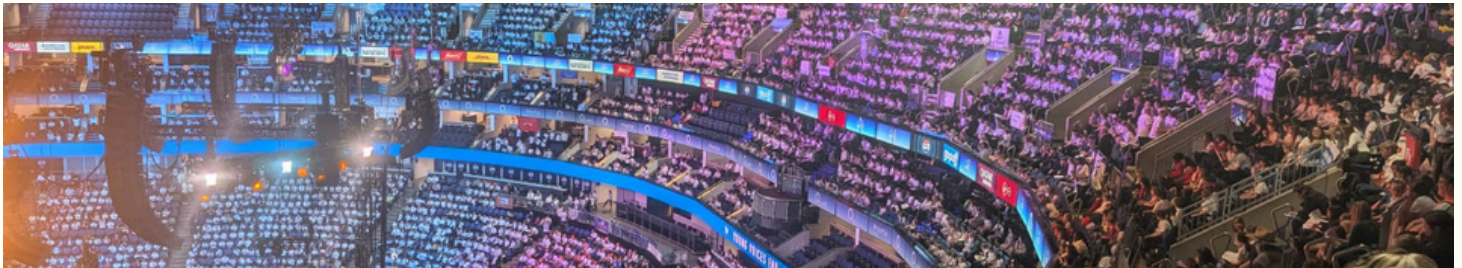




Murrayfield Primary
A Paradigm Academy



Dear parents/carers,

We have had a very busy start back to Spring term with some of our parent shares already taking place and our parent consultations.

Our school choir attended the Young Voices concert at the O2 at the end of January and had a fabulous time as you will read more about in the newsletter.

Thank you to those that took place in our parent/carer survey earlier in the school year, you can read how we have responded so far in the recent Academy Council minutes.

I hope you enjoy reading what the children have been doing and wish you all a peaceful and restful break and thank you as always for your support.

We look forwards to seeing everyone back on Monday 24 February 2025.

Kind regards
Claire

TERM DATES

Friday 14 February 2025 - Last day of half term

Monday 24 February 2025 - First day of Spring term 2

Friday 4 April 2025 - Last day of Spring term

Wednesday 23 April 2025 - First day of Summer term 1

Friday 23 May 2025 - Last day of half term

Monday 2 June 2025 - First day of summer term 2

Tuesday 22 July 2025 - Last day of Summer term

DATES FOR THE DIARY

February

15/02/25 Year 6 Saturday School

17/02/25 - 21/02/25 Half term

22/02/25 Year 6 Saturday School

March

01/03/25 Year 6 Saturday School

04/03/25 Academy Council Meeting **9.15 - 10.15am (Virtual)**

06/03/25 World Book Day

08/03/25 Year 6 Saturday School

14/03/25 Year 5 Parent Share **2.15 - 3.15pm**

15/03/25 Year 6 Saturday School

21/03/25 Red Nose Day - wear one red item for Comic Relief

22/03/25 Year 6 Saturday School

25/03/25 Year 3 Parent Share **2.15 - 3.15pm**

26/03/25 Nursery Parent Share **11.00 - 11.45am**

29/03/25 Year 6 Saturday School

April

02/04/25 Year 4 Parent Share **2.15 - 3.15pm**

05/04/25 Year 6 Saturday School

w/c 07/04/25 Easter holidays - Year 6 revision sessions

22/04/25 INSET day

26/04/25 Year 6 Saturday School

May

03/05/25 Year 6 Saturday School

05/05/25 Bank holiday

07/05/25 Academic Council meeting **9.15 - 10.15am (Virtual)**

10/05/25 Year 6 Saturday School

w/c 12/05/25 Year 6 SATS

12/05/25 Reception trip to Jimmy's Farm

21/05/25 Parent/carer consultation evening **3.30 - 5.00pm**

22/05/25 Parent/carer consultation evening **3.30 - 5.00pm**

June

05/06/25 SEND Coffee Drop In

19/06/25 Academy Council meeting **9.15 - 10.15am (Virtual)**

26/06 - 27/06/25 Year 6 Mersea Island Residential Visit

30/06/25 Nursery - Coast and Picnic Trip

July

w/c 07/07/25 Year 10 work experience pupils in school

10/07/25 Summer Concert

11/07/25 Sports Day (Year 6 as helpers)

