



# Rudham Church of England Primary Academy Newsletter

## October 2023

*Enabling children to flourish through the field of life.*

### Calendar Dates

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October:** School photographer in school.  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October:** Tawny Owls Reading Cafe, 2-3pm.  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest Festival at St. Mary's, East Rudham, 9.30am start. Families are invited to attend. See message below.  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October:** Eagle Owls WW2 themed trip to Gressenhall museum.  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October:** Tawny and Barn Owls 'Great Fire of London' workshop at Brisley.  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Barn Owls Reading Cafe, 9-10.30am.  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** Snowy Owls Reading Cafe, 2-3pm.  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October:** Half term holiday.  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Parent's evening. Appointment details to follow.  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November:** Eagle Owls Reading Cafe, 2-3pm.  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in Need Day. Further details to follow.  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Flu immunisation clinic in school. Details to follow.

### School Photographer Visit

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and sibling photographs.  
Families are invited to attend school from 8.15am-8.45am for photographs which include younger siblings, who haven't yet started school. Please can children wear school uniform to school and bring their PE kit and trainers to change into.

### Head Lice

As it's the season when head lice are common, please be on the lookout in your child/children's hair. Guidance can be found via the link below:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's Church, East Rudham at 9.30am. Parents/family members are invited to attend. The children will be sharing work they have completed in class, singing and doing some readings. Please can children be dropped off at school by 8.50am as usual.

We are collecting donations of non-perishable items for our local food bank, which can be left in the school main reception area. We will then take them up to the church for the service.

### **Suggested donations:**

Tinned soup, Jam

Tinned vegetables, Coffee

Cereals, Long life fruit juice

Tinned peas, Long life milk

Tea bags, Tinned rice/custard

Tinned fruit

## Reading Cafes

Reading Cafes will take place within each class every term. Parents/Carers are invited to attend and take part in the teacher led activities with their child/children. Our Autumn term dates are:

Tawny Owls: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 2:00-3:00pm

Barn Owls: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 9:00-10.30am

Snowy Owls: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 2:00-3:00pm

Eagle Owls: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 2:00-3:00pm

## Class Updates

### Snowy Owls

We have settled really well into the school year so far, and have been really enjoying learning about the wonders of India! From how they use rangoli patterns to decorate elephants for the Elephant festival, to how they have recently become the first country to successfully land a spacecraft at the moon's south pole. We have also been very lucky to have Tina visit the school to teach us all about the festival of Diwali and how it can be celebrated with lots of colours and dancing, which we thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in!



## Tawny Owls

We have had a very busy start to the school year and all of the children have settled in very well. We have been doing Science in our Topic Lessons for the first few weeks where the children have been looking at and learning about different habitats. They have been sorting animals into matching habitats for chilli challenges and we have been out on the school field looking for different microhabitats. We even found a pigeon nesting in the tree by the school gate!



## Barn Owls

We have been reading the story Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett. We thought about the places Sunny the meerkat visited as well as writing our own meerkat facts. We even spotted Sunny visiting our school and are planning to write a postcard about his adventures with us! We enjoyed walking into Rudham and studying some of the old buildings we spotted along the way. The children were extremely well behaved and created some fantastic observational drawings. A great start to the school year Barn Owls - well done!



## Eagle Owls

Eagle Owls have been heavily immersed in their WW2 topic. They have been lucky enough to have two guest speakers come in, with one being alive during WW2 and sharing her memories with the children. Ryley has been busy helping make an authentic WW2 kitchen display inspired by our class novel 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. The children are looking forward to their upcoming trip to Gressenhall museum for their Evacuee themed day. The class have also been encouraging each other to get their 5 reads each week and to complete their homework.

