy planning and fundraising for their Enterprise project. They've sold icepops, cakes, biscuits, organised a raffle and set up sports and games – they are keen to raise as much money as they can for their leavers' events. We're not sure what they're most excited about – the fundraising or the chance to throw wet sponges at Mr Tottie!

Some of our **Year 5** pupils form our Sebert Singers group. On Sunday they will be performing at the Theatre Royal along with the Bury St Edmunds Youth Concert Band. They have practised by singing in assemblies this week – we wish them the best of luck. This will be the final performance of Sebert Singers. Our thanks to Mrs Ryan for the time and organisation she has put into the group across the years - these have been valuable opportunities for the children.

Pupils in Key Stage 1 have been out and about this week – on Tuesday **Year 2** visited Hedingham Castle to learn about life in a castle. Staff were pleased to see the children's interest in what experts had to say and their behaviour was excellent. **Year 1** visited the local café to practise using money. They were able to choose a food item, count out money to buy it and work out how much change was needed. Again, their behaviour was excellent and they did a great job of representing the school. Well done everyone!

In **Reception**, the children were very excited to welcome lots of little chicks into the world recently. For the first week of their lives, pupils feed and watered the chicks, ensuring that they were kept warm and removing lots of droppings! A wonderful experience for our early years pupils thanks to the generosity of FoSWS.

Several of our **School Council** members came back to school on Tuesday evening to talk to governors about their experiences here. They shared work, discussed teaching and learning and described how the behaviour system works. Governors were impressed with their confidence, ability to answer questions and enthusiasm for the school. Thank you to all who took part- Eden, Holly,

Finally, we held sessions for next year's Reception parents to explain our aims for the school, how things operate and how they can help. Some of our **Year 6** pupils then gave tours of the school, talked about their experiences here and answered any questions. Well done to Harrison, Isla, Cameron and Verity for being great ambassadors for the school.

Have a great weekend,

Mr James Tottie and Mr Jamie Winch

P.S, don't forget your suncream- it is going to be a scorcher!

Toys in School

We have noticed a sudden increase in the number of soft toys being brought into school. Please remember that no toys should be brought in as they can be a distraction to learning and there is the risk of loss or damage to the item, which can cause upset or disagreements between the children.

Online Safety

We have updated information on the online safety section of our website concerning Minecraft, AI and YouTube Kids. Please visit our website to find this helpful information.

Fair Play Award

Our Under-9s and Under-8s football teams were joint winners of the Year 4 Fairplay Award for the Bury St. Edmunds & District Primary School Football League for 2024/25. This was recognised by the opposition coaches, which is fantastic!

Sam (Y4) represented the Under-9s in the end-of-season festival.

We also found out that our U9s were League Runners-up. A huge congratulations to everyone involved – we are proud of you all!

Outside of School



Last weekend Harriet (Y6) performed in two shows with Platinum Dance Academy. She showed great confidence – well done Harriet!

Sporting Achievement

A special mention this week to our very own Year 4 teacher, Mr Turner! Last week he took part in the British Masters swimming championships at the London Aquatics Centre, where the Olympics were held. His first race was the 400m Individual Medley in which he set a new British Record – the previous record being set in 1994 (six years before he was born!). He won the race by nine seconds. This sets him up well for the World Masters championships in Singapore this summer. Children watched his race in assembly this week and he spoke about the resilience needed to achieve something like this. Well done Mr Turner – good luck for the summer!





Key Dates for Summer Term 2025

Sun 22 nd June	Sebert Singers concert @ Theatre Royal 2-4pm
Mon 23 rd June- Thurs 26 th June	Y5 Bikeability training
Mon 30 th – Fri 4 th July	Y6 residential trip
Tues 1 st July	Y5 'Annie' production @ Thurston CC
Wed 2 nd July	KS1 Sports Day (gates open at 9.45am) Reception (gates open at 1.45pm)
Thurs 3 rd July	LKS2 Sports Day (gates open at 9.45am)
Fri 4 th July	EYFS- Y5 reports out to parents
Mon 7 th July	UKS2 Sports Day (9.45am at Abbeycroft Leisure) Y6 Crucial Crew (PM)
Tues 8 th July	KS2 SATs results and Y6 Reports out Wimbledon trip
Wed 9 th - Thurs 10 th July	Year 6 Thurston CC transition days
Thurs 10 th July	Parent consultations
Fri 11 th July	FoSWS Summer Fayre
Mon 14 th July	Parent consultations
Mon 14 th - 18 th July	Sebert Wood Move up days- 15 th and 16 th July/ Reception activity sessions Sybil Andrews/King Edward VI/County High- 14 th and 15 th St Benedicts- 16- 18 th July
Thurs 17 th July	Leavers Assembly 9.15am
Fri 18 th July	Last day of term for pupils
Mon 21 st - Tues 22 nd July	PD days

Isobel's Legacy

Some of you may be aware of former pupil Izzy Sheppard, who sadly lost her life to cancer aged 14. A fundraising event in her memory is taking place – see below for details.

