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Trowse Primary School

THE GREAT BRITISH TALKING POINT – THE WEATHER !!
I was just looking back at an earlier draft of this newsletter and it referred to our wonderful half term week at Whitsun and that following that it had then been grey and wet for so many days, we were in fear that the fete might well have been a wash out !! And now here we are in a heatwave. But we are resilient and we are coping and the children and staff are fantastic.

As you know, our aim here at Trowse is to make our curriculum as enriching as we can, and where we can tie in an event or visit to our topics, then it really does enhance the children's understanding and passion for learning. The same applies to sporting opportunities.
I know we ask a lot of you all financially, especially this summer term – we are making memories for the children – and they are learning so much, but sometimes we are aware that it can be a financial stretch for families so ....

Don't forget the school has a "Access to Activities" fund – this money is separate to FOTS Fund Raising – with the sole intention of the benefactor is to ensure that no child misses out on activities due to inability to pay. Please just come along and speak to Mr Odell or Mrs Andrews. The process is very simple – no form filling in – just come and speak to us.

SO WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO ?...
This last half term has been so busy, but amazing, our Year 6 children had a fabulous 3 night/4 day PGL residential up in Lincolnshire, and we were all amazed and inspired by their tenacity and willingness to have a go at all the activities, even if it did push their comfort zones.
Our Year 5 and 6 children each had a sailing week down at Whitlingham and again the instructors praised their behaviour and determination to learn to sail, even when the wind gusted up a bit and headed them to the other end of the broad. The Year 6's built on their experience from last year and to see them as confident sailors was an absolute joy (Mr Pritchard's words).

Year 4 went on the Mid Norfolk Railway, Year 3 to Africa Alive, Year 2 Banham Zoo – all tying in with their learning – and all representing the school beautifully.

Some Key Dates...

Friday, 3rd July
9.30am Rocksteady Concert to parents
3.15pm Reception Bake Sale

Monday 6th July
1.30pm Stay &Play Grp 2, session 2
4.00pm Rocksteady Concert to Parents

Tuesday, 7th July
9.00 am Sports Morning for Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2
KS2 Results Day

Wednesday, 8th July
9.00 am Sports Morning for KS2 (Yrs 3 – 6)

Thursday, 9th July
Reports home to families

Friday, 10th July
Rocksteady concert to school
School discos

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FOTS FEST 2026

What a fabulous event this was and so well supported by you our Trowse families – the sun was shining and there was so much going on. We are still waiting for the final amount raised from FOTS but they are hopeful it will be the biggest amount ever raised at a fete – we will let you know as soon as we know.

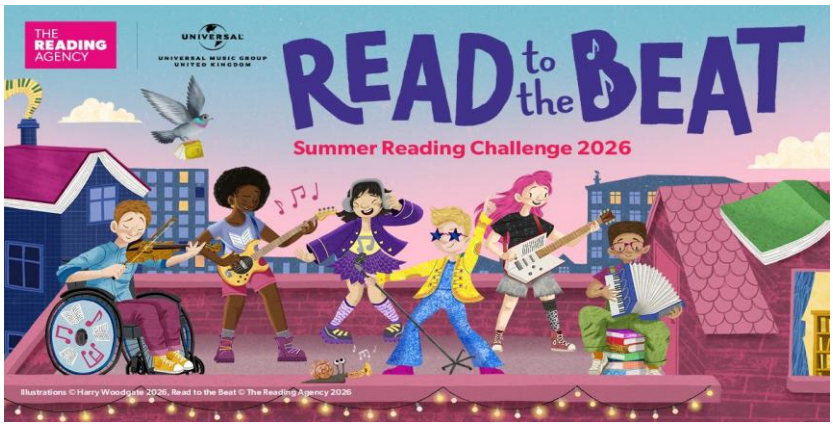
One of your top wishes from the FOTS survey was that they help towards the cost of visits. This last year has all been about FOTS fund-raising but by July they will know how much they have in the bank and how much they can support you, our families, towards the cost of visits and events for the next academic year, starting in September!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the **Bake Sales** – the children get to choose how they would like to spend the money - Year 6 went to the cinema, Year 5 have invested in a book corner and Year 4 and 3 will be having an artist come into school and do Indian wood block printing workshops with them. Years 2 and 1 had a visit from Mini Monsters road show and Year 2 also have some lovely new outdoor tables and chairs and Year 1 had a Whitlingham day with ice creams !

