



Weekly Newsletter: 20th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I couldn't possibly start without thanking all the mums, grans, aunties and other special ladies who have come into school for our [Time Together](#) sessions to celebrate Mother's Day. The hall has been abuzz with chatter, laughter, colouring and cake!

This is the first time that we have run these sessions so I hope that they were enjoyed (I know that the children definitely had a great time!).

I would like to say a big thank you to [Cook Sarah](#) for providing such a range of cakes. The suggestion was just one type but, in true Sarah style, she had to make sure that there was a great range of different options.



On Wednesday, a team of Year 4s [dodged, dived, ducked and dodged](#) (name that film!) against 5 other local primary schools. The team played 6 games, winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 2. It would be safe to say that they were loudest and most supportive team at the festival and thoroughly enjoyed themselves (and not one cold pack was required!). Well done to the team for being great ambassadors for our school.

Next Wednesday, we will be heading down to All Saints Church for our [Easter Service](#). If you are able to support with walking the children down to the church from school (leaving school just after 9am and returning by 10:30am), please speak to your child's class teacher.

Unfortunately, I am not in school today which is really bad timing as I am missing the [FOAS Easter Bake Off](#). This has proved to be a very successful (and tasty) event in the past and I am sure that this year will be no different. Next week, I hope to be able to share the photos and details of the winners in the newsletter.

I hope that you have a fantastic weekend!

Kind regards
Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
187	165	228	222

Spring Term Dates

- 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

Summer Term Dates

- Children return to school: Tuesday 14th April

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



Stars of the Week!



Class	Strive	Support	Succeed
Caterpillars	Sierra	Chloe	Zachary A
Leopards	Archie	Frank W	Noah G
Pandas	Isla	Nina	Phoebe
Llamas	Addy	Libby	James B
Orcas	Theo	Arthur	Ava
Penguins	Rosie	Ellie	Caleb
Wolves	Archie	Charlie	Sophia

Class News

Caterpillars

This week in Caterpillar class, we have enjoyed sharing the story 'That's My Flower' - a story about the start of Spring. In Phonics this week, we have learnt the trigraph air and the digraph er. We then went on to look at reading longer words with double letters in the middle. The children have used their phonic knowledge to read and write words, and simple captions, as well as writing some super sentences in Drawing Club. Our focus in Maths this week has been building the numbers 9 and 10. The children have explored different ways to represent the numbers, using a variety of concrete resources. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed their Mother's Day cake and colouring afternoon, we hope that you all enjoyed sharing this time with your child. The Caterpillars have also spent lots of time outside this week: enjoying the sunshine, building obstacle courses, chalking spring flowers on the playground and exploring in the water tray.

Leopards

This week, we learnt about using capital letters for proper nouns and question marks for questions. We discussed what we would like know about the weather and then wrote some of our questions. We tried to remember to use a question mark to punctuate each question we wrote. After this, we carried out some research to find the answers to our questions in preparation for our non-fiction writing next week. In Maths, we learnt to recognise and count groups of tens and ones before moving on to partitioning numbers within 50. We used both

concrete manipulatives and pictorial representations to support our learning throughout the week. In Geography, we continued to learn about some extreme weathers, and, in RE, we thought about the key events we celebrate. This week also saw many of you visit us for Mother's Day crafts and cake. We would like to thank you for coming and Sarah for providing a wonderful selection of cakes. Next week, we use the information we have gathered to write a non-fiction text about weather. In Maths, we will continue to partition numbers into tens and ones, use a number line to 50 and find one more and one less. In Geography, we will use maps to locate hot and cold areas of the world, and, in RE, we will learn about Hinduism and the festival of Holi. In Phonics, we will 'Grow the code'. We will also visit church for our Easter service.

Pandas

This week in Year 2, we have been planning, drafting and writing diary entries in English. We chose an animal to write about, thinking through what adventurous activities they might get up to during the day. We then thought of some interesting verbs to explain their actions across the day, before writing them up into a funny diary entry. The children have been working hard to write in the past progressive tense, as well as including noun phrases for added description. In Maths, we have worked on multiplying and dividing by 2 and 5 and 10. We recapped odd and even numbers and we learnt some songs to support our times tables. Also this week, we continued to learn about the Great Fire of London, including what changed after the event to make London safer in the future. In P.E., we practised a variety of jumps in circuits and practised hand ball skills with the coaches. In R.E., we added to our trust tree from last week, thinking about why Christians trust Jesus and why his disciples wanted to follow his example. On Tuesday with Mrs Fisher, we enjoyed PSHE and Music, using the glockenspiels and our singing voices to enjoy 'The Music Man'. A real highlight of our week was getting together with our mums, nans, aunties and sisters, to colour and read in celebration of Mother's Day. Thank you to everyone who came in to join us, and of course to Sarah for the 1,2...maybe even 5 delicious cakes!

