

Broke Hall Primary School



Friday 21st March 2025 Newsletter 11

Message from Mrs. Fairs:

What a wonderful couple of weeks we have had. Last week saw our first ever Ipswich History Day, which you can read about later. Children from Broke Hall have also been to Adastral Park for a visit to enhance their computing learning, our sports people have been in action in various fixtures, and we have celebrated with lots of other schools as the Wolsey 550 project draws to a close. As well as this, the children have all been busy showcasing their learning through assemblies and with our termly assessment week.

Mrs. Fairs

In a world where you can be anything, be kind

As a school we endeavour to teach children that their words matter and that unkindness of any sort is unwanted and hurtful. It has been brought to our attention that sadly some parents of the school do not always follow the same guidance. Some adults were heard discussing a child's World Book Day costume in ways which judged the child's parent as lazy before going on to talk about the child themselves in very upsetting ways. It is very unfortunate that the parent of the child overheard the conversation themselves, leading to a great deal of hurt. Please refrain from talking in this unhelpful way whilst on the school premises. Thank you.

Local history comes alive



Last week saw our first whole-school history enrichment. Every year group took on a different aspect of the history of Ipswich with some children working with experts from The Hold, Ipswich and Colchester Museums education department and author, adviser and teacher, Dale Banham. The children created town seals, charter, memorials, smell boxes and soundscapes, maps, newspaper covers and mini-museums as well as meeting some time-travelling local figures. The day was a huge success and numerous visitors who were visiting commented on what a wonderful event it was.



Football festival

To celebrate International Women's Day, our Year 3 and 5 girls' football teams took part in a football festival at Portman Road. It was brilliant to be in such an inspirational venue and some wonderful football was played.



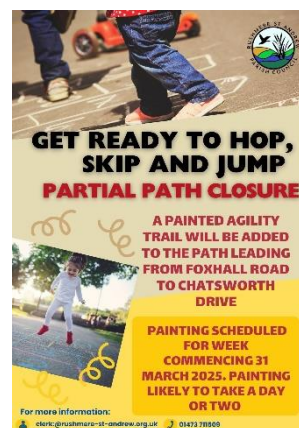
Wolsey 550 Project – Cardinal Wolsey Day

To celebrate the end of the Wolsey 550 project a small group of Year 4 children represented the school at a gathering of local schools, businesses and commerce from Ipswich. All the schools gave a short presentation about the project at their school. Florence and Oliver spoke with eloquence and confidence about the positive impact that the project has had at Broke Hall and the children shared their latest learning about Wolsey’s Ipswich, including the soundscapes and smell boxes that they created during our history day. The children were presented with certificates from the Major of Ipswich and the Chairman of Suffolk County Council.



New playground trail

We have been contacted by Rushmere Parish Council to inform us of an exciting community project scheduled to begin during the week commencing 31st March 2025, depending on the weather. The Parish Council has recently acquired the land opposite Arundel Way, and adjacent to Foxhall Road and plans to enhance it by adding a playground marking trail along the pathway. The Parish Council believe this playground marking trail will be a valuable and enjoyable addition for local families and children. The installation process is expected to take a day, during which part of the path will be temporarily closed.



The Parish Council have asked us to pass on to parents that they will make every effort to keep any inconvenience to an absolute minimum and will inform the community by posting notices on social media, on noticeboards, and along the path.

Term dates for your diary

Monday 24 th March	Year 1 to visit Ipswich Transport Museum Year 4 Viking Day
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 2 Great Fire of London Day
Thursday 27 th March	Nursery and Reception Easter and Spring Craft Share Session 9.00-10.30am
Monday 31 st March	Spring Bonnet Competition Years 1,2 and 3
Tuesday 1 st April	Parent consultations
Wednesday 2 nd April	HSA Easter Hampers
Thursday 3 rd April	Parent consultations
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term
7th April – 21st April - Easter Holiday	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Return to school
Thursday 24 th April	HSA Spring Craft Session 3.30pm
Thursday 8 th May	Art in a Day – Year Five trip to Christchurch Mansion
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	End of Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs)