



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the festive season, it has been a truly joyful week in school. Our students have enjoyed wonderful Christmas dinners throughout the week, and their behaviour has been nothing short of magnificent. The sense of community and celebration has been heartwarming, and we are proud of how they have embraced the spirit of the season.



It was also fantastic to meet so many of you at the Year 10 Parents' Evening yesterday. Thank you for taking the time to engage with teachers and support your child's learning journey. Please note that the academic reports will be available next Thursday, giving you a detailed overview of progress so far. Finally, a significant milestone for our Year 11 students: yesterday they received their mock exam results during their assembly. This marks an important moment as they now have a clear picture of where they stand and can begin planning for the remaining five months before the summer exams start in earnest. We will continue to support them every step of the way.

Our end-of-term Reward Assemblies will take place during the week beginning 15th December, with the **term ending on Friday 19th December**. On the Friday, we are also having our **Christmas Jumper day** prior to the school finishing **at 1:00 pm**, and the canteen will be open for break and lunch service.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Student of the Week



CONGRATULATIONS!

KS3 COMPUTING STUDENT OF THE WEEK



NOYAL

Noyal is a pleasure to teach; he is hard working and enthusiastic every lesson. We have recently started a Unit on 3D animation and he is already demonstrating an aptitude for it. Keep up the hard work Noyal!

CONGRATULATIONS!

KS4 BUSINESS STUDENT OF THE WEEK



EVIE

Evie consistently demonstrates an excellent work ethic in Business. She is always focused and puts her full effort into all activities. She makes meticulous notes every lesson and has achieved an incredible mock result. Well done Evie, keep up the great work!



Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 19th December

On Friday 19th December, we are inviting staff and students to wear a Christmas Jumper. Students are still expected to wear their correct uniform and the Christmas Jumper can replace the School Blazer or School Jumper - it is **not** a non-school uniform day.





Look for a Book!


Monday 15th – Wednesday 17th December

- 🎄 **Christmas Look for a Book!**
- Get ready for a festive reading challenge!
Each day **10 vouchers** will be **hidden around the school** for you to find at **break time**
- 🔍 **Find a voucher?**
Take it straight to **Miss Cheale in the library** and swap it for a **wrapped mystery book**
- 📅 **When?**
Monday to Wednesday
(Before we break up for Christmas)
- Don't miss out—get searching, have fun, and enjoy a free festive read! 🎁📖

If you find a voucher take it to Miss Cheale in the library to claim your free book!



Community Spotlight



Pakefield Community Spotlight

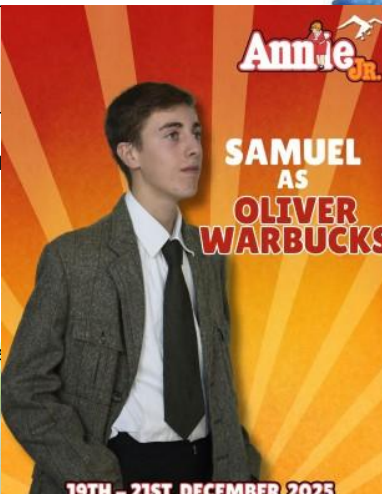
Samuel

Samuel in Year 11 is passionate about drama and is sharing his experiences of performing in local theatres.



A message from Samuel

I am Samuel in year 11 and my passion is all things theatre and drama. I have been a part of the Seagull Youth Theatre since I was 5 years old and have been doing shows there ever since. At high school I was introduced to the magic of musical theatre and was then inspired to audition for the role of Pugsley in The Seagull Reps production of the Addams Family when I was in year 7 and was then invited to join the Musical theatre group at the theatre. Most recently I have been involved in this year's youth musical: Annie JR (which you can see in the photo above). Finally, I must add that the Youth theatre are doing an amazing production of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time next March (which you should all definitely come and see).





Year 7 Netball



On Wednesday our Year 7 netball teams had their first fixture against EPA. The girls demonstrated excellent footwork and defending, showcasing the skills they have been working on at netball club every Tuesday.

Both matches were closely contested: one of our teams drew 1-1 and the other resulted in a loss, although we came out on top in the final quarter.

Arabella and Laila won the Player of Match golden tickets due to some excellent attacking play. Ebonie and Emily were excellent defensively and Tilly and Ella played pivotal roles in moving the ball up the court.

Well done to all the girls who played, we are very proud and excited to see what they can do in the rest of the season.

Netball club continues for KS3 every Tuesday after school from 3pm to 3.40pm.



Chess Competition

The moment we've all been waiting for... 🏆

We are thrilled to announce the PHS Chess Championship 2025–26 winner!

Certificates, prizes, and the championship trophy will be presented after Christmas—congratulations to our champion! 🏆



CHESS TOURNAMENT
THE CHAMPIONSHIP
PHS CHESS TOURNAMENT 2025–26
FINAL RESULT



1st	Noyal
2nd	Reuben
3rd	Alfie
4th	Brodie



P prize for the winner

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Book Mastermind Competition 2026

It's that time of year again – the Book Mastermind Competition is back in the New Year!

