



## Weekly Newsletter: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

On a Tuesday, I always finish my assembly with a quote so I thought it only appropriate to include a quote in my final newsletter of the year.

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." – *Dr. Seuss*

There are always a few tears shed on the last day of term as we wave goodbye to our Year 6 children and members of staff so I thought that Dr. Seuss seemed appropriate. There are times when an ending can bring sadness but it is important to remember all of the positive experiences and memories that have been created. This academic year is no different. As I reflect on the year that has passed, I do so with a smile.

One of the most poignant moment of the last day of the year is the Leavers' Assembly and the speeches that our outgoing Year 6's read. While there is a sense of sadness, the smiles which appear as the children share their favourite memories of their time with us are always lovely to see.

This week, it has as busy as normal in school. Mrs. Fisher has been cooking with all year groups and creating a 'dead hedge' with Year 5 – I had to ask Google to find out exactly one of those was. Year 3 have been off to Daws Hall for a day exploring the habitats which can be found there. We had some Y6s at TGS and Stour Valley for their transition, before they all returned yesterday for a Leavers' Service at All Saints Church and the traditional Parents vs Wolves rounders match (congratulations to the parents on the 6.5 vs -12 victory).

Yesterday, we also enjoyed piano performances and rocked out to the RockSteady End of Year concert.

Thank you on behalf of myself and the staff for the kind and thoughtful words and gifts that have been shared over the past couple of days. These are never expected but really appreciated. Thank you also for the ongoing support of your child through their Acton journey, I appreciate that everyone lives very busy lives but making the time to read with your child, helping them with their spellings, having a chat about what they are learning or turning up to support them in a school event makes the world of difference to them.

I hope that you have a wonderful summer and the children find time to relax after a busy term. The summer holidays always seem to fly by (much like this school year) and it won't be long before I am opening the gate on another school year (on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September).

Take care and enjoy making memories.

Kind regards

Jonathan Gray  
Headteacher

## House Points

| Willow | Cedar | Oak | Lime |
|--------|-------|-----|------|
| 274    | 281   | 310 | 217  |

## Colour Run

Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children to take part in our Colour Run. At the last count, the total raised was an amazing **£3331.26!** This another phenomenal amount of money raised. Thank you, as always, to the amazing FOAS Team for their hard work behind the scenes and for organising such a great event. If you are interested in supporting these events in the future, please come along to the [FOAS AGM, 7pm 24th September](#).



## Summer term 2026 Accelerated Reader Awards

Congratulations to all of the children who have achieved either Bronze, Silver or Gold Accelerated Reader target this term or have become Millionaires!

| Bronze award |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Year 3       | Eloise, Stanley             |
| Year 4       | Beau                        |
| Year 5       | Jack                        |
| Silver award |                             |
| Year 2       | Jacob, Lucy, Sophia         |
| Year 3       | Anesu                       |
| Year 4       | Travis, Isabella-Rose, Isla |
| Year 5       | Bailey, Mia, Eric           |

| Gold Award |                                                                                                                 |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year 2     | Lula-Mae, Peggy, Nina, Elodie, Esme, Arabella, Lily                                                             |
| Year 3     | Jack, Lucas, George, Marley, Rishaani, Kira, Harvey, Nancy                                                      |
| Year 4     | <a href="#">Lula</a> , Poppy, Corinne, Zara, Ruby, Ava, <a href="#">Theo</a> , Albie, Lincoln                   |
| Year 5     | Olivia, Evie, Jude, Rosie, Luna, Oscar K, Nyla, Daisy R, Caleb, Miguel, Albert, Freddie T, Kit, Annabelle       |
| Year 6     | Sophia, Archie, Oscar, Bethany Cl, Bethany Cu, Amelie, Lottie-Beau, Freya, Jack, Hannah, Mya, Aurora, Charlotte |

Names in [blue](#) are children who have achieved Millionaire status this term.

## Autumn 2026 Term Dates

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



| Class        | Strive     | Support   | Succeed |
|--------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| Caterpillars | Blake      | Flora     | Jack    |
| Leopards     | Frank W    | Barnaby   | Nora    |
| Pandas       | Lily       | Rory S    | Esme    |
| Llamas       | Patrick    | Harvey    | Stanley |
| Orcas        | Aidan      | Amelia B  | Lincoln |
| Penguins     | Rosie      | Annabelle | Caleb   |
| Wolves       | Billie-Mae | Amelie    | Sophia  |

## Class News

### Caterpillars

This week we have enjoyed our last week as Caterpillar Class! Our theme has been summer and the children have enjoyed a variety of summer craft activities, as well as learning some summer themed poems. On Wednesday, the children enjoyed dressing up in our red, white and blue theme to celebrate the football and created some fantastic football themed drawings. We ended the week with a class party, celebrating a very successful year! Well done Caterpillars, we hope you have a wonderful summer.

### Leopards

Wow, that year certainly whizzed by! We can't quite believe we are sharing our last news post for the year. This week, we consolidated our learning about telling the hour and half past the hour. In Geography, we learnt about Northern Ireland and gathered all our knowledge together to answer the question 'What makes the United Kingdom an island?' In PSHE, we learnt about

the difference between secrets and surprises and keeping our privates private. To end our journey as a leap of leopards, we have spent some time reflecting on our year. We have learnt so much and taken part in so many wonderful experiences. We have approached all of this with determination and have definitely discovered the power of the word 'yet'. The Year 1 Team would not only like to say how proud we are of the Leopard leap but also thank everyone for their continued support throughout the year. We hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to welcoming back an embarrassment of pandas next door.