18/07/25 Year 6 Trust Sports Day

22/07/25 Last day of term

Our 'Dinosaur' topic this term started off with a surprise egg, which was found in the classroom! The children enjoyed investigating eggs and then talking about what may hatch. The children have been learning the names of dinosaurs, talking about the features they have and what they eat. There has been lots of exploring and creative learning with children using different materials. In our RWI phonics sessions we are continuing to learn the picture for each of our first 10 sounds and have had fun looking at our special phonics box of objects. In Maths the children have counted and positioned dinosaurs using the positional vocabulary on, under, next to and behind. A busy and exciting half term of learning children, well done!

Jasmine & Hannah, Nursery Teachers

'This half term, year 1 has been busy with lots of exciting learning! We explored collage art, taking inspiration from Matisse, and created fantastic pieces. In writing, we produced wonderful work linked to our learning, and our favourite book so far has been We Are All Wonders - such an inspiring story! In maths, we've been working hard on numbers up to 50 and learning how to tell the time using a clock. we're so proud of our progress and can't wait for even more learning next half term!

Ana & Charlotte, Year 1 Teachers



This half term, year 2 has been busy learning lots of exciting new things! In shared reading, we really enjoyed the Day the Crayons quit - a fantastic story that sparked our imagination.

In science, we explored the life cycles of humans and animals and learned about the importance of healthy eating and exercise from an early age. In maths, we worked on telling the time and we are now learning about fractions.

In geography, we discovered how weather varies in different parts of the world and learned about volcanoes - what causes them to erupt and how they change the landscape. we love learning more about our planet, and we can't wait for the new learning next half term!

Year 2 Teachers

This half term, Reception have been learning all about dinosaurs. We have compared the past and present, created our own fossils using clay and enjoyed becoming palaeontologists in our role play areas. In Maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction, as well as continuing to recall our days of the week and months of the year. Pupils are making excellent progress with their phonics and literacy skills, and we are using these skills to begin to write some excellent sentences. Next term, our topic will be 'New Life'.

Georgina, Hannah & Kiri, EYFS Teachers



This week year 3 has been continuing to learn about time and telling it on both analogue and digital clocks. The children have been working hard to tell time to the nearest minute and even solve time intervals. In reading we are reaching the end of our story and are beginning to solve the mystery of the strangely behaved aunties. The children have been excited to read about the mystery of this alien invasion. In science we are continuing with experimental based lessons to learn about forces and magnetism. The children have done so well linking knowledge of solar system gravity and forces on earth. Lastly we are reaching the final lessons on the topic of Dynamic Earth, we have learnt about volcanoes, earthquakes and are completing our knowledge with climate change.

Laura & Florence, Year 3 Teachers

This term, Year 5 has been enthusiastic about their learning journey.

Science: We explored rocks and evolution, delving into Charles Darwin's theories of adaptation and evolution. Humanities: The children deepened their understanding of geography, primarily focusing on the dynamics of the Earth. Literacy and Language: We based our focus on the term's novel, Holes. During Shared Reading, we read Goodnight Mr. Tom by Michelle Magorian, which explores the main themes of World War II and the journeys of evacuees. Mathematics: We covered a variety of topics such as area and perimeter, fractions, angles, and percentages, which helped us develop our problem-solving skills. PSHE: We delved into the theme of 'Dreams and Goals'. Art and Design: The children explored different art movements in Europe and around the world, along with various artists. Spanish: Our focus was on greetings and types of vegetables.

Donna and Kudzie (Year 5 teachers)

This half term, the pupils in the Leappad enjoyed a visit to Pizza Express. This was a great opportunity for the pupils to make and eat their own pizzas. We then linked this to some language and writing activities to extend the pupils' learning. The pupils have engaged well with our reading books- particularly enjoying the Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark and the Slightly Annoying Elephant. In maths, the pupils have been comparing numbers and also working on their 2 and 5 times tables.

In geography, the pupils in Leappad 1 have been learning about the dynamic earth, including earthquakes and global warming. In science lessons this term, Leappad 1 pupils have been learning about animals including humans. We first worked on life cycles, studying frogs and tadpoles. Our more recent lessons have covered how to keep ourselves healthy and our pupils have made some excellent contributions. Keep up the good work, Leap Pad 1!