If your students are in Years 7, 8 or 9, love books, and have a brilliant memory, they can sign up for this year's competition.


Sign-ups are with Miss Cheale in the library, and registration closes Wednesday 21st January. Encourage students to sign up before the holidays so they have plenty of time to read – and re-read – their chosen book.

The winner will go through to the Suffolk School's Book Mastermind County Final, representing our school – a fantastic opportunity for any keen reader!

Book MASTERMIND

If you are in years 7,8 or 9, love books and have a brilliant memory then please come and take part in the school's Book Mastermind Competition.

Registration closes on Wednesday 21st January



Choose one of your favourite books and be quizzed on it for a chance to represent the school at the County Final

Speak to Miss Cheale in the LRC to sign up and find out more.



Extra Curricular Clubs

November - December 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Miss Barrow Debate Club (Invite Only)	Ms Dack Creative Writing	Miss Bethell Dance Club	Mr Osborne Art Club
Mr Bligh Further Maths	Mrs Hastings Film & TV Series Club	Mr Dowson Fixtures/Competitions	Mrs Trigg Dr Who
Mr Bond Dungeons and Dragons	Mr Goude 5K Running Club	Miss Dunnell Dance Club	Mrs Warren Art Club
Ms Grice Pride	Mrs Hastings Photoshop Club	Mrs Fitzgerald Bedrock KS3 (IT3)	
Mr Osborne CSI: Classroom Science Investigators (Limited Spaces)	Miss Shank Netball	Mr Gibbons Football	
Mr Rowe Fantasy Premier League	Miss Simons Drama/Showcase	Ms Grice D of E (Enrolled students only)	
Miss Simons Drama/Showcase	Mr Wilson Origami Club	Mr Herbert Fixtures/Competitions	
Mrs Trigg Science Ambassadors	Mr Anderson Badminton	Mrs Isgrove Shakespeare Club	
	Mrs McGovern KS3 Send Homework Club	Ms Shank Basketball	
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		Mrs Irving-Spink Fitness (Fitness Suite)	

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	Break	Lunch
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	Wk2 OPEN	OPEN
T	Wk1 OPEN	OPEN
	Wk2 OPEN	OPEN
W	Wk1 OPEN	OPEN
	Wk2 OPEN	OPEN
T	Wk1 CLOSED	CLOSED
	Wk2 CLOSED	CLOSED
F	CLOSED	

Library Clubs
 Mon Games Club
 Tue Crafty Tuesday
 Wed Chess Club
 Curious to know more? Check out our clubs posters or ask in the Library.

You can come to borrow and return books whenever the Library is open.



Library Information

Library & Clubs Update

- *You can borrow and return books anytime the library is open.
- *Books can also be returned in the Returns box outside the library.
- *If you borrowed any books before the summer, please return them as soon as possible.

Computer Access
 Computers are available every lunchtime the library is open for homework/schoolwork only.

Library Clubs
 Library clubs run every week!
 Important: You must sign up at break before lunch on the day of the club.
 No sign-up = No club!

Homework Club



KS3 SEND HOMEWORK CLUB
EVERY TUESDAY
With Mrs McGovern
IT2
3PM-3:35PM





Weekly 100% Attendance Rewards



Every Monday, one student from each year group with 100% attendance in the previous week will be randomly selected to receive a £5 Amazon voucher.



Every Friday, two students from each year group with 100% attendance for the entire week will also be randomly selected to receive a golden ticket, and a jump the queue pass for themselves and a friend. This pass also entitles the winner to a complimentary meal deal.

Free School Meals – Check Your Eligibility

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, you can apply online and receive an immediate response and confirmation email.

Children who have received free school meals since 1 April 2018 will continue to receive them until the end of the 2025/2026 school year, regardless of changes in income.

Use this link to check and [Apply for free school meals](#)

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme. [More information from Suffolk County Council is available here](#)



School Nurse

New School Nurse: Sonia Southgate

Changes: Sonia is in school fortnightly on a Tuesday lunch time.

Venue: Meeting Room 2

Times:

Year 7, 9 and 11: 1.00pm-1.30pm

Years 8 and 10: 1.30pm-2.00pm

Dates:

(Spring Term 1)

- Tuesday 13th January 2026.
- Tuesday 27th January 2026
- Tuesday 10th February 2026



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School Events

Week Beginning	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
15/12/2025	Y11 Rewards assemblies	Y10 Rewards assemblies	Y9 Rewards assemblies	Y8 & 7 Rewards assemblies Y10 Reports	Christmas Jumpers with normal uniform. School will finish at 1pm after lunch for all students.
05/01/2026	Staff PD day – No students in school	All students to return to school at 08:25			
12/01/2026					
19/01/2026	Year 11 Group photo	Criminal Exploitation workshops		Year 9 – Options evening	

Warm regards,
Mr P Dougherty
Head of School