

What a great start to the Academic year it has been. Now that restrictions have started to ease, it has been a joy to bring our Forces community back together. The Autumn term saw the return of lunch time clubs, trips, family events and guest speakers. As always, if you wish to discuss support or provision for your child, or are able to assist with organising visits, please do contact Mrs Thwaites—laura.thwaites@withamsthughs.org or speak to one of the Forces team at pick up time.

RAF Coningsby

In September, children visited RAF Coningsby. They loved the opportunity to speak to the engineers to ask all of their burning questions and to have a tour around a hangar.

Children were very lucky and even had the opportunity to sit in the jets and try on the equipment that is needed to fly in one. One of the most exciting parts of the day was when we visited the viewing gallery and watched the typhoons flying overhead.

During the afternoon, children took part in a STEM activity in an onsite classroom. They worked exceptionally well in teams to design and create their own jet through junk modelling before putting them to the test in a flying challenge outside.

Thank you to Mr Huckle for organising such an interesting and memorable day for our pupils.



Red Arrows

In December, we were fortunate to be visited by Red Arrows pilot Flt Lt Will Cambridge.

Will joined us for two separate assemblies and children enjoyed learning about the history of the Red Arrows, their displays and the jets that are used.

The children asked lots of interesting questions and we are sure that this visit has inspired many of them to follow in his footsteps!

Following this inspiring day, we plan to take the Forces children to RAF Scampton in March weather permitting.

Upcoming Events

- January—Active Nation trip
- March—RAF Scampton trip
- March 17th—Forces Family Quiz

(6pm, food provided, further details to follow)

Edition Two
January 2022

Forces Library

Throughout the Autumn term, a 'Forces Library' was established outside of Miss Smyth's Year 4 classroom. These books support deployment, separation and general military life. Children are welcome to browse these and bring them home to share with you.

Lunch time drop in sessions in Mrs Thwaites' classroom are available on Tuesday lunch times for Key Stage 2 pupils and Mrs Ford is meeting with Key Stage 1 pupils weekly in the woodland den.



Forces Family Breakfast

In November, we launched our first 'Forces Family Breakfast' event.

It was fantastic to be able to invite parents and carers on site once again, and our Forces leaders and staff team really enjoyed the opportunity to get to speak with you.

Thank you to all who were able to join us for this and we look forward to seeing you at the next event!

Remembrance Day

Building on last year, our Forces pupils led a whole school project to add 420 poppies to our display.

During the Remembrance Day service, a group of children from Y3-Y6 read poems to provide our school community with a time of reflection. Well done to all who took part!



Did you know? - Little Troopers

Little Troopers is a charity that support all children who have a parent serving in our British Armed Forces. <https://www.littletroopers.net/>