Our final bake sale of the year will be **Reception Bake Sale on Friday, 3rd July.**

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

The Summer Reading Challenge is a free activity for children aged 4-11 delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music UK. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's skills and confidence over the summer holiday.



Children can pick up their Summer Reading Challenge pack and free magazine from their local library. They set their own reading goals and read anything they like from the library. They collect reward stickers as they achieve their reading goals. At the end of the summer, children who complete all their goals earn a certificate and a medal. For under 5s there is a mini challenge, so they don't miss out. **There is also a digital platform with different activities and digital rewards**.

This year's theme is Read to the Beat, giving everyone the opportunity to discover diverse musical genres and cultural influences through specially curated reading lists and engaging activities that celebrate the connection between storytelling and sound. **There will be lots of free children's activities in our libraries including professional music and dance artists**.

To sign up, just pop into your local library. Children will need to be library members - you can do this in a library or online. It's free of charge and children will receive their own library card for which there are no overdue fees. **Find out more about joining the library in branch or online**.

Nationally the Summer Reading Challenge has engaged over half a million children annually for more than 25 years. It starts on Saturday 4 July and finishes Saturday 12 September.

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Young Carers
A Young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly looks after someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction.
Children may engage in:

- Shopping, cooking, cleaning
- Managing medicines or money
- Providing personal care
- Helping get people out of the house
- Keeping an eye on someone
- Providing emotional support

Schools can support young carers and there are great support agencies and groups set up for other young carers to attend with other young carers- so they can talk about their life with people who have the same experiences.
If you, or a family member, needs support please contact the school office. All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Volunteers Needed: Coding Club

We are hoping to launch a new **after-school Coding Club from September -** and we need your help!

We're looking for parent volunteers to support or run a **weekly session (one day a week, year-long commitment)**.

Pupils will take part in the **Primary Coding League**, a UK-wide competition where teams complete coding challenges, earn points, and climb a national leaderboard. It's a fantastic way to build **creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills -** with the chance to win prizes too!

No coding experience needed - just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved.

Interested? Please contact the school office or Mr Bourke directly!

And some reminders .....

- Starting back in September - the first days back after the summer holidays are crucial settling in days for children in their new classes, getting used to different staff and routines. PLEASE AVOID BOOKING FAMILY HOLIDAYS in this time.
- Please **do not let children walk on the wall outside the nursery** – it is dangerous and we have had to deal with nasty injuries when they fall off.
- **Do not park in the car park** unless it is an exceptional circumstance that has been agreed by the school office, such as, you using a disabled space.
- Equally, please **do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside** – recently we have had really awkward situations bringing children back from trips on a bus and we cannot get up to the school because of parking on the zig-zags and around the roundabout.

Kind regards,
Stuart Odell, Headteacher

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REMAINDER OF SUMMER TERM 2026 – DIARY DATES

Friday 3rd July	Rocksteady concert to parents (9.30 am) Reception class Bake Sale
Monday, 6th July	New Reception Stay and Play – Group 1 – session 2 Rocksteady concert to parents (4.00pm)
Tuesday 7th July	9.00am Sports Morning – Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 New Reception Stay and Play – Group 2 – Session 2 KS2 results day
Wednesday 8th July	9.00am Sports Morning – KS2
Thursday, 9th July	Reports out to parents
Friday 10th July	Rocksteady concert (to children in school -am) School Discos (pm)
Monday, 13th July	Fram transition days (Monday and Tuesday)
Tuesday 14th July	Move up afternoon – all years
Wednesday 15th July	9.00 Celebration Assembly KS2 performance – dress rehearsal (pm)
Thursday 16th July	KS2 performances (9.30 and 4.00)
Friday 17th July	Headteacher's Awards Assembly Last day of term
	END OF SCHOOL YEAR
Tuesday, 1st September	Inset Day (staff training)
Wednesday, 2nd September	Inset Day (staff training)
Thursday 3rd September	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL New Reception children in morning or afternoon
Friday 4th September	New Reception children in morning or afternoon
w/c Monday 7th September	Reception children in for morning and lunch all week (home at 1:30)
w/c Monday 14th September	Reception children in all day for full-timers

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