Lusna, LeapPad 1 Teacher

This half term year 4 have been reading Matilda, the children have really enjoyed this book, noticing subtle differences from the film versions that they had previously watched. We have been focusing on fractions within our maths lessons. The children are now much more confident when working with fractions. Our geography lessons have been focused on our 'Dynamic Earth'. During these lessons we have looked at why earthquakes and volcanoes happen. The children have very much enjoyed learning about static electricity in our science lessons. We experimented with different materials, finding out which ones were conductors and which materials were insulators.

Gemma & Yvonne, Year 4 Teachers

Year 6 pupils have had a great term. We would like to congratulate them on all their hard work and achievements this term, everyone has worked extremely hard. We have had practice SATS which went really well and helps with calming any nerves with the upcoming SATS, you do not need to worry you have got this Year 6. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturdays for our extra lessons which begin during half term. We have covered lots of topics and pupils enjoyed reading The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. They have had great fun in Science making their own circuits and experimenting with static electricity. Have a lovely half term and look forward to the next term.

Yvonne & Becky, Year 6 teachers



This half term has been an exciting and enriching time for the students in LeapPad 2, filled with hands-on learning and engaging activities across the curriculum. In Science, we explored the fascinating world of forces, conducting experiments to understand magnetism, static and gravity in action. Our maths lessons have focused on mastering fractions, building confidence in recognising, manipulating and using them in practical ways. In English, the children have developed their writing skills through a variety of meaningful tasks, including composing persuasive speeches and writing heartfelt letters to the Prime Minister! We have also thoroughly enjoyed reading *Matilda*, immersing ourselves in Roald Dahl's world of adventure and resilience. Additionally, we took our learning beyond the classroom with a fantastic trip to Pizza Express, where the children had the opportunity to become pizza chefs for the day, creating their own delicious pizzas from scratch. To top it off, we have embraced new language skills with some simple Spanish, broadening our cultural awareness and communication abilities. It has been a fantastic term full of discovery, creativity, and hands-on learning, and we look forward to even more exciting opportunities in the next half term!

Robert, LeapPad 2 Teacher

On Friday 24th January, 41 students from our KS2 choir embarked on their journey to the O2 arena in London to perform with the largest children's choir in the world, Young Voices!

It was a long day, with lots of rehearsals and dance practise which culminated in the evening performance. We are so proud of our students who showed their best in front of thousands of people in the audience to put on a fantastic performance. Well done everyone and thank you to those who came to support the choir.

Anyone in KS2 can join our choir, we rehearse at lunchtimes on Wednesdays and we have lots of new songs lined up for this year.

Further to my letter at the beginning of the year, we still have some spaces available for instrument lessons in the following instruments: Cornet (trumpet), Flute, & Clarinet. If you would like your child to start learning one of these, please fill in this form: <https://forms.gle/ew5beuv9eG9UhQmX7>

You will be notified when your child has been allocated a space; spaces will be given on a first come first served basis.

You do not need to fill this in if your child is currently having lessons. There is a small charge for these lessons, if you would like to know more, please speak to the office.



Advance notice: The whole school summer music concert will take place on Thursday 10 July, further details to follow.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the My Child at School App. We are continuing to get a really good uptake on this App which is becoming used more and more.

There is now a self sign-up service on the App. Just download 'My Child at School' from the App Store (it is free) and click 'Sign Up'. You will then be asked for the schools name and it will take you through to a sign up page where you will enter your email address and create a password.

All clubs, trips, attendance information, school reports and parents evenings will be operated through this App so please do sign up. If you need any assistance please call the office and they will be able to help you.

