



Weekly Newsletter: 19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, uncles and more who came in this week for [Acton's Big Breakfast](#). It has been lovely to see so many of you enjoying a bacon roll with the children and start their, and your, day with time to sit and chat. From the positive comments and feedback that I have heard, it sounds like everyone found it to be a great success.

I must also thank Cook Sarah for all of the bacon (and veggie sausage) rolls which she has lovingly prepared this week, and also to [Jamie's Meat-Inn](#) in Sudbury for saving the day with another batch of bacon after we ran out towards the end of the week!



It has been a busy sporting week too. On Tuesday, our [cricket](#) teams were in action and today our U11 boys' [football](#) team took part in the Maxim Sports Sudbury Primary Schools Cup. Full match reports can be found below.

Next week is going to be another busy one with our Wolf Pack heading off on their residential to [Thorpe Woodlands](#) (keep an eye on the school Instagram feed for photo updates) before the Leopards make their way to Hollow Trees Farm.

The weather is looking really good next week, if you like the heat. Please ensure your child comes to school with a full water bottle and sunhat. We will be taking appropriate steps to ensure that the children remain as cool as possible and well-hydrated.

I hope that you have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards

Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
221	263	276	203

Howzat for Cricketing Success?

On Tuesday, our U11 cricket teams took part in the rearranged Sudbury Primary Schools Cricket tournament, held in Boxford. In the scorching sun, both teams took to the field to bowl, field and bat.

The girls played matches against Pot Kiln (winning 83 v 33) and Nayland (losing 105 v 51). The boys played 4 matches against Boxford (winning 70 v 62), Great Waldingfield (winning 83 v 33), Nayland (winning 105 v 51) and Pot Kiln (76 v 61).

Both teams played extremely well and adapted to the bigger pitches and boundaries brilliantly, especially as only 3 of the 17 players had played cricket outside of school.

When all of the games had been played and the points added up, the girls finished 2nd and the boys finished 1st. Winning the competition meant that the boys qualified for the County Finals. Unfortunately, they are being held next Tuesday when the Y6s are on their residential.



Penalty Heartbreak (no, not England ... yet!)

Today, our U11 Boys Football Team had a little taste of the World Cup conditions as they took part in the Maxim Sports Sudbury Primary Schools Cup at AFC Sudbury. With pitch side temperatures in the mid-thirties the boys played amazingly (and there wasn't a hydration break in sight!).

They started with a straight forward 3 v 0 win over Lavenham, taking the lead in just 12 seconds and there was a hat trick for Charlie. Their second match was a tough 1 v 1 draw with Pot Kiln, who took the lead after a bit of mix up in defence before Charlie was on hand to equalise. Next up were Clare. This was the third game on the bounce for both teams and

the heat really began to take its toll on all of the players. Despite having the better opportunities, Acton were unable to find the back of the net and it ended in a goalless draw. After a game off and the chance to sit in the shade, the boys were back on the pitch again. This time it was Woodhall. After a fairly even first few minutes, Acton began to get into the match and a wonderful solo effort from Charlie saw them take the lead. Unfortunately, they weren't able to hang on as Woodhall scored with just 6 seconds left of the match to equalise.

Then came the nervous wait to see who would be going through to the semi-finals. Acton had finished joint top of Group B so it went down to goal difference to see who would go through as winners. It was announced that Acton (as Group winners) would face St. Gregory's in the semi-final.

This was a cagey affair with both teams trying to break the deadlock. St. Greg's took the lead just over half way through the match and it looked like it was going to end that way until Charlie (again) produced an absolute worldy! Skipping around a tackle, he took a touch and then hit a rocket into the top corner from 25 yards out (even Mr. Woodrow, their headteacher, commented, "Why do you only score screamers against us?"). That was how the game ended and it went to penalties. Despite some great strikes and some heroics from Archie in goal, Acton lost 4 v 3.

In the 3rd/4th place playoff Acton went against Wells Hall. With a little of the pressure off, the boys went out and enjoyed themselves. They knocked the ball around beautifully, taking the lead through Alfie. Wells Hall got one back, although there was need for goal line technology to deem if the ball crossed the line! Freddie T re-established Acton's lead before adding a third for team, a second for him, shortly afterwards. Wells Hall did manage to get one back in the dying moments but the game ended in a 3 v 2 win for Acton.

The boys played brilliantly this morning and should be really proud of their efforts, especially in heat. They showed great sportsmanship throughout and displayed fantastic team spirit to lift each other after the shootout loss



Summer Term Dates

- 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 (Parents invited from 12pm for a picnic on the field before the afternoon races, starting at 1:15pm)**
- **FOAS Colour Run: 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	Henry	Madison	Aiden
Leopards	Noah G	Nellie	Leo
Pandas	Olivia	Lula-Mae	Jacob
Llamas	Marley	Lucas	Rupert
Orcas	Lilly	Theo	Isabella-Rose
Penguins	Michael (nominated by Caleb)	Caleb	Oscar K
Wolves	Ted	Bethany Cu	Alfie

Class News

Caterpillars

This week, the children have enjoyed sharing the story 'Ish'. In Drawing Club, we have looked at the main character of the story and the many settings. We have encouraged the children to write simple sentences to match their pictures, using their phonics skills independently. In Phonics, we have continued to review sounds and tricky words - using them to read and write simple captions and sentences.

Our Maths focus this week has been to look at and explore simple maps. We have looked at simple aerial maps and used our learning from last week, on positional language, to describe different points on the map. In Art, we have learnt about the artist Kandinsky and have enjoyed creating our own circle paintings and pictures.

