



Weekly Newsletter: 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is only one place that I can start this week and that has to be [Sports Day](#). Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, uncles and aunties who turned up to cheer the children on during the afternoon races. After last week's heatwave, I think we can agree that the conditions were almost perfect.

Congratulations (again) to [Cedar House](#), who retained the Sam Parsons Sports Day cup despite being run closely to the line (pun intended) by the reds of Oak House. It certainly was one of the closest run sports days that I can remember with 3 teams being separated by only 60 points after the morning's scores had been counted. During the morning, while the children took part in different events, it was so lovely to see the older children supporting the younger members of school, especially with the hurdles! It really was one of those 'proud headteacher' moments.



Sports Day Results 2026		
Position	House	Score
1 st	Cedar	9180
2 nd	Oak	9000
3 rd	Lime	8410
4 th	Willow	6980



The sports theme continued throughout the week too. On Tuesday, the Wolves visited Wells Hall Primary School for their annual [Active Week](#). Each year, this offers children in Year 6 an opportunity to try new sports and activities. This year was no different as the children had a go at skateboarding, padel, karate and an inflatable obstacle course. From what the Wolves have said about their day, it sounds like they thoroughly enjoyed it and all tried at least one new sport during the day. Thank you to Mr. Smith at Wells Hall for organising this year's event.

To round off a three day sports-fest, our U11 Quadkids team took part in the [Sudbury Primary Schools Quadkids](#) event, held at Stour Valley Community School. Our team of 10

athletes competed individually in four events: 75m, 600m, Vortex Howler throw and standing long jump; before competing as a team in a sprint relay. All of the team did extremely well and tried their very best in the energy sapping sun. When all of the points were added up, the team finished 4th. Again, the points were close as there were only 16 points between 4th and 2nd place. Congratulations to Bures CEVC Primary School, who won the event.



A really busy week, which started with the Orcas exploring an Anglo Saxon village, was rounded off by having geckos, snakes and cockroaches on the field yesterday. I won't go into too much details as it is included in the class news.

Tonight, straight after school is the [FOAS Colour Run](#). Entry wristbands will be available for purchase (cash only) for any last minute entries. Last year was a lot of fun and I am sure that this year will be no different. A big thanks goes to FOAS for organising the event, to everyone who has pledged sponsorship and the staff for helping spray the children with water and throw paint at them (it didn't take much persuasion!).

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming our 2026-27 Caterpillars for their taster mornings as we send our Wolves, who are moving onto OSA or SVCS next year, off on their [transition days](#). On Tuesday, the children will be spending their day with their new class teachers (in their new classrooms). This will not affect pick-up at the end of the day as they will leave via their normal exit (to save any confusion).

I hope that you have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards

Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
270	281	302	215

Summer Term Dates

- 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	Ted S	Aiden	All of the Caterpillars
Leopards	Peter	Willow	All of the Leopards
Pandas	Percy	Tillyanna (nominated by Miss Edgett)	Lucy
Llamas	Bella	Reuben	Hudson
Orcas	Isla	Poppy (Year 5)	All of the Orcas
Penguins	Oscar K	Amelia	Rocco
Wolves	Frankie	Freya	Max

Class News

Caterpillars

What a busy week! The children have enjoyed sharing the story 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' in Drawing Club and writing about the characters in the story. Dinosaurs has been a theme in the classroom this week, with pasta dinosaur skeletons, observational drawings of dinosaurs and lots of different dinosaurs in the Small World Area. In Phonics this week, we have continued to teach and practise the reading and spelling of CVC, CVCC and CCVCC words using previously taught digraphs. The children have also practised the recognition and recall of Phase Two and Three graphemes, as well reading and writing simple sentences. Our Maths focus this week has been number bonds to 10, the children have used Numicon and multi-link cubes to explore different ways of making ten. On Wednesday, the Caterpillars enjoyed taking part in their first Sports Day. All the children did so well, and we all had lots of fun, cheering each other on and sharing a picnic at lunchtime with our family and friends. Thursday was another exciting day, as we had a special visit from the ladies at Animal World. The Caterpillars got to meet and learn about lots of exciting animals, including a gecko, a snake and a tortoise. Well done Caterpillars.

Leopards

Wow, that week certainly whizzed by! We cannot quite believe how quickly this week has gone and how little time we have left until the end of term. Before we move on to this week's news, we wanted to give you an update about our school trip. Last Friday, we visited Hollow Trees Farm where we learnt about crops and animals. We got to plant our own peas, go on a tractor and trailer ride, help in the School Garden, feed the animals and make flour and butter. We all had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The Year 1 Team would like to say how sensible Leopard Class were on a very hot day. They represented the school fantastically and made us very proud. Now we've given you the update about our trip, let's turn our attention to this week. In English, we looked at photos from our trip and wrote recounts of our day. We then wrote thank you letters to the staff at the farm to say thank you for making our school trip such a

great experience. In Maths, we learnt about the days of the week, months of the year and units of time. In Science, we completed our plants unit by learning about the parts of a tree, and, in PSHE, we considered what babies need and don't need. This week also saw us take part in Sports Day. We enjoyed completing lots of activities and taking part in the races. Thank you to all those who came to support us. Next week, we will learn about compound words and the prefix 'un-'. In Maths, we will learn to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. In Geography, we will continue to learn about the four countries of the United Kingdom and, in Computing, we will continue to learn to code. We will also spend some time with our new teacher.

