Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP School & Nursery

Newsletter

Autumn Term - Issue 1 – week beginning 07 September 2026

Striving to be more like Jesus

This half term's Christian value focus is trust and the School Value Focus is Community.

Welcome

This term we welcome Elijah, Reggie, Otillie, Lily, Fred, Elsie, Robin, Ellie, Peyton, Stanley, Esme, Jack and Isla to Violet Class; Roman and Vinnie to Green Class; Madeline to Orange Class; and Darcey and Jacob to Red Class.

We would like to welcome Mrs Bloomfield as Violet Class Teacher; Miss Payne as Blue Class Teacher; Mrs Ringer as 1:1 SEND Teaching Assistant; and Miss Webster as Teaching Assistant.

We hope that they all enjoy their time at our school.

Goodbye

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Miss Chambers.

We wish Miss Chambers good luck in her new role and would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment during her time at Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP School.

Miss Chambers will be missed by everyone!

Thank You

We would like to say a very big thank you to our governors, Mr Blackwell, Mr Henderson, Mrs Kelway and Mr Wiffen and their helpers, for their incredible hard work in tidying up the outside area at the start of term.

Forest School

We would like to say a huge thank you for a very generous donation to our Forest School area. Laura and Melissa, the parents of one of our last year's Year 6 pupils, Marley, blew us away with the donation of many new additions to our Forest School area, including hammocks, rope ladders, tubes and benches to name just a few.

Laura and Melissa kindly donated their time to freshen up the Forest School area and install all the new equipment over the summer. We are incredibly grateful for the donation and we are very excited to see the children enjoy it all.

Volunteers for Trips and Visits

As part of our safeguarding procedures for visits, any volunteers accompanying classes or groups of pupils on trips, visits and sporting visits are required to have an Enhanced DBS Certificate issued by the school .

If you think you would like to volunteer on trips during the year, could you please contact Mrs Seccombe in the School Office to arrange to have an Enhanced DBS check completed.

After School Clubs – Autumn Term

This term we are offering children in Reception to Year 6 the following after school clubs, which run from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

Debenham, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 6PL
01728 860201 / admin@sirroberthitcham.suffolk.sch.uk / www.sirroberthitcham.sch.uk
TO CONTACT WRAPAROUND CARE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE HOURS (8.30AM TO 4.30PM)
PLEASE CALL 07346 694587

Monday	Climbing Apparatus Club
Tuesday	Film Club
Wednesday	Magic Club
Thursday	Cooking Club
Friday	Forest School Club

Children can attend after school clubs for enrichment activities or for childcare purposes.

Bookings for after school clubs should be made on Arbor.

Wraparound Care 2026/2027

If your child will be attending any session of Before School Club or After School Clubs this year, could you please complete:

- Wraparound Care 2026/2027 terms and conditions; and
- Wraparound Care 2026/2027 registration form

and return to the School Office. Both forms are available on the school's website or just on the left inside the first set of front doors.

Payment for School Lunches

Could we please remind all parents/carers of children in Nursery and Years 3 to 6 to pay for school lunches on Arbor. All the children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

As the cost of lunches comes out of the school's budget, we do ask that lunches are paid for in advance. If your child's account is in arrears by £28.00 or more, we will not be able to provide your child with a school lunch and you will need to provide them with a packed lunch.

Menu Change

The current menu offers 'Fishless Fingers and Chips' on Friday of the week 3 of the school lunch menu.

Due to supply issues, the fishless fingers will be replaced with 'Quorn Nuggets and Chips' for the foreseeable future.

Nuts

Can we please remind parents/carers that Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School is a nut-free school.

Please do not put any nut products in your child's lunch box or send any snacks into school which contain nut products. This includes peanut butter; Nutella; any biscuits/cakes/cereal bars that contain nuts.

There are hazelnut and walnut tress on the school site and the children are told by staff not to touch any fallen nuts.

Uniform

As it is the start of a new school year, we would like to remind parents of our uniform policy, which is available **here**.

For health and safety reasons we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery at school. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and small objects of religious significance.

Pupils must remove any items of jewellery during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. Earrings cannot be taped over, they must be removed. Please note that staff are not permitted to remove earrings.

Wrist watches or fitness trackers may be worn, but only for the purpose of telling the time and/or counting steps. 'Smart' watches and fitness trackers linked to mobile phones are not permitted.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either burgundy, blue, black or white in colour. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached.

Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school.

The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and pupils should not have decorative patterns or 'tram lines' cut into their hair or have their hair coloured or dyed with extreme colours.
For health and safety reasons and to ensure it does not distract from learning, we advise that long hair be tied back.

