



Weekly Newsletter: 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday, as I walked around the corridors, the sound of rhyming couplets, limericks and chanted lines rang out as we celebrated National Poetry Day. The theme this year was 'Play', focusing on the imaginative and experimental aspects of poetry.

Each class spent time learning to recite their chosen poem and rehearsing their performances.

Today in Stars Assembly, we were treated to performances from each class. This included group performances, monologues and lots of rhyme and rhythm – make sure you ask for a recital when your child gets home tonight.



Poetry wasn't the only popular P in school yesterday as the Acton Pop-up Pizzeria opened for the day. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying the choice of pizzas that Sarah and Jo were offering. Thank you for supporting the day as 75% of the children had a school dinner.

I hope that the Tuesday Taster on the playground gave you a little glimpse into the delicious food that our wonderful kitchen team can produce.

As always, I hope that you have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards

Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
113	99	84	99

Parish Council Competition

Acton Parish Council are hosting the 2025 Christmas Lights Switch On at 4pm on Saturday 29th November, at Queensway Green (opposite the shop) around the Christmas tree. We will celebrate our Adult and Junior community heroes along with carol singing and a lantern parade to the Village Hall where we will finish off with hot chocolate and treats. We would like you to design a poster to advertise this event!

Your poster must include:

- the time and date
- where it's taking place
- a festive, eye-catching picture.

The winner's design will be put up around the village and they will receive a prize at the Switch On!



Please hand in your entry on a sheet of A4 paper with your name and class to your class teacher by **Friday 10 October**.

Christmas Performances

The C-word might seem like a long way off but it will be here before we know it! Below are the dates and approximate times of the Christmas performances, further details regarding tickets will be released nearer the time.

- Wednesday 10th December, 2pm – Reception Nativity Performance
- Wednesday 10th December, 9:30am – KS1 Nativity Performance
- Thursday 11th December, 2pm – KS1 Nativity Performance



Autumn Term Dates

- Harvest Festival at All Saints Church: Wednesday 15th October
- **Parents Evenings: Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October** (*corrected –sorry!)
- Half-term: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October
- Children return: Monday 3rd November
- Individual Photos: Monday 17th November
- Reception Nativity: Wednesday 10th December, 2pm
- KS1 Nativity: Wednesday 10th December, 9:30am and Thursday 11th December, 2pm
- Christmas Holidays: Saturday 20th December to Sunday 4th January

All dates for the Spring and Summer Term can be found on the [calendar](#) on our school website.

Little Oaks Wraparound



Our wraparound care is provided by Lisa, from Little Oaks. The Breakfast club runs from 7:30 to 8:30am and Afterschool club from 3:15-5:45pm every day of the week.

For more information and to book a place, please visit

<https://www.littleoakskids.com/acton>.



Stars of the Week!



Class	Strive	Support	Succeed
Caterpillars	Teddie	Blake	Aiden
Leopards	Barnaby	Saoirse	Charlie
Pandas	Olivia	Florence M	Tillyanna
Llamas	Patrick	James M	Jack
Orcas	Poppy	Albie	Dexter
Penguins	Izzy	Olivia	Caleb
Wolves	Ted	Bethany Cl	Lottie-Beau

Class News

Caterpillars

This week in Caterpillar class, the children have enjoyed sharing the story 'Aliens Love Underpants'. In Drawing Club, the children did a fantastic job of drawing their own aliens and designing some fun patterned underpants. We have also explored different vocabulary from the story and the children had fun creating freeze frames to show how the aliens were feeling at different parts of the story. In Phonics, we have continued to look at phase 2 sounds, learning the sounds, g, o, c and k. We have also spent lots of time using the sounds we have already learnt to build and read CV and CVC words. Our Maths learning this week has focussed on comparing. At the beginning of the week, the children were busy comparing amounts, using dominoes and sharing objects between them. We then moved on to comparing size, helping the Three Bears to find the right size, bowl, bed and chair. This week, we have also continued to work on our Marvellous Me topic, looking at how we change as we grow up and also focusing on our feelings, learning about the colours used in our Zones of Regulation.

