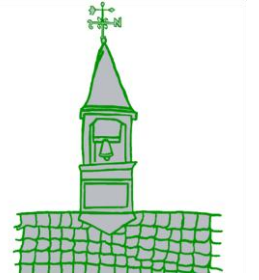




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Friday 11th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Another week over already – Monday to Friday seems to go so quick at the moment. It was lovely to see all the children in their new classes on Tuesday, I am sure there were some nerves, however, there were lots of smiles and relaxed children during the day. It was also nice to see the majority of the Y6s return from Fakenham Academy, having had a fun and exciting three days there – hopefully they made good first impressions. The small number of children going to different secondary schools also seem happy and relaxed about the change – it is always sad to say goodbye, but we know they will be fine.

Like all schools we are struggling with our budget, trying to make the amount we receive stretch to meet the needs of all children is increasingly difficult. Staff have always gone the extra mile, but right now it feels like we are needing them to go even further. I know you appreciate all they do, our teachers and support staff. Sometimes, those two simple words—'thank you'—are the most meaningful gift we could ever receive."

Whilst I mention school budgets, I do have to bring up school trips. These are loved by children and are important for supporting learning and just giving children different experiences, however, they are becoming harder to plan. From next year our Multi Academy Trust has said that all trips must be 'self-supporting' this means we cannot use any school budget to fund the trip just 'parental voluntary contributions' (and any contribution Friends or Helps can afford to give us). Therefore, before we confirm any trip next year, we will first send out a scoping email to parents to gain assurance you are willing to contribute. If we do not have enough to cover the trip, then unfortunately it will not go ahead. Please respond to the emails as 'no response' will be taken as 'unwilling to contribute'. We will continue to do all we can to plan the best value visits, we want them to continue for your children and I am sure you do too.

FINS parents - please keep an eye open for the contingency plan email for next week's sports day – the weather forecast is currently unpredictable, so we want to share our possible plans today.

Enjoy the sun safely this weekend,
Adam Mason