



Weekly Newsletter: 15th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I predicted last week, each morning this week I have been greeted by the smell of bacon cooking as I have arrived at school for Breakfast Club.

All week, shortly after 8:15am the hall has then filled with our Wolf pack to fill their stomachs with a delicious cooked breakfast ahead of their end of Key Stage 2 assessments. We have always made sure the children are ready and fuelled before they sit the 'quizzes' (and it also helps calm any last minute nerves too!).

Well, it clearly worked as the Wolves have smashed this week out of the park (also motivated by the piles of cakes which have been awaiting them following each paper!)

Thank you to the Year 6 team for ensuring the children were fully prepared for the week and ensuring that the children remained calm and focused, thank you Sarah for all of the delicious breakfasts and thank you to the Year 6 parents who kept their cubs topped up with brownies, cupcakes, flapjacks and cookies (I had to do a few taste tests and I can confirm that they were all delicious!).



Today, as a special treat, Year 6 have headed off to High Lodge to let off some steam, have fun with their friends and eat ice-creams (although I am not sure it is quite ice-cream weather!). Thank you to [FOAS](#) for funding this trip.

Next week, keep your eye out for an invasion of Ancient Greeks (that's all I'm saying!)

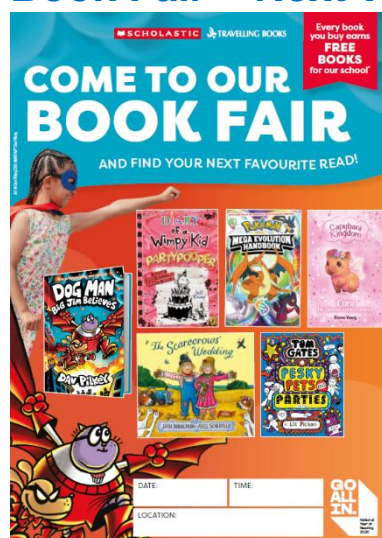
I hope that you have a fantastic weekend!

Kind regards
Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

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Book Fair – Next Week



After school on Monday and Tuesday, there will be a book Fair in the library. There will be a wide range of books available to browse (and buy), suitable for children from Reception through to Year 6.

The fair will be held in the hall. Card payments only (via a scanned QR code) and the school will benefit, in the form of free books, from all of the sales.

Summer Term Dates

- 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	Aiden	Florence	Hendrix
Leopards	Molly J	Honey	Saoirse
Pandas	Florence B	All of the Pandas	Elodie
Llamas	Kira	Muku	George
Orcas	Poppy	Georgia	Ruby
Penguins	Amelia	The Penguins (nominated by the Wolves)	Emily
Wolves	The Wolf Pack	The Wolf Pack	The Wolf Pack

Class News

Caterpillars

Our story this week has been 'Jack and the Jellybean Stalk'. This is an alternative version of the traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk', which the children have really enjoyed sharing. In this story, Jack visits a sweet shop and swaps his cow for some different flavoured jellybeans. In Drawing Club, the children enjoyed creating their own jellybean flavours - some were tasty, some not so much! In Phonics, we have continued to teach and practise the reading and spelling of CCVC and CVCC words. We have also practised our recognition and recall of previously taught sounds, as well as developing our skills in reading and writing sentences. Our Maths focus has been 2D shapes, recognising and naming a selection of shapes and using them to recreate pictures. Outside, the children have enjoyed building castles, exploring in the sand and creating the own stories in the small world area. A great week Caterpillars!

Leopards

This week, we planned and wrote our own adapted versions of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. We enjoyed using our creativity and imagination to create a villain and an alternative event within the story. In Maths, we learnt to divide by sharing before moving on to begin our fractions unit of learning. In RE, we learnt about Shabbat. This is celebrated by Jewish families every week and symbolises a day of rest. We set the table for Shabbat and listened to the prayer that is said when the candles are lit. We then enjoyed sharing the bread. In PE, we continued developing our skipping skills and even got the big rope out to try. In Art, we explored connecting lines to make shapes and, in PSHE, we learnt about 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'. Next week, we will focus on some key skills during our English lessons. In Maths, we will continue learning about fractions and, in Art, we will explore lines and shapes in pictures. In Phonics, we will continue to apply the skills we have learnt.