PE & SWIMMING TIMETABLE – JANUARY 2025

	08:50 - 09:15	09.15 – 10.15	B R E A K	10.30 – 11.30	11.30 – 12.30	L U N C H	13.15 – 14.15	14.15 – 15.15
Monday	Springboard (PE)	LeapPad 2 (Swim) 5A (PE)		4A (Swim) 5B (PE)	4B (Swim) 2A (PE)		2B (Swim) 6A (PE)	6B (PE)
Tuesday		LeapPad 1 (Swim) 4A (PE)		RB (Swim) 4B (PE)	RA (Swim) 2B(PE)		2A(Swim) 3A (PE)	Springboard (Swim) 3B (PE)
Wednesday	Nursery (PE)			1A (PE)	1B(PE)		RA (PE)	RB (PE)
Thursday		LeapPad 2 (PE)		3A (Swim)	3B (Swim)		1A (Swim)	1B (Swim)
Friday		LeapPad 1 (PE)		5A (Swim)	5B (Swim)		6A (Swim)	6B (Swim)



Our ITFC Foundation partnership has got off to a very successful start with children enjoying PE lessons with Nashe on a Monday and Tuesday.

We are also very lucky to have been awarded 3 pairs of tickets recently to an Ipswich game and we would like to offer our congratulations to the children who were awarded these for consistently showing our school values.

We hope to be able to award more children throughout the remainder of the football season.

Attendance Update

The Spring term started strongly in terms of attendance however the past few weeks we have seen a rise in cases of both chicken pox, colds and flu. We have tried to limit the impact by encouraging good hygiene practices with the children with regular hand washing and covering of the mouth and noses when sneezing and coughing.

As we start the second half of the Spring Term, can we please remind you to report your child's absence on the first day that they are ill and everyday thereafter that they continue to remain ill. You can contact the school on either 01473 728564 or info@murrayfieldprimary.co.uk. Following NHS guidelines it is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a temperature of 38c or above they should remain off school until it goes down. If your child has chicken pox, they should remain off school until all the spots have crusted over.

We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 24th February, with gates opening at 8.40am. Have a good half term.

Sean Alcock, Attendance Officer

School Collection Time

Please could we politely remind parents/carers that the end of the school day is 3.15pm. Please could you ensure, where possible, that children are collected at this time and not prior to the end of the school day.

Playground Etiquette at Drop off and Collection Times

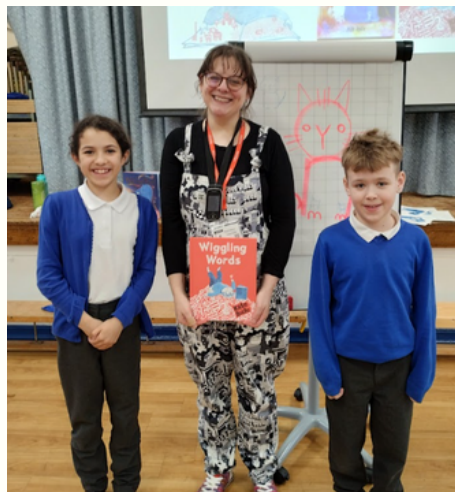
Please could we politely remind adults that drop off and collect children to be mindful of the language used in our playground, particularly around our children. We would also ask that any smoking/vaping is done away from the school site and gates.

Parking

Just a gentle reminder to be considerate when parking in and around the school. With the Murrayside Community Centre works being undertaken in the car park, we appreciate parking is difficult but please do be mindful when parking.

Nut Free School

A polite reminder that we are a nut free school, therefore please do not send your child into school with anything that may contain nuts - including chocolate spreads such as Nutella. Thank you for your cooperation.



Author Visits

Our children had a wonderful time with our visiting authors Rob Ramsden and Kate Rolfe this week taking part in an afternoon of workshop listening to their stories and creating their own characters!

After School Clubs Spring Term

w/c Tuesday 7 January - w/c 31 March 2025

We still have a few spaces for anyone who would like to join an after school club this term. Please log into MCAS and available clubs to view availability.

Monday

Swimming Club Years 1 - 3

Gardening Club Years 1 - 6

Computer Club Years 4 - 6

ITFC Football Club 4-6 (full)

Tuesday

Swimming Club Years 4 - 6

Share & Learn Years 3 - 6

ITFC Football Club 1-3 (Full)

Wednesday

Art Club Years 1 - 6

Dodgeball Club Year Reception - 6

Thursday

Ukulele Club Years 1 - 6

Friday

Gymnastics Club Reception - 6

Activities taking place throughout Ipswich over the Christmas holiday



Inspire Holiday Clubs (Ipswich) with Inspire · Eequ

Holiday fun and learning for kids aged 5-12

www.eequ.org



Inspire Suffolk are offering a number of holiday clubs throughout half term. Go to www.eequ.org to see what is available.



