



Weekly Newsletter: 8th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, that week has flown by. I do love a long weekend but, like everyone else, it completely throws me! I hope that you all had a great time and managed to enjoy the sunshine on Saturday.

It has been brought to my attention that there have been a few traffic jams and 'heated' meetings of cars around Lambert Drive over the past couple of weeks. In order to prevent this occurring, in the past, we have recommended that a [voluntary one-way system](#) is in place during drop-off and pick-up (this also makes it easier for any buses we have arriving/returning to school and deliveries too).

If you are driving around Lambert Drive to find a parking space, please can you approach the school from the Tamage Road end entrance (so you will pass the school on your left hand side) to keep the traffic moving (and everybody smiling!).



Next week, the hall and corridors will be full of the smell of bacon and eggs as the Wolves come into school for '[Breakfast Week](#)' (before they sit a few quizzes). Our current Year 6 children are the cohort who didn't have the smoothest first couple of years at primary school due to the Covid pandemic. All of the staff are so impressed with how they have overcome these challenges and have always strived to be the best versions of themselves. I am really proud of them all and know that they will smash their assessments next week and, most importantly, will try their very best (which is all we can ask of them). Thank you to Cook Sarah, in advance, for the extra preparation, cooking and washing up next week.

I hope that you have a fantastic weekend!

Kind regards
Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
106	143	123	97

Summer Term Dates

- Y6 'Breakfast Week': w/c Monday 11th May
- Y6 trip to High Lodge: Friday 15th May
- Y3 Ancient Greek Day: Wednesday 20th May
- PSD Football League vs Great Waldingfield: Thursday 21st May
- Half term: w/c Monday 25th May to Friday May
- Children return to school: Monday 1st June
- PSD Football League vs Glemsford: Thursday 11th June
- Y6 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands: Monday 22nd June to Wednesday 24th June
- Y1 visit to Hollow Trees Farm: Friday 26th June
- Y4 visit to West Stow: Monday 29th June
- [Sports Day: Wednesday 1st July](#)
- FOAS Summer Event: Friday 3rd July
- Y6 RSC Performance at the Mercury Theatre: Thursday 9th July
- Y3 visit to Dawes Hall: Tuesday 14th July
- Last day of the year: Friday 17th July

More dates to be added as the term goes on. Details about events and trips to be shared nearer the time.



Stars of the Week!



Class	Strive	Support	Succeed
Caterpillars	Juno	Indie	Lily
Leopards	Robyn	Hudson (nominated by Mrs Ridgeon)	Nora
Pandas	Jerry	Lula	All of the Pandas
Llamas	Patrick	Kira	Eloise
Orcas	Lincoln	Aiden	Albie
Penguins	Daisy B (nominated by Mrs Fisher)	Bailey	Jude
Wolves	Oscar	Peaches	Jack

Class News

Caterpillars

This week, Caterpillar Class have been sharing the story 'The Veg Patch Party'. They have really enjoyed this humorous story, joining in with the repeated refrain used throughout. In Drawing Club, the children have drawn some fantastic pictures linked to the story and written some fabulous sentences too. The children are becoming confident, independent writers, using their phonic knowledge to write simple sentences. In Phonics this week, we have revisited the trigraph air and the digraph er, reading and writing words using these graphemes. We have also

been practising our tricky word recognition. Our Maths focus has been shape, using a variety of shapes to create different patterns and pictures. This week, we have also celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday by celebrating the great things that he has done to protect our world. The children have enjoyed going on bug hunts, talking about and sharing their ideas on how we can help look after our world, and learning some fun facts about Sir David Attenborough.

Leopards

It has been another busy week in Leopard Class. This week, we read and retold 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. We then looked at a variety of settings and characters that are often used in fairy tales and thought of adjectives to describe these. We ended the week by creating our own character and event ready for when we write our own adapted versions of the fairy tale, next week. In Maths, we learnt about arrays and how these are used for multiplication. We created arrays to go with both repeated addition and multiplication calculations. We then learnt to double before starting to learn about division. We found that there are two ways we can divide and began by learning how to divide by grouping. We will learn to divide by sharing next week. In Art, we enjoyed drawing lines and creating art pieces using music as a stimulus. We thought about the pitch and tempo of the music and tried to use different lines to represent changes in these. Next week, we will write our own adapted fairy tales. In Maths, we will learn to divide by sharing before moving on to fractions, and, in RE, we will find out what happens on Shabbat. In Phonics, we will continue to apply the skills we have learnt as we prepare for the Phonics Screening Check.

Pandas

This week in Year 2, we have been preparing to write our own dragon stories in English, based on 'The Paper Bag Princess' story. We worked hard on describing our dragon character and using conjunctions to add detail to our writing. We then planned our story and how the princess would challenge the dragon. In Maths, we concluded our unit on fractions and then we began our new learning all about time. On Tuesday, we planted an apple tree with Mrs Fisher in PSHE and created some beautiful flower bunting for the Jubilee Garden. This led nicely onto us starting our Science unit about plants. We recapped what we already knew, before learning about seed dispersal. We looked at different ways that seeds are dispersed and observed the features of seeds which made them light enough to float, or prickly enough to travel on fur. We then created our own sycamore seeds using paper which we enjoyed playing with outside, watching them fall and twirl from a height. In PE this week, we enjoyed cricket skills with Coach Chris, and practising rounders techniques. We ended the week celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday and all of his achievements. We learnt all about him in Science earlier in the year, so it was great to recap this learning and enjoy the live lesson to find out more.