Pandas

In Year 2 this week, we began our new PSHE unit 'Growing and Changing'. We began by learning about how we can best support each other in tricky situations and offer feedback when necessary. We helped our partner to complete the trim trail obstacle course, with encouraging words and advice when they needed it. We also thought about what changes as we get older and our hopes and ambitions for the future. We looked back at how we have changed over the last 6/7 years, and how we think we will change when we're an adult. As a reminder, next week, we will be learning about how our body changes and the different body parts which males and females have. Also this week, we enjoyed re-telling the story of 'The Good Samaritan' in RE, looking at a stained glass window which used imagery to portray the message of the story. We also were coding experts in Computing as we de-bugged algorithms which had gone wrong. In D.T. with Mrs Fisher, we recapped our work on levers and whether they grip, lift or cut, before making our own mini litter pickers. On Wednesday, we enjoyed Sports Day, cheering on our teammates and supporting each other in our sporting successes. On Thursday, we had an amazing morning learning all about different animals and their habitats and adaptations during a visit from 'Animal Club'. We held a salamander, gecko, snake, stick insect, millipede, hedgehog and tortoise amongst many others which were in the mini zoo van. We also had fun looking through microscopes and magnifying glasses at a variety of creatures and skins; playing a beanbag game about predators and prey; and matching x rays to the animals. It was a fantastic experience and the children were respectful and showed such enjoyment throughout.

Llamas

We couldn't start our Llama news without talking about Sports Day and what a success it was! Our Llamas should be incredibly proud of themselves for their teamwork, the support they showed to their peers and the resilience they brought to every single activity—they truly outdid themselves. In other news, we have been working on the present perfect tense in English this week in preparation for our hot task. In SPAG, we put our language skills to creative use by writing scripts based on our learning about the Stone Age. In Maths, we completed our measurements learning and we will be moving onto money next week! Meanwhile, our Science lessons took a closer look at nature as we found out about the anatomy of flowers. In Computing, we put our coding skills to the test by spotting problems in a code and debugging them. Towards the end of the week, we took our learning outside to practise 'barrier' rounders skills, ensuring we are fully ready for our big tournament against Year 4 at the end of the term! Keep up the fantastic effort, Llamas—you are all superstars!

Orcas

We have had a lovely week that has been anything but ordinary in Orca Class! To begin the week, we went on an adventure to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village. We had a superb day handling artefacts, exploring the replica village and even spotting Grendel's arm in the Visitor Centre! Thank you to the whole class for representing our school so brilliantly throughout the day and for impressing the staff with your thoughtful questions. On Wednesday, we had another exciting day - Sports Day! It was another fantastic event, and well done to everyone for taking part with such enthusiasm and for looking after the younger children during the morning activities. During our more 'ordinary' days, we continued reading the story of Beowulf. We then used it as inspiration for writing similes and descriptive sentences. We also explored the features of diary writing, which we will continue to develop next week. In Maths, we learnt how to identify acute, obtuse and right angles. We enjoyed a cracking game of Diamond Cricket on Tuesday,

where everyone showed a huge improvement in their batting accuracy. We also played a new game - football rounders - which was great fun! In PSHE this week, we discussed the different changes that happen during puberty and how to manage them, including the importance of keeping clean and maintaining good personal hygiene. Then in French, we learnt how to describe the weather in the style of a French weather forecaster. Well done, everyone, for working so hard this week and for being such fantastic ambassadors for our school on Monday!

Penguins

What a sport-tastic week in Penguin Class! Wednesday's Sports Day went so well and everyone in the class gave such a good account of themselves on the day - from running races, to taking care of the younger members of their house teams. As well as competing athletically, we also enjoyed striking and fielding in our colour teams and realising the high value of a ½ rounder. In Science this week, we returned to our Science work now that the temperature has dropped, completing work on gestation and our not-quite-so hot assessment. In PSHE, we have also just begun our final unit entitled "Growing and Changing". In English, we have been reading "The Gauntlet" by Karuna Riazi and we have also started to draft our final narrative piece, all about Bilbo and his friends surviving their journey through Mirkwood. In Maths, we loved using nets to create polyhedra, which helped us to answer a range of questions about 3D shapes, before continuing our arithmetic practice on Friday. In Music with Mrs Fisher, we started work on our final song: "You Belong to Me". In French, we completed our unit all about Romans with a final test. In DT with Mrs Fisher (and an array of special helpers), we worked so hard to design, plan, cut and sew our beautiful stuffed Penguins as part of our textiles project - it has been lovely to see how many of the class are so talented in this creative, calming area. A huge thank you to Mrs Fisher for always going the extra mile to provide so many fun and unique tasks across the year!

Wolves

On Monday, with Mrs Fielder, we finished our computing blogs and shared them with the class and in Geography, we learnt about the climate in mountain regions and considered the impact of tourism. The rest of the week was mostly dedicated to sport. We thoroughly enjoyed our active day on Tuesday taking part in activities such as karate, padel, rugby, skate boarding and even an inflatable obstacle course. This was then followed by our final sports day which was fantastic - congratulations to Cedar! On Thursday, we spent time rehearsing our play ready for our performance next week and in the afternoon, whilst some of us were taking part in another sporting activity (Quad Kids), the rest of us took part in PSHE sessions discussing pressures online and strategies for dealing with change when we enter puberty. On Friday, we enjoyed our swimming session and finished the week with Mrs Fisher. We looked at the eight-fold path that Buddha believes is the way to finding happiness before making our own lotus flower mini bird baths out of clay. **Please could all costumes for our play be in school by Monday (for those not on transition to high school next week) or Wednesday (for those that are) - thank you.**



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Community Events

TRISUDBURY JUNIOR SUMMER SERIES



14th June 2026 Duathlon Bike/Run	28th June 2026 Aquabike Swim/Run
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