For health and safety reasons we do not allow pupils to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels. All pupils are required to wear plain black shoes without logos as stated in the uniform list.

Please do not send pupils to school wearing canvas shoes, loose slip-ons or trainers. Please only send your child to school in lace-up shoes when they are able to tie their own laces.

Trousers must be school uniform style – not jeans material, skinny, leggings, jeggings or baggy.

Shorts must be school uniform style and approximately knee length.

Skirts should be about knee length.

Only plain white, grey or black socks (not multi-coloured or patterned) or grey or black tights should be worn to school.

Footwear for School Field

As we move into Autumn, the children need to have wellies or spare shoes in school to be able to go onto the field at break times.

Mobile Phones

If your child needs to bring a mobile phone into school because they are walking to and from school unaccompanied, could you please advise them that their phone **must** be handed into the School Office for safekeeping during the day. Pupils must not have mobile phones or smart watches with them during school time.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are excited to announce that Year 5 will be hosting this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25 September from 10.00am to 12.00pm in the School Hall.

If you are able to volunteer to help out at the Coffee Morning or can make cakes for the event, could you please either contact Miss Squirrell on Class Dojo or email the School Office at admin@sirroberthitcham.suffolk.sch.uk.

Please do come along and support our fundraising - everyone is welcome!

Wraparound Care

Our wraparound care runs every day during term time for children in Reception to Year 6.

Sir Robert Hitcham CEVAP School, Debenham

Before School Club	7.50am to 8.45am	£3.04 per child
Wraparound Care – Early Session	3.15pm to 4.30 pm	£3.55 per child
Wraparound Care – Full Session	3.15pm to 5.30pm	£7.10 per child

Late collection does incur a fee of £5.06 per 15 minutes, which will be applied to your Arbor account.

If you need to book your child into wraparound care less than 24 hours before the session, you must contact the School Office on 01728 860201 or admin@sirroberthitcham.suffolk.sch.uk to book your child a place.

Any amendments to your booking or cancellation must be made at least 48 hours before the session begins. Please contact the School Office.

If you need to make urgent contact with the school while your child is attending Wraparound Care, please call 07346 694587.

SENDIASS

Suffolk SENIASS provide free confidential and impartial information, advice and support about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) for children, young people, parents and carers.

For further information and details of upcoming events, please visit the SENDIASS website at https://suffolksendiass.co.uk/

Mental Health Workshops

The Psychology in Schools team, part of the Norfolk and Suffolk NHS foundation trust, deliver free monthly workshops to

parents/carers on a range of mental health topics. All parents/carers are welcome to join.

These popular parent/carer workshops have been developed by experienced mental health professionals, with feedback from parents/carers. They are delivered online via Zoom by professionals from the Early Intervention Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (EI-CAMHS). Workshops last between 60 to 75 minutes and run during the day and early evening. You will not be seen by other attendees or the presenter.

The NSFT Psychology in Schools Team also offers an online parent/carer workshop program that addresses childhood neurodiversity and covers key topics that families have identified as most helpful. These workshops are offered to support families on the neurodevelopmental (NDD) pathway in Suffolk. These can be accessed via the Suffolk Local Offer Page here: Neurodiversity online parent/carer workshops - Suffolk SEND Local Offer. We also have a range of pre-recorded workshops on Childhood Neurodivergence topics which are available to watch anytime.

Details of the Autumn Term's Workshops are available at https://www.nsft.nhs.uk/parent-workshops/ and can be booked here.

Wake Up Wednesday

Please click on the links below to access this week's guide from The National College as part of their #WakeUpWednesday campaign – Facebook or Twitter.

Recent Letters

Letters are available on the school's website at www.sirroberthitcham.suffolk.sch.uk:

- Violet Class Newsletter;
- Blue Class Newsletter;
- Green Class Newsletter;
- Welcome to new school year; and
- Relationships, Sex Education and Health Policy consultation.

Dates for your Diary

Please find below dates for upcoming events over the coming term. The following letters have been sent home in the past week:

Term dates, including staff only days, 2026/2027 are available here.