### **Pandas**

This week in Year 2, we have finished off our topics for the year, including habitats in Science, lever making in DT, and money skills in Maths. After all the learning was complete, and the books had been sent home, we enjoyed spending our last few days as an embarrassment. We spent time on the tablets, challenging each other on TTRS and building our NumBots skills; we watched our friends play piano in assembly on Thursday; and enjoyed playing games and colouring together. A real highlight of the week was baking cinnamon buns and pizzas with Mrs Fisher and Hev on Tuesday. They went down a treat and we are very grateful to Mrs Fisher for her enthusiasm and expertise, enabling us to have such a lovely morning. So, here we are, at the end of the year! Thank you for being so supportive throughout the year and helping with reading, spellings, phonics and everything else that goes with being in Year 2. Thank you for all of the kind gifts Hev and I have received, we are touched by how kind you have all been. Have a wonderful summer and I can't wait to see all of my Pandas thrive as Llamas next year.

### **Llamas**

What a final week in Year 3 we've had with our 2025-2026 Llamas! In English, we have completed our final piece of writing - a diary entry as the shaman of the tribe in 'The Shaman's Apprentice'. In Maths, we finished up our money unit and took part in a fun maths quiz on Wednesday. We also had a fun afternoon on Wednesday as we enjoyed the board games that we brought in to celebrate our last day with Miss Edgett. Of course, the highlight of our week was our trip to Daws Hall on Tuesday where we looked at different moths, swept a meadow (finding many a grasshopper, spider and butterfly!) and sampled water from the brook to find different invertebrates and test the pollution in the water. We had a fantastic day together and it was a lovely way to say goodbye to our Llamas as they become Orcas! We are so proud of everything that the children have achieved this year and we know they will continue to do well as Year 4s - well done team, have a lovely summer!

### **Orcas**

I can't quite believe that I'm typing this, but that's Orca Class finished until next year! We have had such a lovely final week together, wrapping up our lessons and playing some games along the way. We had our final English lessons on 'Beowulf' at the start of the week, where we learnt how to add parenthesis to our writing. In Maths, we finished our coordinates unit by learning how to translate shapes on a grid. We also created bar charts showing our favourite ice cream flavours (which came in handy on Friday!). In PSHE, we had our final lesson of the year, which focused on relationships and marriage, and discussed why it is important to be happy in a relationship. In History, we learnt about the Battle of Hastings and created our very own Bayeux Tapestry, which now hangs proudly on our wall! On Wednesday, we took part in an epic class quiz, testing everything we have learnt this year. Then, on Thursday, we played a rounders tournament against Year 3, which was a very close and exciting match! The Year 3s played very well, but we just pipped them by a few rounders. Finally, on Friday, the class baked with Mrs Fisher to round off their wonderful Friday mornings with her. In the afternoon, we enjoyed an ice cream party to celebrate our fantastic year together—a little treat from me to say thank you! To all of the Orcas, thank you for such a wonderful year. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach you, and I am so proud of everything you have achieved. I hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday, and I'll see you in September!

### **Penguins**

We can't believe it's all over! Penguin Class enjoyed their last week in Year 5, especially the world famous (in Acton) Tech Day on our very last day. As well as enjoying time to have fun with our friends before the summer holiday, we reviewed our knowledge of fractions, decimals,

percentages and measures in Maths. In English, we finally completed our lost Hobbit tales, leaving Bilbo travelling happily to the Misty Mountains after surviving his trip through Mirkwood. In PE, we assessed our Sportshall skills in preparation for the upcoming autumn tournaments and played a huge game of football rounders to finish the year. Mrs Fisher took us through our final assessments in RE and DT and even had us making crumble as a special treat. In PSHE, we finished our unit by considering the feelings of Hetty Feather, in the story of the same name created by Jacqueline Wilson. It has been a really fantastic year with so much progress in learning and especially learning behaviours - remember I'm always next door if you need me! Thanks to all the Penguin Parents for their support over the year - have a great summer!

### Wolves

It's been a funny old week with half the class at their transition days, but it has been wonderful having the whole Wolf Pack back together again for our final two days. On Monday with Mrs Fielder, we blogged about our transition experiences and we completed our Geography unit on mountains before tackling a symmetrical piece of art of our own faces. On Tuesday, we were treated to a surprise line dancing session with Bethany's mum and playgroup, which was great fun and also trickier than it looked! We finished our Science unit by looking at balanced diets and discussing the effect that drugs and alcohol have on the body. On Thursday, we had our Leavers' Service in church before finishing our final PSHE session- how babies are made. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year; the children have been wonderful to teach and I wish you all the best for the future.



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## Community Events



**Summer Fair**  
Sunday 26th July 1-3pm

UNDER 3'S £3  
CHILD £6  
ADULT £8  
FREE

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](mailto: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**      **28th June 2026**  
Duel      Aquabike  
Bike/Run      Swim/Run

**5th July 2026**      **9th Aug 2026**  
Aquathlon      Triathlon  
Swim/Run      Swim/Run

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

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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](https://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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