



Weekly Newsletter: 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I could not possibly start this week's newsletter without a mention of the **FOAS Colour Run**. It was the second running of the event and it lived up to the fun levels from last year. I know from the squeals, shouts and laughter that the children had the best time although, yet again, I think the adults might also have enjoyed themselves even more! Once again, on behalf of the children (and staff), I would like to thank FOAS for organising another brilliant event that will live in the memories of everyone involved. We have already received lots of envelopes with sponsorship money enclosed and will continue to collect any outstanding monies next week. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children or helped the children collect their sponsors.



Last night, the Wolves performed 'Julius Caesar', alongside schools from across East Anglia, as part of the **Royal Shakespeare Company's Regional Playmaking Festival** at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester. This is the 7th year that we have taken part and the Wolves shone brightly on stage. I might be a little biased but their performance was the best of the night, especially as they were the only primary school. It was amazing to see the children flourish on the stage and set the bar really high for the remainder of the performance. The Wolves' performance last night was a definite 'Proud Headteacher Moment'.

Next week has the usual last week of term busy feel to it with our Year 6s bound for TGS on their transition days and Year 3 off to Daws Hall on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the children will be bringing their **books and work home** so please ensure your child brings in a suitable bag (and you have warmed up your book carrying muscles for the walk home).

On Thursday, the Wolves are visiting All Saints Church for their final school service and we are going to be treated to piano and RockSteady performances. All before the Wolves take on their parents in the traditional end of year (highly) competitive rounders match.

Finally, on Friday, it will be all about our Wolf Class of 2026, as we welcome their parents in for lunch and then enjoy their Leavers' Assembly.

On Friday, it won't just be the Year 6s who we are saying goodbye to. Both Miss Sparkes and Cassie will be leaving us too. Cassie is off to university and Miss Sparkes is beginning her teacher training (it won't be long before we see her again though as she will return in the Autumn term for her first teaching practice). On behalf of the children and staff, I would like to thank them for everything that they have brought to the school during their time on the team and wish them the best of luck for the future.

I hope that you have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards

Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
274	281	310	217

Oak House have earned the most House Points this term so have won a **non-uniform day next Thursday (16th July)**.

Summer Term Dates

- Y3 visit to Dawes Hall: Tuesday 14th July
- Last day of the year: Friday 17th July (Y6 Leavers Lunch, 12:30pm, Leavers Assembly 2pm)

Autumn 2026 Term Dates

- PD Days: Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September
- Children return: Thursday 3rd September
- FOAS AGM: Thursday 24th September, 7pm
- PD Day: Friday 23rd October
- Half Term: w/c Monday 26th October
- Children Return: Monday 2nd November
- Last Day of Autumn Term: Friday 18th December

More dates to be added as the term goes on. All term and holiday dates can be found [here](#). Details about events and trips to be shared nearer the time.



Stars of the Week!



Class	Strive	Support	Succeed
Caterpillars	Chloe	Teddie	Jack
Leopards	Noah B	Zachary A (Caterpillars)	Archie
Pandas	Sophia	Florence M	Jacob
Llamas	Eloise	Nancy	Jack
Orcas	Corinne	Zara	Beau
Penguins	Oscar H	Izzy	All of the Penguins (nominated by Mrs. Fisher)
Wolves	Annabell	Bethany Cl and Charlotte	The Wolf Pack

Class News

Caterpillars

This week started with the children visiting Miss Bickmore in Year 1 for two transition days. The children enjoyed exploring their new classroom and created some fabulous painted leopards, ready to display. In Drawing Club this week, we shared the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', looking at the characters and setting. Some of this week's challenges included following simple steps to draw a lighthouse, write a postcard to a friend and describe what you can see in summer. In Phonics this week, we have continued to develop our reading and writing of CVC+ words and high frequency words. It has been another hot week, but the children have still managed to enjoy our outside classroom, particularly working alongside their friends in the water tray, making tea using a variety of different flavoured tea-bags.

Leopards

This week, in English, we learnt about compound words and adding the prefix un- to words. We discovered that when we add the prefix un- it makes the new word the opposite of the original. In Maths, we learnt to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. We will continue

to consolidate this next week. In Geography, we learnt about Wales and, in Computing, we developed our coding skills. On Tuesday, we transformed from a leap of leopards into an embarrassment of pandas. We enjoyed completing a range of different activities in our new class and getting to know the Year 2 Team. Next week, we will consolidate our learning about time. In Geography, we will learn about Northern Ireland and answer the question, 'What makes the United Kingdom an island?' In PSHE, we will consider the difference between surprises and secrets. We will also learn about keeping privates private. During this lesson we will learn the correct names for the private parts of the body.

Pandas

This week in Year 2, we have been learning all about privacy and consent in PSHE. We discussed the importance of keeping our bodies private, as well as our belongings and personal information. We also created a safety network of all of the adults we could talk to if we ever felt worried or unsafe. In Science this week, we explored our school grounds for microhabitats. We searched under logs, plant pots and in hedges to see what creatures we could find. In D.T., we had a wonderful time making litter pickers with Mrs Fisher and Hev. We used lolly sticks and card to create a lever between the two. In Music, we recapped our knowledge of the year with a quiz. In Computing, we created our own algorithms on 2Code, inputting collisions and timers and all of the other features we have learnt this half term. In PE, we enjoyed team building games, dodgeball and rounders. In RE, we completed our unit about parables by expressing one of the parables we have read through drawings and model making. On Tuesday, we had a great day in Llama Class getting to know Miss Edgett and Year 3. We completed transition booklets, did some PE, played on Purple Mash and got some important TTRS time. As we look toward next week, and our final week in Panda Class, we are excited for RockSteady and Piano concerts, baking with Mrs Fisher and making wonderful summer memories with our friends.

