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July 4th 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all enjoying the slightly cooler weather! We have been very busy in school, and I have lots to share with you.

Summer Fete

Thank you to all that attended the Summer Fete. This event seems to get better and better every year and is a huge highlight for the whole family and our wider community. I enjoyed sitting on the hook the duck stall for a while and watching the children join in. I was also very proud of the entrepreneurial skills from our year 6 team. Their stall ideas were amazing. Thank you to the Friends committee and all the wonderful volunteers who worked tirelessly in the buildup, during and after the event to make it possible. The final total money raised is still being calculated but the funds will go a long way to enhancing school life for our children.

Sports day

This was the most successful sports day I have ever been to for displays of teamwork, resilience, self-awareness, positivity and much more. I think you will agree that the children were brilliant at challenging themselves but also supporting each other. Thank you to Miss Saunders for leading this event and for organising a range of activities for the children during sports week. I think skateboarding was a hit with many!

Tescos at Aylsham

The Friends have successfully managed to secure our school in the coin collection at Tescos in Aylsham. Please get there and pledge lots of votes.

Residential

Year 5 and 6 have just returned from their residential trip to Hilltop. I visited on Tuesday evening and enjoyed seeing the children having the best time ever at the beach and also proudly telling me about their time away. Thanks to Mr Wallis, Mrs Phelps, Mr Concannon, Mrs King, Miss Saunders and Miss Botterill for making this trip possible. It really is an exhausting few days for the staff but so rewarding.

Lost property

The lost property bins will now be located in the bike shed and removed at the end of every half term. We are getting far too much and I thought this would make it very easy for you to find your children's clothes. Things with names on get returned straight away so please spend the summer naming everything.

Emma Lane

Sadly, Emma Lane has left to take up a new post in Social Services. She added great value to our pastoral team during her time at Reepham Primary and we wish her the best of luck. We will keep you updated on this role.



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Breakfast and After school club

Please see the separate letter regarding a new booking system for 'The Roost' from September.

Uniform reminder

Please remember that we are a uniformed school. I have attached a reminder on the current uniform.

Term dates for next academic year

Please find attached term dates set by Synergy for the next 2 academic years. I am pleased to be able to share these in advance so that you can plan any breaks accordingly.

Governor update

On 19th June, a number of our governors came into the school to find out more about how the school works on a day to day basis. The governors spent time visiting classrooms, sitting in on lessons, and speaking to some of our pupils. They also learnt about how we support children with any extra needs they may have. The governors try to come into school regularly so that they can keep connected to how the school is operating.

The Chair of our Governing Board is **David Taylor.** He said: "Thank you so much to all the pupils and staff who made us all feel so welcome during our visit. It was great to get to spend time at the school, finding out more about the learning and the support that is in place for pupils. Visits like this help us to get a better understanding of the school which means we can do our role as governors more effectively."



Don't forget, if you don't get a copy of our monthly newsletter you can access it via our website at www.reephamprimary.org.uk Mrs Caroline Henry, Head of School, head@reephamprimary.org.uk 01603 870321



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About the governing board

We are fortunate to have a governing board that covers both Reepham and Bawdeswell Primary Schools, allowing our governors to share expertise, knowledge, and skills across both schools. The governors are here to support the school, Mrs Henry, and the whole staff team. They oversee the running of the school and their role includes activities such as agreeing policies and monitoring how the school is performing against measures such as attendance. All of the governors are committed to the success of both Reepham and Bawdeswell Primary Schools, and making sure that these are places where all children can thrive.

Meet our Governors

- **David Taylor (Chair)-** Dave has been a school governor for a number of years, and continues to be so because he feels strongly that our children should have the very best start in life available, prepare them for their future adventures, and encourage them to achieve their aspirations.
- Jane Ewing (Vice-Chair) Jane has been a governor for 4 years. She is a retired GP and the SEND governor. She is keen for all children to thrive at school to achieve their potential.
- Antonia Noyes Antonia (known as Toni) has been a governor for a number of years initially joining the
 board when her own children attended Bawdeswell. She is a manager of a fostering agency and is
 safeguarding governor, feeling strongly that school should be a safe, accepting and happy place for all
 children.
- Kate Monaghan- Kate has been a governor at Bawdeswell for a couple of years.
- Rachael Payne Rachael has been the staff governor at Bawdeswell Primary School since 2023. Rachael's eldest child attended Bawdeswell and her youngest is in attendance at the school.
- **Tracy Colman** Tracy first became a Governor when her children attended Bawdeswell Primary school. She comes from an education finance leadership background and during her career worked at Reepham Primary. Tracy is passionate about lifelong learning and believes that it takes the whole community to educate a child.
- Kate Lee- Kate Joined the board a year ago. She is a parent and is also a secondary school teacher.
- **Jerome Thompson-** Jerome joined the board a year ago and is also a secondary school teacher.
- **Siân Thomas -** Siân is Head of Operations and Customer Service at NCT, with the majority of her career in criminal justice managing prison services. Siân is passionate about EDI and wellbeing.
- Michelle Gant Michelle is a parent governor whose daughter is a pupil at Reepham Primary. Michelle
 runs a communications and engagement consultancy and is particularly passionate about wellbeing
 and equity of opportunity.
- **Dylan Concannon** Staff governor from September 2025.
- Caroline Henry (Headteacher)

Key dates

I thought it would be useful to highlight some key dates for the next few weeks:



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14th July - Meet the New teacher

15th /16th July - Year 5/6 play

17th July- School reports home

18th July - Celebration assembly

22nd – 11am Leavers assembly for Y6 and any other children leaving. Parents of all leavers welcome. Early closing 1:15pm.

Safeguarding

The Summer holidays can be a wonderful chance to spend quality time as a family. But this is not always the case! Six weeks can feel like a very long time, especially if you are trying to juggle work, childcare and entertaining your children. Mind has some support and advice for parents in navigating the Summer holidays. Please see the link below:

Supporting parents during school holidays | Mind

Thank you for your continued support.

Caroline

Certificates for June

Class	Inspire	Challenge	Succeed together
Kingfishers	The whole of Kingfisher Class		
Puffins	Isaac	Dougie	Connor
Goldfinches	Bonnie P	Oskar E	Zac
Wrens	Herbie	Amelia and George	Harley
Woodpeckers	Olivia	India and Rosa	Marley and Stanley

Upcoming dates for your diaries (please be aware these may be subject to change)

Mon 14th July Transition day

Tues 15th July

Year 5 and Year 6 Play 6pm at RHSC

Wed 16th July

Year 5 and Year 6 Play 6pm at RHSC

Fri 18th July Celebration Assembly 2:40pm

Tuesday 22nd July Leavers Assembly 11am Y6 Parents/ Carers to attend. Early closing 1:15pm.