

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 9

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‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through this half term. The children across the school have continued with their learning themes. This week we highlighted Squirrel Class (Year 1) as they continue their learning about Shanghai. They started the week with a local walk and enjoyed learning about the culture in Shanghai and learning a traditional dance to share with the rest of the school.

Well done Year 1!



## Our Values



The last two weeks we have focused on the values of Citizenship and Critical thinking. The children have engaged with things such as litter picking and applying their problem solving skills across the day. We are so proud of how well they are embracing our values!



## Celebrating Arts Award Adventures: 384 Pupils Achieve Discover Arts Awards!

We are delighted to share that 384 of our primary pupils have earned the nationally accredited Discover Arts Award, following their incredible participation in our Trust-wide project Inspire25, in partnership with Stapleford Granary.

### Inspire25: A Creative Journey

Back in October, 520 pupils and teachers from 11 Anglian Learning primary schools stepped into The Tin Forest at Stapleford Granary, an immersive world of music, movement, puppetry, and imagination. Guided by expert artists, pupils became part of the story through sound, song, and performance, from mechanical birds and human sound machines to body percussion and choral singing.

Thanks to the generous support of The Zobel Trust, this experience didn't end there. Pupils continued their creative journey back in school, producing personal arts logs and deepening their engagement with the arts, culminating in 384 Key Stage 2 pupils achieving their Discover Arts Awards!

### What is the Discover Arts Award?

Managed by Trinity College London and Arts Council England, this award encourages children to:

- Participate - Explore the arts around them and try new art forms.
- Research - Learn about professional artists and their work.
- Share - Show their creative journey and favourite discoveries to others.

This achievement shows the power of creativity to inspire, connect, and create lasting memories. We are incredibly proud of every one of our new Arts Award achievers and grateful to Kate Romano, the Stapleford Granary team, Emma Mason, Lesley Morgan and all staff whose dedication made Inspire25, and its legacy, possible.

Learn more:

[Anglian Learning Inspire25](#)  
[The Making of The Tin Forest](#)  
[Discover Arts Award](#)





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# Primary Platform Exhibition 26

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an exhibition of artwork from Anglian Learning  
Primary Schools

**7 & 8 March 2026**  
**10 am to 3 pm**

The Marven Centre, New  
Road, Sawston Village College

**All welcome**



Calling all Dad's and Male Carer's  
bring along your children for  
an



Free  
Event

Free tea,  
coffee & Squash

## Mini Golf Session

(Suitable for reception class through to Year 6)

**Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
**3.30-5pm in the school hall**

[Sign up here](#)

PFA  
Tuck Shop



# PFA NEWS



Last term (September to December) we raised a massive £2,770!

As previously reported, some of this money enabled the school to purchase 5 new iPads and we are in the process of ordering new playground ride-on toys!

In addition, the PFA contributed £150 towards the Wonderdome experience, enjoyed by

Reception class this week.

Keep an eye on the The Pines PFA Private Family Group for more updates



Did you know that there is a way for you to raise money for the school without having to do anything?!

EasyFundraising partners with over 8,000 brands who will donate a percentage of what you spend online to your chosen cause (in our case, The Pines Primary!). It doesn't cost you a penny and you don't even have to remember to do it! After signing up, you can add the EasyFundraising extension to your browser, and this will generate a pop-up reminder when you shop. We currently have £142 in the pot, please help us to grow this! Here is a video explaining all you need to know:

[How it Works | Easyfundraising](#)

## NEXT TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

We have lots to look forward to next term; please see below for our current list of PFA events:

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Tuck Shop

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Tuck Shop

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Tuck Shop

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Tuck Shop

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – School DISCO

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Decorate an Egg Competition

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Tuck Shop

COMING SOON....

World Book Day

Sponsored Readathon  
and Red Lodge

Community Litter Pick!

More information to  
follow!



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



27th  
Jan

3.30 -5pm EPIC Dads Mini Golf

28th  
Jan

Y5 Visit to Newmarket Academy

29th  
Jan

Astronomer visit to YR & Y5

6th  
Feb

NSPCC Number Day

10th  
Feb

Y5 Visit to County High to watch Bussy Malone performance  
Y1 Lunar New Year Celebration

13th  
Feb

YR Alien Tea Party

16th -  
20th Feb

Half Term

24th &  
26th Feb

Parents Evening - More details coming soon

6th  
Mar

World Book Day - More details coming soon