

Sebert Wood Primary School

Parent/Carer Update



Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to you all after the Christmas break – the children have been full of news about what they got up to!

In assemblies this week Mr Winch has been sharing his wishlist for the year: brilliant behaviour with rewards for children, the best children's library in Bury St Edmunds and a well-behaved school dog! Children from Years 1 to 6 gave their thoughts on how we're doing at the moment, with the consensus given that we're "pretty good" in each area at the moment. We talked about what the children can do to improve in each area and what Mr Winch could do to support or reward them. We will come back to this later this year and see how we've done!

Last week Mr Tottie took a group of Year 6 pupils to a local memorial event. In January 1945 an aircraft taking off from Rougham Airfield crashed, landing at what is now the Home Covert woodland area between the community centre and pub. This year a local voluntary group has unveiled a memorial to the crew members lost in the accident. Our pupils attended the service and learned about the events of that day, which links to their current learning about World War 2. The organisers contacted us to say:

"I just wanted to pass on our thanks and to say what a credit the pupils from Sebert Wood, who attended our unveiling were to the school. They listened intently, asked and answered questions politely, and seemed to enjoy the whole occasion. They really are a credit to you all at the school."



On Thursday we were pleased to see many parents joining children from Reception, Years 1 and 2 for lunch. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend – lots of children were proud to show off their school, and any tears at goodbye-time quickly disappeared! We look forward to seeing more of you at this term's upcoming Parent/Carer consultation evenings, details of which are later in this newsletter.

Have a great weekend,

Mr James Tottie and Mr Jamie Winch

Parent Consultations

We are pleased to advise we are holding spring term parent consultations. These appointments give you the opportunity to meet with the class teacher and discuss your child's progress.

Sunshine and years 1-6* appointments will take place on Thursday 5th February and Monday 9th February from 3.45pm – 6.45pm.

Rainbow appointments will take place on Wednesday 4th February and Monday 9th February from 3.45pm – 6.45pm.

**Class 4 arrangements will be confirmed next week in a separate email to parents.*

In order for consultations to run smoothly it is important the appointments do not overrun the allocated 10 minutes. However, if you want to discuss a specific issue you think will take longer, then a separate appointment can be made at another time.

Appointments can be booked using the online Arbor system. When booking please make sure to un-tick guardians who will not be attending. Bookings open at **midday on Wednesday 21st January** and will close on **Monday 2nd February at midday**. Guidance for the use of the booking system can be found at <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/203792102-Booking-Guardian-Consultations-Parent-s-Evenings-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App>

Should you have any difficulties viewing/ accessing the system, please contact the school office on admin@sebertwood.co.uk

Support for Families

NHS Norfolk and Suffolk has organised free online workshops around childhood neurodiversity. These give advice on specific issues such as low mood, eating difficulties, self-harm and parent/carer stress. Full details are in attachments to this email – please check them to find out more.

Book Club

Chatterbox Book Club at Bury Library next takes place on Saturday 7th February from 10:15-11:00. This session is for children aged 9-12. The book for this session is Dog Man, which is a VERY popular book in school! The session will be run by library staff as usual.

