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The Week Ahead



Monday 3 rd March 2025	Breakfast Club 8am. £5. Netball competition for selected pupils at Beeston Hall School pm. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Tuesday 4 th March 2025	Dance Club for Reception and Year 1 (including Sapphire Year 1) in Amber Class from 8.30am led by Miss Covell. Handball for Key Stage 2 on the playground from 8.30am led by Ben. KS1 Girls football event at The Nest, Norwich leaving school at 8.50am. Please can girls arrive between 8.30am – 8.40m. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Wednesday 5 th March 2025	Breakfast Club 8am. £5. Dance Club for Reception and Year 1 (including Sapphire Year 1) in Amber Class from 8.30am led by Miss Covell. Handball for Key Stage 2 on the playground from 8.30am led by Ben. Swimming for a selected small group of Year 5 pupils – Mrs Mead will be in touch with parents of selected children on Monday. After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Thursday 6 th March 2025	WORLD BOOK DAY. CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO DRESS UP AS THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTERS. £1 DONATION FOR BOOK FUNDRAISING. Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Girls' Football Club with Hannah 3 - 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). KS2 Boys' Football Club with Ben 3 – 4.15pm £5 (After School Club available after until 5pm). After School Club until 5pm. £5.
Friday 7 th March 2025	Breakfast Club from 8am. £5. Karate Taster morning Amber - Ruby classes. After School Club.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 18th March 2025:** Sapphire class to Brideswell Museum to meet Florence Nightingale.
- Friday 21st March 2025:** Red Nose Day.
- Friday 4th April 2025:** School closes at 3pm for Easter holidays. No After School Club today.
- Wednesday 23rd April 2025:** School reopens after Easter holidays. No Breakfast Club today.
- Monday 5th May 2025:** School closed for Bank Holiday.
- Monday 12th May – Thurs 15th May 2025:** Year 6 National Test Week.
- Friday 16th May 2025:** FOCS Fundraiser for Colby Kitchen at Aylsham Town Hall from 7pm.
- Friday 23rd May 2025:** School closes at 3pm for Summer half term. No After School Club today.
- Monday 26th – Friday 30th May:** School closed for Summer half term.
- Monday 2nd June 2025:** School reopens from 8.30am. No Breakfast Club today.
- Friday 6th June 2025:** School photographs (class, siblings and individual) from 9am.
- Wednesday 18th June – Friday 20th June 2025:** Year 6 Crazy Sleepover.
- Monday 23rd June 2025:** Aylsham High School Induction Evening for Parents.
- Wednesday 25th June – Friday 27th June 2025:** Induction days for Year 6 pupils going to Aylsham High School.
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025:** School closes at 3pm for Summer holidays. No After School Club today.



Colby Kitchen

Monday 3 rd March 2025	Cheese and tomato pasta bake with meatballs served with broccoli and carrots. Fruit and yoghurt.
Tuesday 4 th March 2025	Chilli, topped with optional cheese, served in a wholemeal tortilla wrap, green beans and sweetcorn. Fruit.
Wednesday 5 th March 2025	Chicken and vegetable stew served with dumplings and peas. Fruit and yoghurt.
Thursday 6 th March 2025	Cheese pizza, chicken pizza and pepperoni pizza, served with salad (cucumber, carrot sticks and pepper sticks) and humus. Fruit.
Friday 7 th March 2025	Sausages served in a bread roll with salad (cucumber, carrot sticks and pepper sticks). Malt loaf and fruit.



ParentPay Payments

Thank you to all of you have been clearing your outstanding balances. We are approaching our financial year end in March, and would be grateful if you could check your accounts and reduce / clear them as soon as possible so that we can balance our books to roll over into the new financial year. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mead in the strictest confidence if you need to set up a payment plan.