Leopards

This week, we started our new story, 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. In this story, a boy called Dave loses his toy dog called Dogger. The family search everywhere for him but cannot find him. Dave eventually finds Dogger on the toy stall at a fair. We started the week by reading the beginning of the story and making predictions about what we thought might happen next. We then sequenced the events in the story and considered how the characters may be feeling at different points. In Maths, we learnt to find 1 more and 1 less than a given number. We also learnt to use the key terms 'more', 'fewer' and 'the same' to describe and compare different groups of objects. In Science, we thought about the properties of different everyday materials and, in Art, we explored printing with paint. Next week, we will use adjectives to describe Dogger. In Maths, we will learn about greater than, less than and equal to and, in History, we will think about how the materials used to make toys have changed over time. Our Phonics will focus on CCVCC and longer words.

Pandas

This week in Year 2, we have really been enjoying learning our poem/song/rap 'Panda Extravaganza'. Mrs Clow set us the challenge of performing a poem in front of the whole school to celebrate 'National Poetry Day'. We have been practising lots, adding actions and working in groups. We can't wait to share it and hear all of the other classes poems too. In English, we have been learning about conjunctions and apostrophes, both connected to our story 'The Tiger who Came to Tea.' In Maths, we have ordered numbers, counted in 2s, 5s and 10s and placed numbers on a number line. Also this week, we tested ramps in Science, understanding how friction works on different surfaces; whilst in P.E. we designed our own games with a partner and played lots of games of dodgeball! In R.E., we talked about how you can repent after you have done something bad; in PSHE with Mrs Fisher, we learnt about what makes a good friend, and in Music we sang 'Eye of the Tiger' which was great fun!

Llamas

In Llama Class this week, we have been learning about compound and complex sentences to vary our sentence structures. We've also used all of our planning work to write our Stone Age setting description! In Maths, we have been using number lines to count on in 4's, 8's, 50's and 100's. In History, we learnt about technology developments in the Stone Age and how the Bronze Age came to Britain. In PSHE, we were developing our oracy skills to agree and disagree respectfully and we had a lot of interesting discussions around 'thunks' (questions that don't really have an answer!) such as 'is there more future or more past?' Later in the week, we practised our invasion game skills in P.E, and in Science, we learnt about the terms 'weathering' and 'erosion'.

Orcas

Several of the topics we have been learning about have drawn to a close this week in Orca Class. We completed our first Maths unit of the year, Number and Place Value, ready to move onto Addition/Subtraction next week. Everyone should be very proud of themselves with the progress they made from their cold to their hot tasks during this Maths unit. Additionally, we made some lovely Roman numerals posters earlier in the week and have also learnt the Roman numerals song very well. In English, we are preparing for our first hot write of Year 4 - writing the beginning of our own version of chapter 3 from 'The Butterfly Lion'. We have been practising using inverted commas for this, ready to impress when we get writing next week! In Science, we finished learning about digestion & animals. We have now changed to Geography, which we will start properly next week. In PE, we had some technical issues, so ended up playing a mini bench-ball tournament, which was great fun! To celebrate National Poetry Day, we spent time sharing lots of lovely poems on Thursday and then learnt a poem off-by-heart as a class, which we performed to the school on Friday. The performance was superb, especially considering we only had one lesson to create it (proud teacher moment)! To conclude, it's been another wonderful week in Orca Class. Well done everyone.

