



Weekly Newsletter: 27th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thankfully the return from half-term has been a little smoother than week leading up to it! On behalf of the teaching staff, thank you for keeping to the Parents Evenings appointments (or letting us know if you could not make it) as it meant that both evenings ran smoothly and the teachers kept to time (nearly!).

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Unique and Wonderfully Me' non-uniform day before half-term. I am really pleased to announce that we raised £133.70 for the Kernos Centre.

It seems like ages ago but I must give the usual shout out to FOAS for another brilliant 'Pal-entines Disco' on the last day of term. As always, the children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed dancing the night away/singing along very loudly with their friends.

Next Thursday, we will be celebrating [World Book Day](#). There have been lots of entries already brought in for the Design a Plate competition (closing date: Tuesday 3rd March) and the children are very welcome to come into school dressed as their favourite book character (preferably with the book too). We do understand that not all of the children like to dress up so if your child wishes to come into school in their normal uniform (or own clothes) then that is also absolutely fine.

I hope that you have a fantastic weekend!

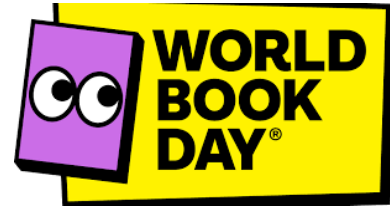
Kind regards
Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
127	130	141	156

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. As is tradition, we are inviting the children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character and will be having lots of book-themed fun.



Don't forget that all entries in the [paper plate decorating competition](#) must be brought into school by next [Tuesday \(3rd March\)](#)



PE Days for Spring 2

This half term, there will be a change to some of the PE days as three new classes work with Hannah and the coaches, from Rivers Gymnastics. Please see the table below for any changes (highlighted):

Class	PE Days
Reception (Caterpillars)	Tuesday and Friday
Year 1 (Leopards)	Monday and Friday
Year 2 (Pandas)	Wednesday and Friday
Year 3 (Llamas)	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4 (Orcas)	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5 (Penguins)	Monday and Tuesday
Year 6 (Wolves)	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday


No Outsiders

Next Tuesday, the children will be taking part in this term's 'No Outsiders' morning. The children will be looking at the following books:

Class	No Outsiders Book
Caterpillars (Reception)	The Family Book
Leopards (Y1)	Hair, it's a Family Affair
Pandas (Y2)	Amazing
Llamas (Y3)	The Hueys in the New Jumper
Orcas (Y4)	When Sadness Comes to Call
Penguins (Y5)	How to Heal a Broken Wing
Wolves (Y6)	The Island

Suffolk Parent Carer Forum

The Suffolk Parent Carer Forum are holding a virtual Sleep Workshop for Parents and Carers on **Tuesday 3rd March** (10:30 – 11:15am) on Teams. Email info@suffolkpcf.co.uk to register your interest.



Suffolk Parent Carer Forum
Invites parents and carers to our

Sleep Workshop for Parents and Carers
Kindly provided by Unique Neuro Wellness Ltd.

Tuesday 3rd March 10:30 - 11:15
This is a virtual meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams and requires registration. If you would like to participate and share feedback, please email info@suffolkpcf.co.uk to register your interest

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Spring Term Dates

- World Book Day: Thursday 5th March
- FOAS Easter Bake Off: Friday 20th March
- Easter Service at All Saints Church: 9:30am 25th March
- Rocksteady Concert: 2:30pm Thursday 26th March
- Last day of Spring Term: Friday 27th March
- Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April

Details about events and trips to be shared nearer the time.



Stars of the Week!



Class	Strive	Support	Succeed
Caterpillars	Zachary W	Hendrix	Indie
Leopards	Charlie	Nora and Ada	Nellie
Pandas	Florence B	Arabella and Lily	Esme
Llamas	Rupert	Hudson	Kieran
Orcas	Isabella-Rose	Poppy	Corinne
Penguins	Emily	Lily-May	Jack
Wolves	Harry	Bonnie	Ted

Class News

Caterpillars

This week, we have enjoyed sharing the story 'Perfectly Norman' - a book about a little boy who grows his own wings. In Drawing Club, the children looked at the characters and settings in the story, and then thought about what other adventures Norman could go on. In Phonics this week, we have learnt the digraphs ai, ee and oa, along with the trigraph igh. We have used our phonic knowledge to read and write words, captions and simple sentences. We have been really impressed to see the children using their phonics skills independently during provision times.

Our Maths focus this week has been time: we have talked about different times of day and routines. The children were great at sharing their routines and knowing what they do in the morning, day-time and evening. In Science this week, the children enjoyed learning all about the lifecycle of a chicken and created their own lifecycle pictures. A fantastic week back, well done Caterpillars!

Leopards

We have had a busy first week back, with a little catching up to do following the unexpected school closure before half term. In English, we began the week by writing our instructions for making a 'Cereal and Fruit Bird Feeder'. We then followed our instructions and made these for the birds to enjoy. After this, we started our new fiction unit by making predictions about the story 'Bringing Rain to Kapiti Plain'. This is a story inspired by a Kenyan folktale. It tells the tale of how a young boy ends a drought. We discovered that not only does it have a repeating pattern, it also contains lots of rhyme. After reading the story, we sequenced the events and answered questions about the text. In Maths, we have been developing our subtraction skills by learning how to subtract by counting back and finding the difference. We used concrete manipulatives and pictorial representations to support our learning. To end our History topic linked to Monarchs, we decided to write letters to the King. We were very excited about this and thought of lots of questions we would like to ask. Miss Bickmore is going to read all of our letters and put our questions into a class letter ready to send to the King. Watch this space as we will keep you updated about this exciting endeavour. Our big question for this half term is 'What is the wonderful weather?' Next week, we will begin our learning linked to this by recognising different types of weather. In English, we will retell the story 'Bringing Rain to Kapiti Plain' and, in Maths, we will consolidate our addition and subtraction skills before moving onto finding related facts. In Phonics will learn new sounds.

