



17.03.2023

Dear Parents and Carers

What a brilliant headline in the East Anglian Daily Times this morning. Highlighting 3 of our year 11 students who rescued a Needham Market man after he had fallen. Please follow the article link for more details: www.eadt.co.uk/news I will certainly be congratulating them in school for their caring and mature approach to the incident, they are a credit to the school.

In school our Year 11 have just finished their final set of mock exams. The preparation for these, along with reviewing the papers, will help them identify their strengths and areas for further development. This will guide them with future revision before the final exams which start shortly after we return from the Easter break. Mrs Morley will be writing to our Year 11 separately with some key dates along with inviting students in for some Easter school sessions to give them further support and guidance.

As the weather and daylight are improving (maybe not today) can I please ask that you do not drive onto the school site between 8:30 and 9:00 and again from 3:15 and 4:00pm. This is for safety reasons and to reduce the amount of traffic congestion. Often the queues of traffic delay our buses which are held up getting onto the school site and

Easter Card Houses competition

Please see below the details of the competition taking place at Stowupland High School. Students will be competing for House points and prizes by designing and creating their Easter card. We leave the designs to students' imagination, but can we ask for the cards to be flat, not 3D so they are suitable for photocopying, please.

House Easter Card Competition

Have a go and make your own Easter card for our House competition- chocolate prizes and House points for the winners!

Entries in to Mr Bartholomew in D.05 by Thursday 23rd of March.



Buses and bus stops

It has been brought to our attention recently that Stowupland High School students have been spotted misbehaving and presenting unsafe behaviours, like climbing over the fences and staying close to the river whilst waiting for their school bus in the morning.

Also if we could remind our young people to abstain from keeping their feet off the seats when on a bus.

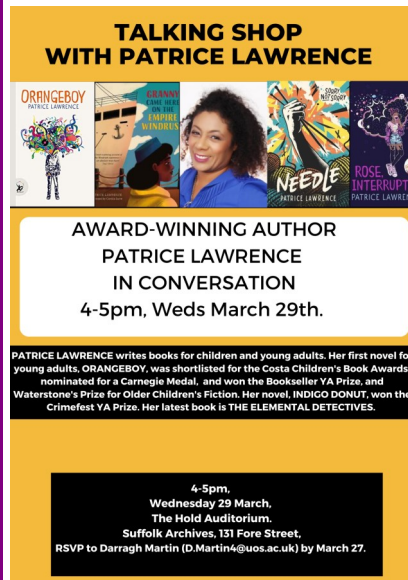
then again leaving. The footpath from Thorney Green now has wood chippings on it and is in a better condition than it was earlier on in the winter. Therefore, can I please ask if students need to be driven to school that they are dropped off and collected from either Thorney Green or Thorney Green Road. This will make the site more accessible for our disabled students and the school buses. We have also been asked by the Parish Council to remind parents that care should be taken when using the green so that verges are not damaged.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

D. Brewster
Headteacher

Library News

As a follow up to the Primadonna writing competition, you may be interested to know that Patrice Lawrence is talking shop at The University of Suffolk. Please see the poster for details:



**TALKING SHOP
WITH PATRICE LAWRENCE**

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR
PATRICE LAWRENCE
IN CONVERSATION
4-5pm, Weds March 29th.

PATRICE LAWRENCE writes books for children and young adults. Her first novel for young adults, *ORANGEBOY*, was shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Awards, nominated for a Carnegie Medal, and won the Bookseller YA Prize, and Waterstone's Prize for Older Children's Fiction. Her novel, *INDIGO DONUT*, won the Crimefest YA Prize. Her latest book is *THE ELEMENTAL DETECTIVES*.

4-5pm,
Wednesday 29 March,
The Hold Auditorium,
Suffolk Archives, 131 Fore Street,
RSVP to Darragh Martin (D.Martin4@uos.ac.uk) by March 27.

Also, the university is also starting a [creative writing club](#) for students in year 11-13 who are interested in studying creative writing at university. Click on the link for more details.

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Please visit the website for a guide for young people, coping techniques and more of helpful information and ideas.

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SPORTS NEWS

13.03.23—Under 15 Boys Football

On Monday the Year 10 boys football team played County Upper in the quarter final of the Suffolk Schools County Cup. The boys started brightly and were on top for the majority of the first half. Half-time score 1-1.

In the second half, County Upper broke and scored an early goal! The boys struggled to get into any rhythm! County Upper went on to win the game 3-1.

14.03.23—Year 13 Boys Futsal

Well done to the year 8 boys futsal team who played in the U13 tournament at Stowmarket Leisure Centre on Tuesday.

The boys beat Hartismere 3-2 and lost a closely contested game against Stowmarket 1-2. They drew 0-0 against the eventual winners, Thomas Mills and lost 0-3 to Debenham.

Great team effort by: J Wigg, G Bloom, J Hancock, J Hearsom, A Trivedy, R Turner, D White and A Woolnough.



Prime Video and the LTA have launched a new girls-only programme to inspire the next generation of female British tennis players at the end of last year. Two of our local clubs: [Stowmarket Lawn Tennis Club](#) and [Bramford Tennis Club](#) are actively taking part in this initiative and running starter tennis courses for girls starting 22nd April.

Please visit the [website](#) for more information.

Next week's fixtures

Date	Who	Sport	Vs.
20/03	Year 9 Boys	Rugby (A)	Ipswich High School
22/03	Year 11 Boys	Football (A)	East Point Academy (Lowestoft)

IMPORTANT: If your child is taking part in any sports fixtures, please look out for an email to give consent for the student to take part. These can be announced very last minute so we would appreciate your prompt action. You will find the consent box within Arbor under activities/trips.

Attendance up to 17th March 2023

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
92%	91.2%	89.7%	87.8%	86.2%	89.3%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

March

18th-19th—Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

22nd—HPV vaccination catch-up Year 8 and above

24th-27th—Battlefields Trip

29th—MEN ACWY/DTP vaccination Year 9

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Term Dates 2022-2023		Half Term	Non Student Days
Autumn Term 2022	1st September - 16th December	24th - 28th Oct	1st September
Spring Term 2023	3rd January - 31st March	13th—17th Feb	2nd September
Summer Term 2023	17th April - 21st July	29th May - 2nd June	25th November
			3rd January
			21st July

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