Pandas

This week in Year 2, we have continued to enjoy our Science unit all about plants. We have set up a hydroponics experiment outside our classroom so we will wait and see how our beans grow without using soil. We also started growing cress to watch how quickly it can grow. Next week, we are excited to welcome Dr Rawlins to teach us some Science looking at roots, leaves and the lifecycle of a plant. Also this week, we enjoyed writing dragon stories using conjunctions and expanded noun phrases to add detail to our writing. It has been really lovely to read our stories aloud to each other and practise speaking loudly in front of an audience. In Maths, we have been working on o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past writing times and drawing the hands onto an empty clock. In R.E., we went into the hall and set up the room like a synagogue. We read the Torah at the front on the table (bimah) and then enjoyed a procession around the hall celebrating finishing the Torah as in the Simchat Torah festival. We then wrote a description of each part of the synagogue to help our Jewish friend, Jacob, with his homework. In PE with

Coach Chris, we enjoyed several different games in the hall, as rain stopped play, practising ball skills and passing and catching. In Computing this week, we used Purple Mash to create William Morris style arts and crafts pictures using repeating patterns and rotation.

Llamas

It has been another busy and productive week for Year 3. In English, the children designed Greek god Top Trumps cards, analysed character descriptions, and began writing their "hot write" assessments. They also completed a SPAG assessment, performing exceptionally well and demonstrating excellent grammar skills. In Maths, they extended their fractions knowledge by learning how to add and subtract them. Their Science session focused on health and well-being, with the children creating informative sun safety leaflets. In History, they used primary sources, such as ancient Greek pottery, to investigate the origins of the first Olympic Games, while their PSHE lesson allowed them to reflect on their personal achievements and set future targets. Finally, preparation for the upcoming Greek Day is complete. The children have mastered their traditional circle dance and created their alias name-badges, leaving them fully prepared to wear their costumes for the event. Well done Llamas!

Orcas

We have had a lovely, productive yet creative week in Orca Class. We began our new Art unit this week, which focuses on nature-inspired textile design using William Morris as our inspiration. We explored images of rainforest plants and animals before creating our own mini, zoomed-in, oil pastel pieces based on them. These looked fantastic and were incredibly detailed! We also started our new Science unit on States of Matter. We learnt about the differences between solids, liquids and gases and discovered what the particles inside them look like. In addition, we carried out our first experiment of the topic, investigating how different amounts of cocoa in chocolate affect how quickly it melts (changing from a solid to a liquid). In PSHE, we learnt some very valuable first aid techniques, including what to do if someone is having an asthma attack or has broken a bone. In English, we created our class newspaper all about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, which looks fantastic! In Maths, we have been adding, subtracting and multiplying money using formal written methods. In tennis, we continued practising our forehand technique and also learnt how to play a backhand shot. We then enjoyed a giant class singles game of tennis, which was great fun. We have also really enjoyed our group reading of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone this week - there have been some brilliant accents around the room! Well done, Year 4.

Penguins

The Penguins enjoyed "paying it forward" this week: working calmly in the hall each morning so that Wolf Class could have plenty of room to spread out and enjoy "Breakfast and Cake Week". While we were in the hall, we tackled our online safety unit from Purplemash, completing quizzes on plagiarism and passwords, finding out all about deepfakes and creating comic books about the SMART rules for online safety: stay Safe; never Meet; be careful when Accepting; check Reliability; and always Tell someone if you are worried. In Art, we extended our knowledge of architecture by designing houses through showing plan views, perspective views and front elevations, all inspired by the work of noted British-Iraqi architect Zaha Hadid. In English, we revised our determiner, relative clause and modal verb knowledge. In Maths, we worked through an array of measures word problems about length, mass and capacity in preparation for our hot assessment next week. In PE, we improved our fielding skills in cricket and tried volleying in tennis. In RE with Mrs Fisher, we learned all about Shabbat and, in PSHE, we showed our commitment to our school responsibilities by tending to the garden. In French with Mrs Fisher, we extended our clothes vocabulary and, in Music, we learned the funk song "Keeping Time".

Wolves

Well, that's it! SATs week is complete and we are very proud of ourselves. We thoroughly enjoyed our breakfast this week- a big thank you to Cook Sarah- as well as our treats- thank you parents for all the delicious cookies and cakes. We've all realised that SATs week is actually a pretty great week to be in school. With Mrs Fielder on Monday, we started our packaging designs using Purple Mash in Computing and, in French, we learnt about the different tourist attractions in Paris. We spent the rest of the afternoons continuing with our memory boxes with Miss P and loved creating our clay tiles. In PE, with Coach Chris, we enjoyed practising some cricket skills and to top it all off, we finished the week at Thetford Forest, enjoying our ice-creams and playing in the forest with our class mates. Well done, Wolves- you've been superstars this week!



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9:30am - 12:30pm
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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

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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 01236 297130 for more details.



FAMILY PARK COOKING

AGES 8-14 YEARS

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



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.

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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](#).



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