Headteacher Awards

- Lily (Emerald)** for great learning behaviour
- Hudson (Ruby)** for good PE and being kind
- Kit (Amber)** for amazing Phonics progress
- Eva (Ruby)** for working super hard in calculations
- Noah, Hugo, Ben, Scarlett, Phoebe and Maya (Emerald)** for amazing English work
- Charlotte and Emily (Emerald)** for fantastic Maths
- Frankie (Emerald)** for beautiful handwriting
- Daisy (Emerald)** for excellent Maths
- Olive (Emerald)** for a fantastic answer about Good Friday in RE
- Seb S (Emerald)** for working really hard in RE
- Charlotte (Emerald)** for excellent homework about Henry VIII
- Rita (Emerald)** for fantastic French
- Albert, William, James, Bertie, Harris, Isabelle and Reuben (Ruby)**
for fantastic end of half term Spelling scores
- Amber, Isabelle, Harry, Margot, Albert and Lev (Ruby)** for wonderful Indian art printing
- Bertie, Reuben, Margot, Harris, Kate, Harry, Otto,
Isabelle, Barney, Albert and Isaac (Ruby)**
for great Tim Peake diaries
- Hudson, Eva, Otto, Bertie, Reuben, Izzy, Harris, Kate, Albert and Barney (Ruby)**
for superb news reports on Tim Peake
- Isaac, Harry, Dylan, Bertie, Reuben and Flint (Ruby)** for subtracting fractions
- Jacob C (Ruby)** for passing the Silver times-tables challenge
- Isabelle (Ruby)** for passing the European times-tables challenge
- Dylan (Ruby)** for passing the Olympic times-tables challenge
- Bertie (Ruby)** for passing the Super Olympic times-tables challenge
- All of Amber Class** for being so sensible using the bars
- Max (Amber)** for an excellent explanation of shapes
- Arthur C (Amber)** for sharing his knowledge about bees with the class
- Harley (Amber)** for great listening on the carpet
- Delilah (Amber)** for contributing well in English lessons
- Quinn (Amber)** for beautiful sitting on the carpet
- Stella (Sapphire)** for presenting a super Malcolm diary
- Arwen (Sapphire)** for super times tables extra homework
- Harper, Anya and Brooke (Sapphire)** for being really proud on moving up a reading phase!
- All Sapphire Class** for being Mr Frost's 'sewing superstars!'
- All Sapphire Class** from Mrs Mead for beautiful Eric Carle style Polar collages
- Giles, Libby, Mia, Stanley W and Archie (Sapphire)** for super focus in Alice's writing group



Royal Academy of Arts

As a school we have registered with the Royal Academy of Arts. There is a yearly Young Artists competition that children can enter through their school.

The art work can be anything at all, but it needs to be photographed and emailed to me gfrost4nrd@nsix.org.uk by 3rd March 2025 to give me time to upload, before the closing date of 5th March 2025. The work needs to be accompanied by a title and a description – please refer to the website for more information: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

Many thanks to Rita's Mum for the idea!

Mr. Frost



Golf Club

I am going to start an After School Golf Club. It will run for 6 weeks and we will be using our brand-new golf equipment. I will be opening up slots for Year 3 and Year 4 children to begin with, so please let me know if you are interested. The sessions will be on a Wednesday straight after school for an hour. Children need no equipment but might want to change into some sports gear or PE kit. The price will be normal After School Club cost of £5 (children can attend After School Club after Golf Club, if you would like them to). Any money we raise will be spent on buying even more sport equipment.

Mr B



Colby Runners

Running Club continues to be popular on a Thursday lunchtime and this will continue until May half term. Running Captains and Sports Captains have had some great new ideas which will include longer runs, obstacle runs and time trials. Children can continue to earn their wristbands for attendance but can also now earn badges and running club t-shirts which will be arriving soon. Keep an eye on the newsletter for some fun whole school running challenges and parent events in the coming weeks! Mr B



Success out of School

Inês (Amethyst) wanted to share some amazing news from last week with her Colby family. Inês attended her first Cheerleading competition at Wembley Arena and her team got Silver (2nd) in the division which was a fantastic result. On the same day she received a message that she had also made it into 'Gen Next' which is a programme that gives recognition and training to the Top 50 U14 cheer athletes in the US, UK, Australia and Canada. This is a fantastic achievement considering she only started her cheerleading journey in March.

Many congratulations, a fantastic achievement with wonderful opportunities ahead! Well done Inês!



Amber Class Curriculum Spring Term 2 2025

Hi everyone!

Our new topic for this half term is going to be Minibeasts! There were lots of cheers when we told the children earlier in the week what our new topic was so we think this will be a firm favourite with them. Fingers crossed the weather will start to warm up and we'll be able to get outside as much as possible to spot some real minibeasts - we are hoping to do pond dipping which we are sure the children will love. Towards the end of the half term, we will also be doing lots of Easter themed activities and learning all about it.

In English, Reception children have been practising reading and writing simple words and have begun writing simple sentences also. We will continue to practise this as well as continuing to work on correct letter formation. We will continue to encourage children to speak in small groups and in front of the class to build on their confidence with this. We will be researching various different minibeasts and finding out various facts about them. We will also be writing about some of those facts in our Amber Class Minibeast Fact Book! This half term, we will also be learning about minibeast poems and learning about rhyming words and what they sound like. We will focus on stories such as 'Superworm' and 'The Very Lazy Ladybird' and write character descriptions of the characters, diary entries and think of alternative endings to the stories.

Year 1 pupils will continue to expand on their recognition of common irregular words in the environment around them and continue to practise independent writing in the form of writing facts, poems, character descriptions, diary entries and alternative endings to stories!

