

Village school buoyant after its Ofsted report

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An 80-pupil mid-Norfolk school has been given a "good with outstanding elements" rating by inspectors.

An Ofsted team visited Yaxham Primary in November and has reported a rapid improvement since the last inspection.

The school, at Clint Green, which was rebuilt in 2005 as a replacement for the old Victorian structure, secured its best SATs results for several years, and the Ofsted inspectors praised

the all-round achievements.

Their report said: "Yaxham is a good school. It has made rapid improvement since its last inspection, and standards are now above average.

"Pupils' behaviour is outstanding, as they care for one another extremely well and older pupils help the younger ones. Parents and carers are very happy with the school."

Head Sandra Nightingale said: "I am very proud of how the whole school showed the inspectors just how good it is. The inspectors were very thorough, interviewing parents, pupils, staff and governors and

observing good lessons over the two-day visit. All went well, despite a partial electricity failure on the second day, which only added to the excitement."

Chairman of governors Ian Marin added: "This is a tremendous result for the school, the pupils, the staff, the parents and the governors; we are all very proud. The school did brilliantly under Mrs Nightingale's leadership - the pupils, the staff, the parents and the governors.

"As always, there are areas to improve, and we will be striving to make the school even better, whilst keeping the key ingredients that

make this school so welcoming and encouraging for all who come to it."

There was also praise from Mid Norfolk MP George Freeman, who said: "Many congratulations to all the team at Yaxham Primary School on the really excellent results of your recent Ofsted, which is a great credit to all the hard work of the head, teachers, pupils and parents. This is a great result for the village, school and parish."

And county councillor Cliff Jordan said: "I was very pleased to get the report. Give my warmest congratulations to the staff and governors."

Danny's an inspiration

One of Britain's brightest hopes for a medal at next year's London Paralympics was the star guest at

Dereham Neatherd High School as part of a themed week called Achievement in Adversity.

the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing, finishing fifth in his class.

In 2009 and 2010 he saw further improvements in performance and broke the British record on numerous occasions. His



InBrief Money stolen from vehicle

Money was stolen from a parked car in Fakenham after a thief smashed a window of the vehicle.

The incident happened between 1am and 8.30am last Thursday on a driveway in Station Close.

A window of the black Vauxhall Vectra was smashed, and various items were stolen from inside the vehicle, including money.

Norfolk police would like to hear from anyone who may have noticed anything suspicious in the area at around the time of the crime or from anyone with information about the possible culprit.

● Call PC Jarvis at Fakenham police station on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Police meeting

People living in the Fransham villages will have an opportunity to meet officers from the Dereham Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) later this month.

A surgery, being held at the Manor Farm Shop, at Little Fransham, between 3pm and 4pm on Wednesday, December 21, will give them a chance to talk to officers about any law and order issues or concerns they may have.

● Anyone who cannot attend can