Llamas

We've had a super week of learning in Llama class this week and we'd like to start by saying a huge well done to all the children for completing their Maths assessment on Tuesday - you smashed it! In English, we have been gearing up for our hot write by reading lots of poems about endangered animals. We've been learning about the different features in poems and the language being used to make us feel sorry for the endangered animals. In Maths, we have been putting our multiplication and division skills to the test with some worded problems. In Geography, we did some research on Suffolk, including the neighbouring counties and monuments, and created an informative poster. We had our gymnastics coaches back this week and we focused on our jumps, forward rolls, cartwheels and walking on our hands. In PSHE, we discussed money and how we use it. We discussed how we are able to buy things and if we're able to buy what we want, when we want (even as adults!). We then completed an activity to help Harold decide if he could afford the things on his wish list. You've been superstars this week Llamas, one more to go!

Orcas

We have spent lots of time exploring circuit building in Science this week as part of our electricity unit. We have used a range of motors, buzzers, bulbs, switches and cells, as well as learning how to draw each of them correctly in a circuit. All good fun – minus the noise of the buzzers! In PE this week, we had a session of golf, which was really tricky but good fun on the field in the sunshine! Then, in Thursday's lesson, we created dance sequences as astronauts and aliens in space. In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering decimals, which the class has done very well with. We also placed them on a number line, but this was a little trickier as we had to work out what intervals the number lines were increasing by. In English this week, we have been reading lots of The Philosopher's Stone together as a class, taking it in turns to read paragraphs. We have also been watching clips from various points in the film, such as the Quidditch game, ready to write our hot task next week. In addition, we enjoyed our Mother's Day afternoon on Thursday – who doesn't like reading, colouring and cake?! Well done for working hard, as always, Orcas. One week to go!

Penguins

The sun has been shining on our friendly Penguin huddle this week! In RE, we continued our learning about Eucharist, delving deeply into the symbolism of the last supper and artwork linked to it, before using our understanding of thanksgiving to support our formation of Communion Cubes. In English, we developed our spelling skills with homophones and suffixes and then used all of our SPAG skills to proof-read and then publish our Raven writing, based on the poem by Edgar Allan Poe. In Maths, we co-created and analysed line graphs, before completing our PUMA assessments and moving on to studying area and perimeter. In PE, we shared our toprocks with the whole class in Dance and Coach Hannah took us through a new rotation of activities in Gymnastics. In Music with Mrs Fisher, there was some delightful rapping by The Sugarhill Gang and, in French, we learned which sports use le or la (or les). In PSHE with Mrs Fisher, we filled in our final pink assessment for our rights and responsibilities unit and, in DT, we discussed cross-contamination, food hygiene and safe chopping, ready for our bolognese masterclass next week. Finally, we enjoyed some quality time in the hall to celebrate the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea with our nearest and dearest on Friday afternoon.

Wolves

With Mrs Fielder this week, we interpreted pie charts in Maths; completed a comprehension in English; used adjectives to describe the planets in French; and in RE, we researched what the Eucharist means for Christians. For the rest of the week, in English, we focused on writing sentences using a relative clause to add extra information to make our writing more exciting as well as writing a diary entry using a character from 'The Piano' as our starting point. Our Maths lessons, with Mrs Clow, saw us recapping how to read and plot co-ordinates, completing number sequences in algebra, and reading line graphs. In Gymnastics, we worked on our upper body and arm strength by attempting cartwheels, handstands and forward and backward rolls and, with Coach Dan, we had another lesson on Handball. We are gradually getting to grips with all the complicated rules that come with it! On Friday with Mrs Fisher, we continued assembling our bridges in DT by sawing tricky angles and gluing them together, and finally, we enjoyed our Mother's Day afternoon tea and crafts.



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Community Events



Children £4
♥ (upto 7 years) ♥
Adults £1



ACTON PLAYGROUP'S
Bunny Hop
EASTER DISCO

Friday 20th March
4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at Acton Village Hall

 Easter Games
 Cupcake sale

 Easter Bonnet
Competition

For tickets, email: actonplaygroupevents@hotmail.com
(limited availability)

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




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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