Llamas

It's been a successful penultimate week of Year 3 with lots of learning coming to a close. In English, we have been preparing for our hot task by writing present perfect sentences and answering comprehension questions for The Shaman's Apprentice. In Maths, we have been working out our total spends on a price list and calculating the change. In Geography, we finished our rainforests unit by comparing Sherwood Forest and the Amazon Rainforest, followed by a hot task to test our knowledge. On Monday with Mrs Fisher, we helped to create a Guru display by painting pictures of the ten gurus. The Llamas also became Orcas for the day on Tuesday and had a fantastic time getting to know their new class adults and Year 4 expectations. On Thursday morning, we headed outside to play rounders, practising the rules of the game to get ourselves fully ready for our tournament next week. In Design Technology, we had a creative, fun time making our pneumatic toys and we can't wait to test them out next week! Finally, a huge well done to the whole class for working so incredibly hard and staying focused during this week's very hot weather.

Orcas

We have had a lovely penultimate week together in Orca Class, involving lots of Saxons, Beowulf and more! In History this week, we located the 7 Anglo Saxon Kingdoms and then used atlases to find the names of many Anglo Saxon settlements (including Long Melford and Sudbury). Next, we learnt about Anglo Saxon crime and punishment, which was incredibly interesting! To consolidate our learning, we created role-plays of crimes being committed, judges making decisions and criminals receiving their punishments. In English, we shared more of Michael Morpurgo's version of Beowulf. We used this to help us write in the present and past progressive tenses. We also learnt how fronted adverbials can act as bridges between paragraphs and how they can be used as an effective writing tool. In PE, we played our final game of diamond cricket, where we think everyone managed to hit the ball this week! In French, we rehearsed and performed our weather forecasts as our final lesson of the year – très bien! In Maths, we used the knowledge we gained from playing Battleships last week to work out lots of coordinates, which everyone did brilliantly with. Finally, on Tuesday, we had our Transition Day. The Orcas had a lovely time visiting their new class and meeting their new teacher, while the

Llamas (hopefully!) had a great time. Well done for working hard, as always, Year 4. Just one more week to go...

Penguins

An unusual week as the Penguins have begun their metamorphosis into Wolves, having enjoyed a super day with Mrs Clow on Tuesday. In PSHE this week, we continued our growing and changing unit, collecting approaches that can help us resolve conflicts as we move towards adulthood, learning about puberty and taking a deeper look at the emotions involved in "Hetty Feather" by Jacqueline Wilson. In English, we proof-read and published our lost tales linked to "The Hobbit" by JRR Tolkien, with some of us nearly ready to take the chance to type our writing up to make it even clearer to the reader. In Maths, we polished a few skills ready for Mrs Clow, reviewing our number and measurement learning from earlier in the year. In DT with Mrs Fisher, we put the finishing touches to our Penguin textile project - adding accessories, tidying any loose threads and starting to evaluate our products. In PE, we enjoyed respectful competition when playing full matches of rounders, as we move towards the end of our striking and fielding unit. We also took part in a class Dodgeball tournament in the hall, when sheltering from the hot weather!

Wolves

WOW! What a performance. We are so proud of ourselves for delivering an outstanding version of Julius Caesar and after all our rehearsals, all our hard work has paid off. It was an amazing experience working alongside professional RSC actors, who delivered workshops which focused on voice and characterisation, and being on stage, especially performing with the lights and sound effects, really brought it all to life. Mrs Clow, Miss P and Miss Flye were extremely proud of us. On Wednesday, we finally managed to have a game of rounders, despite the heat, and are feeling a little more prepared for our Wolves v Parents match next Thursday. On Friday, we enjoyed our final swimming session with some races and a game of water polo. I hope the TGS and Stour Valley children enjoy their transition days next week and I look forward to seeing the whole Wolf Pack back together on Thursday for our final two days of primary school.



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Community Events



Summer Fair
Sunday 26th July 1-3pm

Join us at the Summer Fair
ACTON VILLAGE HALL AND SPORTS FIELD
BRING YOUR PICNIC BLANKETS AND CHAIRS FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY FUN!

Ticket price includes

- under 6's bouncy castle
- bouncy castle obstacle course
- glitter tattoo's
- lawn games
- Music and fun

SWEETS **ICE CREAM VAN**
TOMBOLA **HOT FOOD**

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED DIRECTLY AT SUDBURY GYMNASTICS CLUB, BY CALLING 01787 373967 OR EMAILING SUDBURYGYMCLUB@HOTMAIL.COM

Tickets to be purchased by 13/07/26 No on the day entrance will be possible without a ticket and no tickets will be available to purchase on the day.
Competitions and lawn games will be subject to weather conditions - no refunds will be given once tickets purchased

TRISUDBURY JUNIOR SUMMER SERIES



14th June 2026 Duathlon Football/Bike/Run	28th June 2026 Aquabike Swim/Run
5th July 2026 Aquathlon Swim/Run	9th Aug 2026 Triathlon Swim/Run

Further details to follow.
 Suitable for TriStart – TriStar 1,2,3 (Ages: 8-14)

Entry details to follow.
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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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