Llamas

Llama Class have had an incredibly productive week, beginning with a deep dive into history as they used books and the internet to research Greek Gods. Beyond the myths, they also explored the realities of ancient Greek daily life and the experiences of children during that time. Out on the court in P.E, they developed their tennis skills and focused on perfecting their stance and grip. In the classroom, the children continued to master fractions in Maths and experimented with transitions in PowerPoint during Computing. To finish the week, the class listened to chapters 4 and 5 of The Boy Who Grew Dragons and wrote letters from the main character to his Grandad. During this writing task, they successfully demonstrated their understanding of grammar by incorporating both subordinating and coordinating conjunctions. Well done for working so hard, Llamas—keep up the great work!

Orcas

It has been another lovely week in Orca Class, as always. In English this week, we have been drafting our newspaper reports about the AD 79 eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We have been keeping a checklist nearby to ensure that we include all of the key features of a newspaper report. The reports are shaping up really well and I am looking forward to reading the finished pieces next week! In Maths, we have been calculating the area and perimeter of squares and rectangles. We have also been using our knowledge of measurement conversions to solve calculations involving all four operations. In PE, we enjoyed playing target practice games in

tennis on Tuesday, as well as taking part in some 1v1 Quidditch games on Thursday. In Geography, we compared two settlements of a similar size in different parts of the world — London and Rio de Janeiro. It was interesting to explore the different facilities each city has, such as airports and transport links. In PSHE, we launched a challenge for the next week: to try some of the '7 Rs' at home — refuse, reduce, re-use, rot, recycle, repair and re-think — all linked to being mindful about the environment. Many members of the class said they have already been more conscious about turning lights off, recycling at home and even taking items to charity shops. We also enjoyed some more group reading of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. Well done for working so hard this week, Year 4!

Penguins

Penguin Class have been preparing for a temporary shift to the hall each morning next week - we wish the Wolves an enjoyable and successful time, focusing on breakfast of course! In History this week, we finished our unit about the Islamic Golden Age by creating advertising for a new Caliph, writing a letter to a friend in London in 900CE and answering the four key questions on our Hot assessment in great detail. In English, we continued our persuasive speeches unit by playing a game all about apostrophes and then using this improved skill to write adverts for our own imaginative inventions. In Maths, we reminded ourselves of the written algorithms for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, applying them to metric measures before completing our third Arithmetic Friday of the school year. In PE, we improved our bowling in cricket with the expert guidance of Coach Gray. In Music with Mrs Fisher, we improved our playing of "Breathe" and, in PSHE, we talked about communities in general and showed how we value our school community by working in the garden! In French with Mrs Fisher, we wrote sentences about clothes and personal choices and, in RE, we decorated a display of the ten commandments.

Wolves

This week, we've been cramming in some last-minute revision sessions all ready for next week. We took part in a SPAG relay race where we got into teams and raced each other to be the first team to obtain the most correct answers and we also had great fun playing an arithmetic mystery box game, where we had to complete calculation questions. If we were correct, we had the chance to either open the 'mystery box' or give it to another team. Sometimes, we gained points and other times we lost but we all had a great time. We also recapped over equivalent fractions and measures- always a tricky one remembering how to convert between cm, m and km, g and kg and l and ml! We carried on with our memory boxes with Miss P in Art on Wednesday, this time creating a frame of words which are important to us, and we cannot wait for next week, where we will be using clay to create sculptures. In our PE session, we continued with our howler and shot-put throws with Coach Chris and, in our swimming session, we practised our front crawl and back stroke to become even more confident and efficient. Have a wonderful weekend, Wolves and I'll see you on Monday for breakfast and cake week- you've got this!



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Community News and Events



Mastering the Basics of Cooking

Using slow cookers and Air Fryers

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*Not all activities are available at every site



Suffolk Parent Carer Forum



SAVE THE DATE

SOUTH SUFFOLK OPEN EVENT

An opportunity to meet professionals and find out about services, voluntary and support groups.

Hadleigh United Reformed Church

Wednesday 13th May 2026

10AM - 1PM

More information to follow nearer the time

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please feel free to bring a picnic or there is a cafe located at Forest Holidays

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- *High Ropes
- *Rock Climbing
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- *Canoe Hire
- *Tree Trekking



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(please select the date then click "family adventure day")



29.05.26

Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre
Stadium, Thorpe
IP24 2RX

9:30am - 12:30pm

OR

1:30pm - 4:30pm

Flatford Nature Day

Tuesday 26th May 2026

Visit Flatford for our May half-term Nature Day

Join in for free, nature-themed activities and crafts including:

- Pond dipping
- Bug hunting
- Tree trails
- Making nature's colour palette
- Using a solar telescope

...and much more!



→ Drop in activities 11am – 4pm



Enjoy the outdoors around Flatford for the day. There will be something for all the family!

River Stour Trust boat trips are free for children under 14 when accompanied by £5.00 fare paying adult. There is a charge of £5.00 for use of the National Trust car park for non-members. Call Field Studies Council Flatford Mill on 01286 297130 for more details.



FAMILY PARK COOKING

AGES 8-14 YEARS

25th May – 29th May
Subject to availability
08:30-16:30

FREE

Parents and children take part in an amazing family day out with a wide range of activities including an outdoor cooking master class where you will cook a delicious lunch together. This Half term recipe will be perfect pizza pocket.

*Free for those eligible for free school meals or meet Suffolk Country Council eligibility criteria
abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF



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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