Leopards

It has reached the point in the year where we show what we have learnt. Leopard Class have once again shown their positivity and determination when completing a number of 'quizzes'. As well as completing the quizzes, we have been busy continuing our learning. This week, we have spent some time consolidating some of the skills we learnt last week. In Science, we learnt about deciduous and evergreen trees, and, in Geography, we located the four countries and capital cities of the UK. We identified the flag associated with each country and added these to our maps. In PSHE, we started our 'Growing and Changing' unit by considering the things we need to stay alive and the things we need to stay healthy. Next week, we will design our own pair of opposite superheroes and use the skills we have learnt to compare these. In Maths, we will learn about money. In Science, we will learn about the parts of a plant, and in Computing, we will continue to learn how to code. On Friday, we will visit Hollow Trees Farm.

Pandas

This week in Year 2, we have been learning all about tally charts and block diagrams in Maths. We started by answering questions about data and completing incomplete tables, before collecting our own data about class favourites. In English, we have continued our work into non-fiction texts. We created our own moths and tree backgrounds and explored how they could camouflage into their environment. We wrote thoughtful sentences about their habitat. We also described other animals, who adapt to their environment, and used noun phrases to add detail. Also this week, we enjoyed adding timers to our coding programme in Computing; exploring the hidden meaning of the parable of 'The Lost Sheep' in R.E.; using the glockenspiels in Music; and getting Sports Day ready in P.E. In Geography this week, we continued with our Kenya unit, exploring life in the city, which we compared to life in the countryside. We also learnt about 'The Big 5' and how animals, safaris and national parks help with the tourist trade.

Llamas

It's been another successful week in Llama Class. In English, we have been using 'The Great Kapok Tree' to create expanded noun phrases, integrate them into sentences and even turn

them into fronted adverbials. We also used our knowledge of paragraphs to order information. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting various units of measurement (including up to 4 digits) and we also completed our final assessment of Year 3. In Geography, we learnt more about the differences between the layers of the rainforest and created a fact file for each one. In PE, we practised our relay races and learnt how important it is to have our hand ready to take the baton. In PSHE, we discussed what information is appropriate to share online and what the dangers of, for example, posting a picture or video of ourselves in school uniform could be. Well done for all your hard work this week, Llamas!

Orcas

It's been yet another productive week in Orca Class! We finished our Science unit with two fascinating lessons. The first focused on climate change and its effects, including flooding and wildfires. The class created posters to raise awareness of these important issues. We also did a demonstration of how flash flooding works, using tin foil and sponges! In our second lesson, we learnt about food chains and food webs in the tundra environment. Now that we have completed our Science topic, we can move on to learning about the Anglo-Saxons in History, ready for our upcoming trip. In PE this week, we practised obstacle races, relay races and throwing howlers in preparation for the big day! We also played rounders, and it was lovely to see such a great improvement in everyone's teamwork, throwing, catching and batting skills. In Maths, we have been exploring the properties of 2D shapes, including whether they have parallel lines, lines of symmetry, and equal sides or angles. We will continue our work on shape next week. In English, we shared many more poems with each other, looking out for features such as rhyme, alliteration and assonance. In PSHE, we discussed how our feelings can change as our bodies grow and develop. We talked about how hormones can affect our emotions as we move closer to our teenage years. We also explored the meaning of compromise and why it is such an important skill when resolving disagreements with family and friends. In French, we practised speaking in full sentences about the weather, including temperature and direction. Well done for working hard and having another lovely week, Year 4!

Penguins

Lots of super assessment results in Year 5 this week - well done Penguins! In Science, we started our new topic about "Animals including Humans", focusing on the human timeline. We began by collecting our previous knowledge on a cold assessment and then learned about the way different organisms reproduce, by "mixing cells" or by making exact copies. Next, we used our maths skills to analyse line graphs all about growing babies. In English, we developed our knowledge of spelling rules, using them to write riddles and poems, and continued our journey through Middle Earth with Bilbo and co in "The Hobbit" by JRR Tolkien. In Maths, we took a quick spin around our previous fractions learning to prepare ourselves for the PUMA test (which we excelled in) and then continued with our geometry unit by learning all about reflection. In PE, we added the 600m to our weekly athletics session and played T-Ball and Football Rounders to ensure clarity on all the rules for Rounders next week. In RE with Mrs Fisher, we learned even more about Buddhism and, in Music, we enjoyed playing "You Belong with Me" - a contemporary RnB song. In French with Mrs Fisher, we extended our understanding by learning about children in Ancient Rome. Finally, we worked really hard to begin our secret DT project, but no more details can be made available yet ...

Wolves

This week, we have spent quite a bit of time in the hall rehearsing Julius Caesar. It has been great to get the 'acting' part underway and Mrs Clow is really impressed by how many of us have learnt our lines already. Keep up the great work, Wolves! On Tuesday, we began our new Science unit, 'Animals including Humans'. We looked at the function of blood and the 'ingredients' that make blood; we looked at the heart and how it pumps blood around the body; and completed an experiment about how exercise affects heart rate. We also completed a Maths investigation about fitting numbers into a grid in a certain way e.g. no odd numbers are allowed to touch or the difference between the joined numbers must be even. It was challenging but also good fun. In PE with Coach Dan, the weather was finally good enough for us to have PE outside so we practised our races for Sports Day. Finally, during our swimming session, we

demonstrated water safety and what to do if we found ourselves in difficulty whilst in the water. See you on Monday morning for our exciting residential to Thorpe Woodlands!



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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](#).



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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