Reception children will be learning about different areas of maths through practical and fun activities. There will be lots of opportunities to count, read, recognise and order numbers to 10 both in the classroom and outside. We will explore number bonds to 10, doubles of numbers and 3D shapes. Year 1s will practise addition and subtraction to 20 and then we will explore place value up to 50. In PE, we will all be learning about Hockey and Dance. Our PE days will be a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. As always, we ask children to come to school in their PE kit on PE days and they will stay in their kit all day.

In our foundation topics we will be learning about:

- Science: Weather and Seasons.
- Art: Let's sculpt.
- Geography: Mapping.
- Life Skills: Caring friendships.
- RE: How Easter is celebrated by Christians?

It's going to be such a lovely half term and as you can see we are going to be super busy!

As always if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of us.

We can't wait to have lots of fun and hopefully see a bit more sunshine as the weeks go on!

Many thanks,
The Amber Class Team

Sapphire Class Curriculum Spring Term 2 2025

We look forward to continuing our new **history** topic called 'Nurturing Nurses' where we will be finding out about Florence Nightingale and also Edith Cavell. With Miss. Waller we will look at what they did to help people and think about their legacy. We are very excited about our special trip to 'meet' Florence Nightingale on Tuesday 18th February. Thank you to all those who have already paid for this.



In **science** our focus will be plants. We will be growing some, of course and thinking about the different parts of growing plants. Miss. Waller will be looking at bulbs and seeds with the children and finding out what effects plant growth. We will also be keeping a record of growth rates.

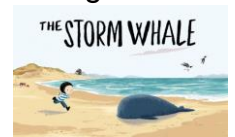


Art will see us working on producing Arctic inspired collage landscapes. We have been inspired by the beautiful collaged illustrations done by the famous author and illustrator, Eric Carle.

In **maths** we will be starting with a focus on money. We will be looking at the different coins and working out how to pay using different combinations to total small amounts. Year 2s will continue to work on multiplication, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be investigating links with division too. Year 2 children will be learning how to work out and record simple multiplication (array method) and division calculations (peas on a plate method). Year 1s will be working with money and then move onto addition and subtraction within 30.

In our **English** sessions Sapphire children will continue to have weekly spellings to learn with a test every Friday. Spelling lists can be found on Google Classroom. We will carry on with our daily phonics sessions in our groups.

We will be enjoying the beautiful story, The Storm Whale by Benji Davies. We will be writing instructions on how to save a beached whale followed by diary extracts. We will be looking at including effective adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions in our independent writing.



In handwriting Year 2s will continue to learn more joins and Year 1s will be focussing on forming and orientating all their lower and upper case letters correctly. There are handwriting sheets on Google Classroom.

Please continue hearing your children read every day (just 2 pages) and sign their reading record book. It really does make a HUGE difference to the progress children make when they are read at home with regularly. They earn extra playtime for reading at home and we check their record books every Monday.

Our **RE** topic will see us exploring how Christians celebrate Easter. We will be reading the Easter story and creating our own Easter garden.

Mr. Frost will be working with us for DT and we hope to develop some simple sewing skills. We aim to produce a simply stitched book mark by the end of our sessions.

Mrs. Moulton will be taking us for our **computing** sessions on Tuesday afternoons when we will be working on introductions to quizzes.

Ben will be taking Sapphire for **PE** on Tuesdays for hockey skills and we will be going outside so will need warm PE clothes and outdoor trainers. On Fridays Miss. Covell will be taking us for dance sessions. Our teamwork focus for this term is 'creativity.'



We ask that children have outdoor trainers every day as we may pop outside any day to learn in our garden area. It is helpful if earrings are not worn and long hair tied back on PE days.

In our **Life Skills** sessions we will be exploring the ideas of 'right' and 'wrong'. We will have some simple moral dilemmas and discuss what we feel we should do.

Activities to do with your child

- Visit the library for books on Florence Nightingale.
- Practise 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables using the Hit the Button game. (Move onto 4 and 8 times tables if you know the easier ones inside out! – Year 2s)
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

- Hear your child read daily. Talk about what you read. I have posted a list prompt questions on Google Classroom under 'Reading.'

We look forward to a fun hardworking half term!

The Sapphire Team



Emerald Class Curriculum Spring Term 2 2025

Welcome back everyone, I hope you are all rested and ready for an exciting term ahead!

In Maths, Emerald Class will be continuing with measuring in cm and mm as accurately as possible and then trying to convert those measurements. We will keep reinforcing our written methods for addition and subtraction as well as stepping up our times tables practise!