IPSWICH FIT



February Half Term 2025 with Ipswich Fit

Monday 17 - Friday 21 February 2025

This February Half Term come and enjoy some fantastic activities across our facilities, we've got an exciting programme of activities including Arts & Crafts, Family roller-skating, Mermaid splashtastic and more!

Get the best access to our holiday programme with our Young Person iCard for just £20.00 per month. To sign up today visit www.ipswichfit.co.uk

To book visit www.ipswichfit.co.uk Bookings for our half-term activity programme will open 7 days before the activity from Monday 10 February.

February Swim Camp

This Half term we have our Swim Camp taking place at Crown Pools. Wednesday 19th February 1.30pm till 5.00pm.

Come and join our activity team for a fun-filled afternoon of swimming, Kayaking and basic first aid all for just £15.00. Please bring a drink and a snack.

The camp can be booked from 3rd February via www.ipswichfit.co.uk

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FEEL-GOOD, FRIENDLY & FUN!
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ACTIVITIES

DAY

MON
17
FEBRUARY



Park Play & Movie Monday

10am-3pm Years 4-6 (8-11 yr-olds)

I-Spy walk, board games, colouring & movie

Meet at 4YP Hub from 9.45am. Activities start at 10am. Lunch included.



TUE
18
FEBRUARY



Imagination Station

10am-3pm Years 4-6 (8-11 yr-olds)

Crafts, DIY Slime, Mood Boards & Fun!

Meet at 4YP Hub from 9.45am. Activities start at 10am. Lunch included.



WED
19
FEBRUARY



Self-Care Wednesday

10am-3pm Years 7-11 (12-16 yr olds)

Homemade hand mask, journal & smoothie bowl

Meet at 4YP Hub from 9.45am. Activities start at 10am. Lunch included.



THUR
20
FEBRUARY



Crafty Thursday

10am-3pm Years 7-11 (12-16 yr olds)

Create & make morning... Relax & Chill later

Meet at 4YP Hub from 9.45am. Activities start at 10am. Lunch included.



FRI
21
FEBRUARY



Reflection Friday

Year 11 & over (16+ yr olds)

Visualise & set your goals for 2025

Meet at 4YP Hub from 9.45am. Activities 10am-12pm



For more Information
contact us at: 01473 252607
Youthteam@4yp.org.uk
www.4yp.org.uk

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!

During half term our usual weekly groups will
be running as normal. Find the 4YP Hub at:
14 Lower Brook Street, Ipswich IP4 1AP.



SEE OVER
TO SIGN UP

Deep Sea Divers

Year Reception to Year 6

Holiday Club

Tuesday 18th February to Thursday 20th February 2025

10.00 am to 12.30pm

Colchester Road Baptist church Ipswich

Grab your snorkel and join us for games, crafts, stories and lots more as we learn about the life of Jesus through the gospel of Matthew

Sign up via the church website or contacting Nickie on children.worker@crbc.org.uk



The Cabin Crew HOLIDAY CLUB



17th - 21st February 2025



Our fantastic Holiday Play-scheme is open to children from all primary schools, from Reception to Year 6 throughout the school holidays.

We offer a fun packed schedule of activities daily:

Arts & Crafts

Baking

Ball Games

Bikes

Free Play

And More!

Healthy snacks, breakfast and a cooked lunch are provided (please bring a packed tea if staying after 4pm).

Based from our own purpose-built premises at 140 Sidegate Lane, Ipswich IP4 4JD.

Open from 7.30am until 6pm Monday to Friday.



Bookings: please email amy.barker@thecabincrew.org.uk or call 01473 715151

www.thecabincrew.org.uk

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

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YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS

- Dale Hall Primary School, Ipswich	- Eye Primary School	- Framlingham Town FC	- Rushmere Hall Primary School, Ipswich
- Debenham Leisure Centre	- Fairfield Infant School, Felixstowe	- Kyson Primary School, Woodbridge	Year 1 - Year 7

PLEASE BRING
A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

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