Penguins

The Penguins have really impressed this week with their super settled focus, when completing independent writing and topic tests in Maths. In History, we completed our Vikings unit by surveying the end of the Viking Age in Britain (including the Battle of Hastings), deciding if King Alfred really was that Great and creating a board game linked to Viking life, before collecting all of our knowledge ready for our Hot assessments. In English, we completed our Cold Write recounts all about an imaginary trip to the International Space Station and enjoyed preparing "Heard it in the Playground" by Allan Ahlberg, for our whole class poetry performance in assembly on Friday. In Maths, we polished our Roman Numerals skills and practised counting on and back, from different starting points, before completing hot and cold assessments, ready for our new unit on addition and subtraction next week. In PE with Coach Caragh, we applied our space-finding skills to small-sided games of netball and - in Hockey - we started to form strategies to help with attack and defence. In Music with Mrs Fisher, we analysed "Around The World" by Status Quo (we liked it) and then, in PSHE, we designed our Friendship cupcakes. In RE with Mrs Fisher, we found out even more about Allah's guidance to Muslims and after that - in French - we learned how to discuss and write about birthdays.

Wolves

On Monday with Mrs Fielder, we tackled the challenging concept of BODMAS in Maths and practised telling the time in French. We also added classic Samba steps to our routines in Dance and, in Music, we added chord progression and melody to our hip-hop tracks. We began our new Science topic this week - Living things and their habitats. We started by studying the taxonomist, Carl Linnaeus before becoming taxonomists ourselves. We classified animals into groups and then used the system he created many years ago, which is also used all over the world to this day, to sort animals into different species. In English, we wrote our final story opening based on The Explorer and the improvements between our first draft at the beginning of Year 6 and now have been amazing! In Computing, we discussed online safety and started to create our own games which we will finish next week. With Coach Dan, we continued to work on our hockey skills and finally, on Friday, we celebrated National Poetry Day by performing a poem called 'Football Training' in front of the whole school.



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Community Events/News



**CORNARD DYNAMITES:
GIRLS FOOTBALL TRAINING**

Players required ages 5-8
(School years 1-4)

**PATHWAY TO
CORNARD DYNAMOS GIRLS
TEAMS U8-U18**

All abilities welcome!
FA Qualified Coaches, female and male



Football Fun Fitness Friendships Feel-Good

Weekly training starts:
Saturday 18th January 2025 11am-12pm
Blackhouse Lane, Sudbury, CO10 0NL
First two sessions free, £3 per session thereafter

For further information contact
Lisa on 079 38 512 849



OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS

STRATFORD ST MARY INSTITUTE HALL
THE ROW, HIGHAM ROAD, STRATFORD ST MARY, CO7 6JU
MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER

HARWICH & PARKESTON FOOTBALL CLUB
ROYAL OAK GROUND, MAIN ROAD, DOVERCOURT, HARWICH, ESSEX, CO12 4AA
THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER

EARLS COLNE RECREATION CLUB
GREEN FARM MEADOW, HALSTEAD ROAD, EARLS COLNE, ESSEX, CO6 2NG
WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER

ACTON VILLAGE HALL
HIGH STREET, ACTON, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK, CO10 0AT
MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER

10AM - 3PM | PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
£25 PER DAY

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Support and Advice

School's Early Help Webpage

A range of websites and sources of advice on Emotional Wellbeing, Health, Sleep and Parenting Support can be found [here](#).

Free, Virtual NHS Parent/Carer Workshops

Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation NHS Trust are running free virtual workshops (Zoom) designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are 60-75 minutes long. Visit <http://www.nsft.uk/workshops> for more details

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

NHS
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Free virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Big Feelings
- Self-harm
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Tourette's symptoms (TICS)

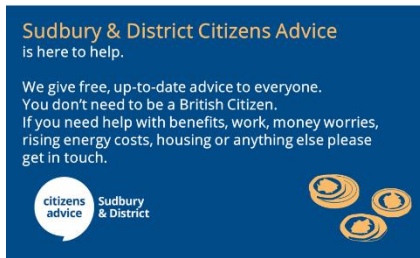


Access here: <https://www.nsft.nhs.uk/parent-workshops>



To book onto a workshop visit nsft.uk/workshops or scan the QR code

There are also a number of NHS podcasts and webinars available on YouTube, these can be accessed anytime via <https://www.youtube.com/@NSFT>



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