In English we will continue to work on conjunctions and linking ideas together with punctuation, spellings will still be on a Monday morning and we will also be reading *The Giving Tree* as our class text. We will be writing stories, diaries and letters. The children have been really excited to practise our handwriting and we will continue this until Easter as well as doing lots of guided reading.

In History we will be studying how Kings used to rule, the English Civil War, Parliament and Henry the 8th. We will link our DT project to this area and will be sewing medieval purses.

In PE this term Ben will continue with some co-operation themed lessons to help children compromise in group situations, and I will finish off our orienteering unit before we start playing hockey and then performing some dance routines.

Alice will switch back to French this half term and Liz will continue with her computing sessions on a Thursday afternoon.

If you have any questions about school life please get in touch.

Mr B



Ruby Class Curriculum Spring Term 2 2025

This half term we will be continuing to improve our literacy skills by looking at descriptive writing. We will be looking at settings and character descriptions using a short film called Dreamgiver. There will be another big push on punctuation (especially capital letters and full stops) as well as the use of expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. It would be great if you could encourage your child to use joined up writing when they are writing at home as well as reminding them to use capital letters for names and places. We will continue to have our weekly spelling test and as always, they are available on Google Classroom, Spelling Shed and should also be in their spelling books that they bring home.

In Maths this term, we are learning about decimals up to 2 decimal places (for Year 4) and 3 decimal places for Year 5. We will learn how to order, round, add and subtract decimals as well as learning how to convert between decimals and fractions. As well as this, the Year 5s will also be learning about percentages. We will also be continuing to improve our times tables as well as making sure we can use a method to solve multiplication, division, addition and subtraction questions. Any practise of these at home would be beneficial to your child. The children will also be encouraged to use IXL to help their overall maths at home and school.

Our Science topic this term is on forces, we will be looking at a variety of different forces including pushes, pulls, water resistance, air resistance, up thrust and friction. We are also going to be taking part in Mars day on 4th March where we will be learning more about the planet Mars.

In History, we will be learning about the Tudor period of time and particularly learning about local events that happened in that period of time, particularly focusing on the Kett's Rebellion.

This half term they will be doing DT with Mr Frost and they will be working on creating wooden toys.

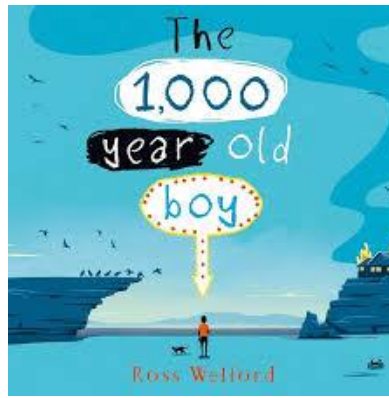
In Music, they will be learning about the Pink Panther theme music and also recorders.

In PE, they will be doing dance with Ben and learning hockey skills with Mr Brown.

Ruby Class will continue to be taught by Mr Mead on a Thursday and Friday afternoon and they will be learning about "Where they are in the world" in French and Easter and the resurrection in RE. They will also have computing on a Friday afternoon where they will be finishing completing their 3D designs then move on to using Micro:Bits to collect data.

Any queries then please contact me via email on wtowers3nr3@nsix.org.uk

Mrs Towers



Amethyst Class Curriculum Spring Term 2 2025

Hi, I hope you all had a lovely break!

I'd like to share with you what the children are learning this half-term.

Maths: This half-term is all about revision for both Mr. Mead and I; getting ready for the tests and filling in any gaps in the children's knowledge.

Science: This term's unit of work is 'light' we look at how light travels and conduct several experiments into how light works.

Our key texts this half-term: 'The Thousand Year Old Boy'. We will use this thought-provoking story to inspire us to create newspaper stories and balanced arguments.

All the children's spelling lists go live every Monday Morning at 08.50am. Like last term, they have one week before moving onto new lists the following Monday. The children that practise the most at home generally get the higher scores. Class spelling work will focus much more on revision of the whole of the key stage, so it is important that the children complete the lists at home.

Mr. Mead will continue to teach grammar and 'Pung Fu' on Monday afternoons.

History: We move to South America and study the impact the Mayans had on culture and beliefs.

P.E: (Wednesday afternoon): Mrs. Frost will be teaching 'Dancing through the decades and cover everything from 'The twist' right up to the most modern viral dance trends.

R.E: There are just a few more lessons to over on the meaning of being human.

D.T: We are trying a new unit a little later this half-term in which we will be exploring roasting vegetables and particularly experimenting with flavourings.

Computing: Liz continues to work with Amethyst and they are developing their variables in games.

Music: Mrs. Towers is developing Amethyst's ability to sing in rounds.

If you have any questions about what we are studying this half-term, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Mr Frost

Christine Mead