Autumn Term 2026	
24 September	Green Class to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
25 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
7 October	Kittle Photographic to take individual and family phots
23 October	PD Day (Staff Only)
26 to 30 October	Half Term Holiday
18 December	Last day of Autumn Term
Spring Term 2027	
4 January	PD Day (Staff Only)
5 January	First day of Spring Term for pupils
15 to 19 February	Half Term Holiday
25 March	Last day of Spring Term
Summer Term 2027	
12 April	PD Day (Staff Only)
13 April	First day of Summer Term for pupils
31 May to 4 June	Half Term Holiday
7 June	Kittle Photographic to take whole class photos
21 July	Last day of Summer Term

*Further details will be sent

Adverts and Flyers

Throughout the year, we share information with parents/carers regarding events and activities run by various clubs/organisations. Please note that the school cannot verify the safeguarding procedures for any out of school setting.

Guidance for parents and carers on safeguarding children in out-of-school settings is available here.

Amazon Wish List

If you, or anyone you know, would like to make a purchase for the school, you can log into Amazon and search for SRH's Wish List or Control click the image to purchase an item from the school's Wish List.

mec mickfield evangelical church

KIDS CLUB

Games
Activities
Bible stories
Crafts
Refreshments

FOR:
Primary School Age

WHEN?:
Fridays: 6pm-7pm
(during term time)

WHERE?:
Mickfield
Evangelical Church
IP14 5LS

WHAT'S ON

Friday 11th September	- Normal Kids Club
Friday 18th September	- Normal Kids Club
Friday 25th September	- Den Building
Friday 2nd October	- Normal Kids Club
Friday 9th October	- Sports and Crafts
Friday 16th October	- Pizza Making
Saturday 24th October	- Light Party

No charge and no need to book.
Enquiries - Call Naomi on 07879 337946

KICKS & TRICKS

Activity Camps

NEW VENUE THIS SUMMER...

DEBENHAM SPORTS CENTRE

Children Aged: 5-14

Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th October 2026

EARLY RISERS
8AM-9AM
£5

DAY CAMP
9AM-5PM
ONLY
£35

EXTRA FUN
5PM-6PM
£5

HALF DAY

MORNING
9AM-12:30PM
ONLY **£20**

AFTERNOON
1:30PM-5PM
ONLY **£20**

For more information visit:

www.kicksandtricks.co.uk

info@kicksandtricks.co.uk

SCAN ME

2024 WINNER Suffolk Regional Awards

2024 WINNER Family Business Awards

Debenham
SPORTS & LEISURE
THURSDAY
5th November
GATES OPEN 6PM
FIREWORKS FROM 7.30PM
ADULTS - £7
CHILDREN - £4
UNDER 3'S FREE
If possible, we kindly ask that you walk, as parking space is limited. Thank you for your understanding.
PLEASE NOTE NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED!
Tickets are available to purchase through our website or on the gate. To book go to:
www.debenhamsportsandleisure.co.uk
01728 861101

WOODBRIDGE SCHOOL
OPENING DOORS
to their potential
OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER
Scan me!
book your place
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REMARKABLE JOURNEYS START HERE

ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL

Esther's journey was shaped at RHS.

Now studying Pharmacy at the University of Nottingham

Toby's adventure started at RHS.

RHS sailing captain and world record holder

- SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING – WED 23 SEPT
- OPEN MORNING – SAT 3 OCT
- SCHOLARSHIP INSIGHT EVENING – TUES 13 OCT
- EXPERIENCE DAY – SAT 14 NOV

BOOK TODAY

THE CORNER Café

for people age 11-17

OPEN:

Every Thursday during term from 4-6pm

VENUE:

Dove Cottage, Debenham

MENU:

Drinks inc iced coffee and bubble tea

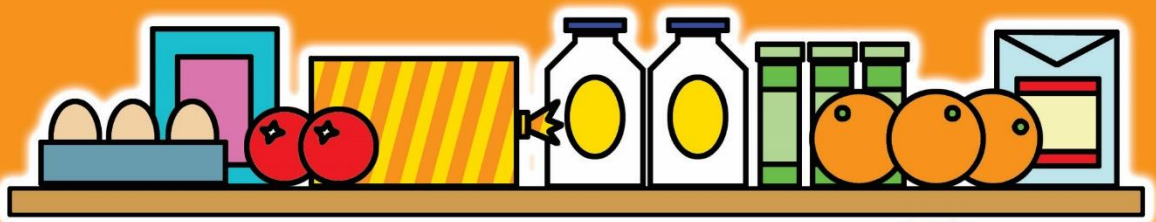
Muffins, doughnuts and other snacks at affordable prices

Loads of different table games

Now with air hockey table!

wifi

A cosy chill place to hang out with your mates or even to just relax alone



Parish Pantry

10.00 am - 11.00 am every Wednesday Debenham Church

Collect a bag of groceries for £3.50

THE BENEFICE OF
DEBENHAM & HELMINGHAM