Pandas

This week in Year 2, we have been enjoying our new Science unit 'Sensational Scientists'. We started by talking about what a scientist is, what they might do and whether we knew any famous scientists. We realised that some of us have family members who are scientists too. We learnt all about Mae Jemison and her journey into space, the wonderful world of naturalist David Attenborough, and next week we look forward to finding out about Amelia Earhart. Also this week, we have been learning how to use a thesaurus in English, as well as apostrophes for possession. In Maths, we have entered the world of Times Tables Rockstars! This proved very exciting and we've been progressing with our knowledge of the 2s, 5s and 10s. Please feel free to continue TTRS at home using the same login as NumBots. In PE, we played lots of jumping games, before working with the coaches on Friday; in RE, we completed our unit on compassion by writing stories about compassion towards animals. It's been a great week, full of learning and it's been lovely to share these successes with you all at parents evening.

Llamas

What an action-packed week it has been for Year 3! We have officially wrapped up our Ancient Egyptian unit with some truly impressive work, including our final writing pieces about Maat's Feather. We also put our textiles skills to the test by designing and making vibrant, shimmering Egyptian collars, which helped us recap everything we learned last half-term. Our learning didn't stop there. In Science, we have been exploring the human body by studying how our muscles work in pairs to help us move.

Transitioning from the Nile to the natural world, we've leapt into our new English unit on Animal Poems, exploring rhythm and wild vocabulary. Finally, in Maths, we tackled the bus stop method for short division. While it was definitely a challenge to master, we showed great resilience and are already becoming division experts. What a fantastic way to conclude one adventure and begin another!

Orcas

We have had a lovely week to begin the half term in Orca Class (although I'm not quite sure where it's gone already!). We started our new Geography topic this week, Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Tsunamis — a really interesting unit! We began by learning about the structure of the Earth and tectonic plates. Then, on Friday, we learnt about why earthquakes occur and

looked at their different strengths. We also discussed what countries can do to protect themselves and prevent too much damage. In English this week, we have started using 'The Philosopher's Stone' as our new book and have been writing sentences including conjunctions about Harry Potter and his friends. In Maths, we have worked through some really tricky lessons, which everyone has done so well with. We began the week by finding more fractions of quantities. Next, we learnt how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, and then how to convert fractions to decimals. In PSHE this week, we caught up on our learning as we missed our lesson before the holidays, completing two lessons in one! We looked at the effects of sharing photos online and what sort of details you shouldn't post. We then discussed what medicines are and how to use them carefully. In French, we have started a new topic all about items in the classroom (en classe). Finally, in PE on Thursday, we began a new 'Space' dance unit and created sequences as astronauts. Well done for working hard, as always, Year 4!

Penguins

The Penguins are back and gradually bringing in their finished plates for World Book Day next week. In English, we read and enjoyed "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes, linking it to our previous work on Crime and Punishment in History and ordering the events in the poem, ready for further work on adverbials and relative clauses within the text. In Maths, we enjoyed using our columnar addition and subtraction algorithms with decimal numbers, in preparation for word problems next week. In Art, we picked up from where we left off with our composition unit, using a mix of media to produce artwork with a defined background, middle ground and foreground. In PE, we focused on revising our key gymnastic skills with Coach Hannah and, in Dance, we learned a range of street dance moves which we will include in our first Toprocks next week. In Music with Mrs Fisher, we enjoyed singing and playing the hip-hop song "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" to kick off our new unit and, in PSHE, we talked about rights, responsibilities and respect. In French with Mrs Fisher, we started our study of the Olympics and, in DT, we began our work in Food Technology by finding out about the journey from farm to fork.

Wolves

It's been a great start to the new half term and we have hit the ground running since being back with lots of new learning taking place. In English, we worked on writing complex sentences in preparation for our next task - writing a mystery story based on Wild Boy. We started with a description of old London Town before introducing the characters. There was some fabulous use of personification and similes and it really demonstrated the fantastic progress that the children are making in their writing. We are looking forward to adding speech and more dramatic sentences next week. In Maths, we began our new unit on algebra focusing on missing numbers and understanding how to use the inverse operation to solve the calculation. Although a little challenging at times, we strived and got there in the end. We also began some afternoon Maths with a focus on 2D and 3D shapes and, with Mrs Fielder, we were introduced to another new concept - finding the mean of a set of data. In PE, we began our orienteering unit with Mrs Fielder and with Coach Dan, we started learning the game of handball. Finally, in Art, we enjoyed a fantastic session with Miss P all about collage. We worked on our backgrounds this week and next week will continue to build up the layers.



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Community News



LONG MELFORD YOUTH FC UNDER 6s

🕒 Training: Saturdays, 9:00am – 10:00am
📍 Location: Long Melford Football Club
📅 First session: **Saturday 21st February 2026**



All abilities welcome –
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give it a try!

For more information,
please message Ash on:

 **07930 829808**

to be added to the WhatsApp group.

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- U8 – Year 3
- U11 – Year 6
- U12 – Year 7
- U14 – Year 9

Contact: Lisa MacDonald, Girls Coach 07938 512849

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](#).



Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

Free virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Emetophobia
- Tourette's Symptoms/Tics
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

Access here: <https://nsft.uk/Workshops>



Free NHS Virtual workshops – Supporting Young People's Mental Health

These free virtual workshops (Zoom) are 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 minutes long.



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



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