

Bacton Primary School

We've had a busy year here so far at Bacton Primary. Our Senior Leadership Team continue to work across both Bacton and Mendlesham Primary Schools and we became part of the Oxlip Learning Partnership (new Trust including Cedars Park Primary, Stowupland High School, Britannia Primary, Rose Hill Primary and Copleston High School). Mendlesham had Ofsted in November and were rated Good in all areas. Numbers for next year are increasing. We continue to work with Under 5s to support transition into school.

Highlights of the year:

In September, lower key stage 2 went to Thorpe Woodlands on a residential trip, completing Archery, Rock Climbing, Caving, Kayaking and toasting marsh mellows.

Upper key stage 2 took part in Bikeability, learning about the Highway Code and how to keep safe. Our Road Safety Officers are keen to work with the Parish to further keep our roads safe and all will be taking part in walk to school w/c 19th May.

The whole school celebrated Harvest Festival at Church. We donated lots of food to the Women's Refuge in Bury St. Edmunds. The annual Carol and Easter services were well attended and we look forward to working closer with Reverend Cant and thank the warden and others for all that they do to support the school.

Various assemblies have taken place: MSDC Recycling and Waste (pumpkin waste), Police (road safety), St Elizabeth hospice and many more.

Visits/visitors/events have included Colchester Castle, WWII enthusiast dressed in full Army uniform, tractor visit, Steve Clifford (author), World Book Day, archaeologist, Jonathon Paterson (Paralympian), Suffolk Farm and Country Fayre.

We are looking forward to more fabulous events such as: African Drumming workshop, African Dance, a trip to the Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum, a visit to The Mix to take part in Crucial Crew and the Year 6 Residential to Kent, Sports Day, transition days and much more.

We are keen to diversify our trips offer to enhance our children's experiences beyond Bacton and always welcome support from local businesses to donate in any way they can to help us reduce the cost of transport. Thank you to all who have supported us this year. Friends of Bacton continue to support the school and provide valuable additional funding to enhance pupils learning.

We would like to thank the parish for their work to the surrounding areas of the school, the pathway, footbridge and memorial garden and are excited at the prospect of the foot-way to be diverted, enhancing the school safety.