



The Waveney Valley Partnership  
Mendham Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Message from Mr Lea

Spring seems to have arrived this week – lots of sunny weather for us all to enjoy!

We are very aware that there are many events taking place at the moment – we will continue to update the dates for this half term. I would like to thank all of the staff involved in organising events – it really does demonstrate that the staff in our schools really care about the pupils and want to provide a whole range of learning opportunities for them!

I would like to remind all parents and families that school starts at 8:30am – it is important that your child is in on time – in all of our classes learning starts as soon as the children walk through the door!

Thank you all for your ongoing support – it really is appreciated.

Mendham News

**Learning Pi**

We have had several technical issues with Learning Pi recently. I would like to reassure you that staff will be back actively using the snap and share function from the start of next week.

I would like to remind you that staff will not be setting activities on Learning Pi at the current time.

If you have any feedback in the future please let me know. Thank you

Pupil Responsibility News



**FRIDAY 21 MARCH**

The theme for this day is to dress in Red or dress like it was the 1980s (the decade that Red Nose Day was launched)  
More information to follow soon!

### Message from Mrs Jones - Seedlings Class

Seedlings began their World Book Day work early. This week we have based our Story Dough sessions on Julia Donaldson books. In Story Dough we use playdough to create a new character based on a book that we have been reading.

After reading the story we talk about the characters that we could make using ambitious vocabulary; we might talk about the character having piercing eyes, an elongated body and because they haven't eaten, they are ravenous. Alternatively, we may use rhyme and alliteration. We give each of the characters we create a name and describe them. Using the book Zog children created an alien Dog to help Zog on his adventures and Zog with a dog and a princess.

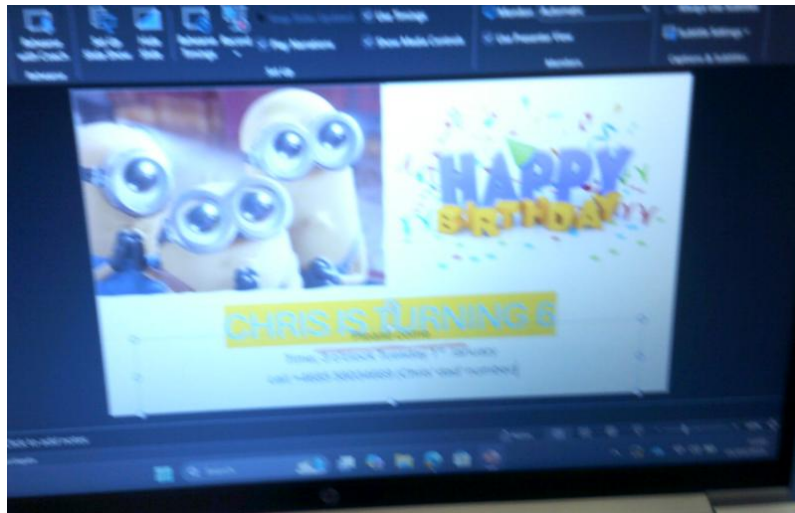


### Message from Mrs Ball - Pine Class

In Pine Class we have been working hard on poetry based on, "The Bathroom Fiddler," by Michael Rosen. We worked on our own version called, "The Desk Diddler," about getting distracted in class. The children have been creative and imaginative with their writing and their poems are absolutely brilliant. Year Two also wrote another, completely independent, version about bedrooms or kitchens. They used the language and features we have learnt to again write a brilliant version.



## Message from Mrs Peach - Juniper Class



In computing this week, we have been learning about how different fonts, colours and sizes are needed for different messages. We looked at the fonts used in news articles and how they compared to the fonts and colours used for a birthday invitation. We then worked collaborate to make our own digital invitations.

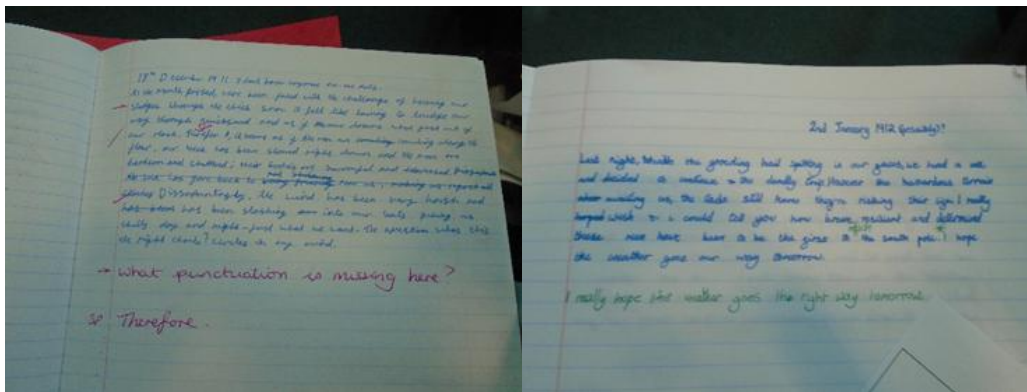


In science we have been testing our observation skills testing which materials are magnetic and non-magnetic. This links to our learning about contact and non-contact forces. We all thought that metal was magnetic but now we know that only some metals are magnetic. We had lots of fun experimenting with magnets.

## Message from Mr Norfolk - Sycamore Class



Sycamore have been learning how to use 'Microbits' in their computing lessons. They have been learning about how to write algorithms and send code so the microbit can carry out the instructions. They have been turning the microbit into working fortune tellers and working dice.



The children have been learning how to write diary entries by learning about Scott of the Antarctic and his expeditions to the South Pole. They have looked at how to write in the style of a diary and include inner thoughts and feelings about the characters. They will then transfer these skills into their own diary entries next week!

## Safeguarding Information

The DSL (Designated safeguarding lead) for safeguarding in school is Mr Simon Lea. The ADSL's (Alternate designated safeguarding lead) are Mrs Nicola Jones and Mrs Julie Rogers.

A copy of the safeguarding policy and all other policies are available on the school website.

The Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership website contains a wealth of information:

[www.suffolksp.org.uk](http://www.suffolksp.org.uk)

If you are worried about the welfare or safety of a child speak directly to Mr Lea or Mrs Jones. If concerns are outside school hours, please contact Customer First on 0808 8004005 (24 hours). If the matter is urgent because a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, phone 999.

# ONCE A WEEK TAKE A PEEK

## LET'S FIGHT HEAD LICE TOGETHER

Dear parent/guardian,

As a school we're supporting the Once a Week, Take a Peek campaign aimed at helping parents spot, treat, and prevent the spread of head lice.

Head lice are a normal part of childhood and by checking for them regularly and using an appropriate treatment, they can be dealt with quickly and easily.

The guidance has been produced by Hedrin in association with the Medical Entomology Centre, a world-leading authority on head lice.

Download the step-by-step guide that tells you everything you need to know about checking for and treating head lice. Alternatively, visit the link below to find out more on the Once a Week Take a Peek campaign.

Yours Sincerely,

Simon Lea  
Academy Head Teacher

And remember...  
**'Once a Week, Take a Peek!'**

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