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# November 2023

## School Newsletter

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*This academic year is flying by—we can't quite believe we only have just over 3 weeks until we break up for Christmas. November has been such a busy month with trips, awards, competitions, celebrations and lots of hard work going on both in and outside of school. The month may be coming to an end, but there are still lots of exciting things coming up over the last few weeks of term.*

### We won!

We are delighted to share our exciting news that we won two awards at the East Anglian Daily Times Suffolk Education Awards earlier this month. We won 'Primary School of the Year' as well as 'Overall Education Hero'. We are so proud of our school and everyone who has helped to make it such a special place to work and learn. We'd like to say a big thank you to all staff, governors, parents and friends—and of course our wonderful pupils.



### Diary Dates

**Year 6 to Hartismere for Design Technology**  
Monday 4th December

**Foxes to Hartismere**  
Thursday 7th December

**Christmas Jumper Day & Friends Christmas Disco**  
Friday 8th December

**Whole School to the Hippodrome**  
Tuesday 12th December

**Christmas Carol Service**  
Wednesday 13th December 5:30pm start (in church)

**Community Christmas carols on the playground**  
Friday 15th December 3:05pm

**End of term assembly**  
Tuesday 19th December 1:30pm start

**Children return to school**  
Thursday 4th January

### Rabbit Class

Rabbit Class have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. They made Diyas and created Rangoli patterns using the loose parts.



### Fox Class

Fox Class marked the end of their Victorian week with a trip to Gressenhall where they learned about school, farm and home life. They also got the chance to explore parts of the museum which taught them all about life in the workhouse.



### Otter Class

Otter Class have been busy looking at the Bayeux Tapestry and how the events of the Battle of Hasting were depicted. They looked closely at the colours and shapes of each image within the tapestry. Next, they looked at the work of Henri Matisse which inspired them to use scissors and paper to recreate images from the Bayeux Tapestry themselves.



### Whole School

There was great excitement in school on Tuesday when we visited Pipers' Vale. The centre provides children with fantastic opportunities to have a go at gymnastics in a safe environment with professional coaches and equipment. The beams, foam pit, trampoline and bars were a great hit with the children and some staff!

