

12th December 2025

This week

- **Robin and Finch classes** enjoyed a festive walk to post letters to Santa and even met Mrs Claus!
- A big **thank you to all families** who joined our **KS2 carol service** at church on Monday.
- **Thank you to Friends** for organising a fantastic **Christmas Fayre** and for all of your kind donations.
- Children celebrated on Wednesday with a **delicious Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day** and a **visit from Santa**.
- **Nativity dress rehearsals** are well underway and we can't wait to share the performances next week!



Next week

- **KS1 (together with Bacton Unders 5s)** and then **KS2** look forward to a **Christmas Crafternoon**.
- **KS2** will be watching the online **pantomime - Cinderella**.
- **Year 6**, together with their parents, will be selling reindeer food and running fun games to raise funds for their leavers' party.

Online Safety & Gaming

Gaming refers to playing electronic games, whether through consoles, computers, tablets, smartphones or other devices. Gaming remains one of the most popular forms of entertainment, attracting a wide range of age groups from all across the world. Gaming is always looking to develop, often improving on graphical features, accessibility and user engagement as years go by.

Unlike many other forms of media, gaming brings a sense of challenge to the player. Usually there is a degree of skill involved that players need to develop in order to progress. Depending on the type of game, it can also offer players a platform where they can be imaginative and explore their own creativity.

Some games have rich storylines and characters that are engaging and memorable. Many players also use it as an opportunity to compete and socialise with other users whether it be in person or online. More often than not though, people game, because it is fun!

Benefits of Gaming

- 1 Can develop critical and creative skills
- 2 Can bring educational benefit and awareness
- 3 Is available to most audiences and family members
- 4 Is an easy and accessible way to socialise with others

Considerations for Gaming

- 1 Have awareness of appropriate age restrictions
- 2 Parental awareness around purchasing
- 3 Active discussions around socialising safely
- 4 Reporting harmful or offensive content online

Socialising Online

A staple of gaming is the community that surrounds it. Groups and audiences can gather around a specific game, character or theme to build specific fan bases that can interact with each other. Young people may like to socialise online because:

- 1 It gives them a platform to be with friends outside of school
- 2 There is usually a competitive element at play, which can feel rewarding
- 3 It can build confidence and social skills which may not be attainable physically
- 4 It gives opportunity to young people who have difficulty socialising with friends and others

Reporting and Blocking

Gaming communities can range from supportive and educational, to toxic and harmful. In some instances, it can even lead towards more radical content being promoted. When faced with something or someone being harmful online, make sure young people know how to:

- 1 Report the player or piece of content
- 2 Mute or block the player
- 3 Manage their privacy settings or communication options
- 4 Speak with a trusted adult for support

To find out more about Gaming visit the SWGfL hub: swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/

Further Support

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline
 Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Services: swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/
 Report Harmful Content: reporthiscontent.com

Professionals Online Safety Helpline | Safer Internet Centre | Report Harmful Content | UK Safer Internet Centre | NOMINET

Vacancy for a Midday Supervisor

We have a vacancy for an MDSA at Bacton Primary School. Please see information on the school website, link below

<https://www.bacton-pri.suffolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=61>

Parking

Please could we remind everyone that parking on school site is not permitted. Could you also think about not parking on the road on Taylors Green as this road has no footpaths and it makes for a dangerous walk to the school for both children and adults.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Swimming

On Tuesday 13th January Years 3 and 4 will start their curriculum swimming lessons at Stowmarket Leisure Centre. They will need a swimming costume/swimming shorts (not below the knee), a swimming hat and if they wish, goggles.

If your child is wearing goggles, please can you make sure that you have given permission as this will be asked for by the swimming instructors.

CHRISTMAS BOOKMARK WINNERS...

SAPPHIRE

Well done to everyone who took part!

ANABEL

Christmas Fayre

Raised a whopping £503.40, thank you to Friends for organising this wonderful event!

Diary Dates

15th December—Online Panto (KS2)
 16th December—Afternoon Nativity Performance
 17th December—Evening Nativity Performance

22nd December—2nd January
Christmas Holidays

5th January—PD Day
6th January—Children return to school

13th January—Year 3 and 4 Start Swimming
 15th January—Dental Aid in School
 12th February—Valentines Disco

Half Term—16th to 20th February 2026

Super Learner Certificates

Robin - Maeve
 Finch - Millie, William, Pearl, Freya
 Kestrel - Freya
 Owl - Logan
 Eagle - Oliver

Weather

Please can you make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for our current unpredictable weather.

Attendance This Week

As we know, good attendance at school supports pupils' attainment and well-being.

Robin: 95.74%
 Finch: 98.33%
 Kestrel: 90%
 Owl: 95.63%
 Eagle: 96.67%



Nuts in School

Can we remind everyone that we are a nut free school.

Please check all items in lunchboxes and any snacks that come into school to make sure they do not contain any form of nuts (including mustard).

We will remove and return home items from lunchboxes that contain nuts.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Dinner Menu

Week Commencing 15th December

Monday	15.12.25 Veggie Frankfurter
Tuesday	Lasagne Veggie Lasagne Garlic Bread
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Veggie sausage
Thursday	Margherita Pizza
Friday	Fish & Chips



Also Available Daily

School Packed Lunch: Baguettes/Sandwiches/Wraps with Cheese/Ham/Tuna Mayo

Jacket Potato: Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Selection Changed Daily: Pasta, Homemade Bread, Seasonal Vegetables, Salad Bar

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Platter, Fruit Kebabs, Fresh Fruit Salad, Yoghurt, Jelly

