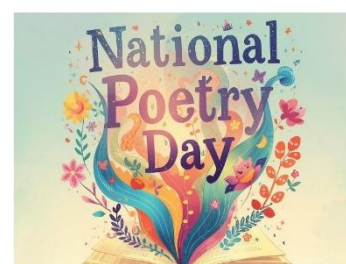




Weekly Newsletter: 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the school corridors and classrooms have been full of the sound of rhyming couplets, verses and repeated lines as we celebrated National Poetry Day. The focus of this year's celebration was 'Wonder', as it encourages everyone to consider the wonder in the everyday places and sights (which we all take for granted sometimes).



Today, in Stars Assembly, each class performed a recital of the poem that they had spent the week learning from the Caterpillars singing 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' right through to the Wolves wondering 'Where have all the teachers gone?'



As you will have seen from the Parentmail last week, the FOAS AGM was cancelled last week. It has been rescheduled for next Tuesday, 6th October 2026, at 7:30pm. Any new members are very welcome to come along and find out more (and I can definitely confirm that there will be biscuits!)

I know it seems like a long way off but it will soon be here. Yes, I am referring to the C-word. Further down the newsletter, you will find the dates and times of the Reception and KS1 Nativity performances.

Next Friday sees the first sports event of the year as our U11 Boys Football team take part in the South Suffolk School Games tournament. I hope that I will be bringing you good news from the tournament. The newsletter might be a little later than its usual 2:30pm delivery as I will be keen to bring you news of how the boys got on.

I hope that you have a fantastic weekend

Kind regards

Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
148	177	227	141

Christmas Performances

I know it's a long way off but below are the dates and approximate times of the Christmas performances, further details regarding tickets will be released nearer the time.

- Tuesday 8th December 2pm - KS1 Nativity Performance
- Wednesday 9th December, 9:30am – KS1 Nativity Performance
- Wednesday 9th December, 2pm– Reception Nativity Performance



Autumn 2026 Term Dates

- U11 Boys Football Tournament: Friday 9th October
- U11 Girls Football Tournament: Friday 16th October
- Parents Evenings: Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October, 3:30-6:30pm
- PD Day: Friday 23rd October
- Half Term: w/c Monday 26th October
- Children Return: Monday 2nd November
- Individual Photos: Monday 16th 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	Alfie	Michaela	Kenedi
Leopards	Ezra	Madison	Sierra
Pandas	Eden	Peter	Willow
Llamas	Kole	Abel	Percy
Orcas	Bobby	Lucas	George
Penguins	Isabella-Rose	Beau	Georgia
Wolves	Freddie W	Amelia	Jude

Class News

Caterpillars

This week in Caterpillar Class, we have continued exploring the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze'. During Drawing Club, the children have used their imaginations to think about what other animals might visit the old lady's house. In Phonics, we have continued learning Phase 2 sounds, focusing on g, o, c and k. We have also spent lots of time using the sounds we have already learned to build and read CV and CVC words. Our Maths learning this week has focused on sorting and comparing. The children have enjoyed exploring a variety of objects and sorting them according to their different sizes, colours and shapes. As part of our 'Marvellous Me' topic, we have continued to explore how we change as we grow and develop. We have also been learning about our feelings and introducing the different colours used in our Zones of Regulation. The children also had lots of fun during an outdoor PE session, where they enjoyed developing their physical skills by using the bikes, trim trail and balance boards.

Leopards

This week we started our new story, 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. In this story, a boy called Dave loses his toy dog called Dogger. The family search everywhere for him but cannot find him. Dave eventually finds Dogger on the toy stall at a fair. We started by reading the beginning of the story and making predictions about what we thought might happen next. We then sequenced the events in the story and considered how the characters may be feeling at different points. In Maths, we learnt to find 1 more and 1 less than a given number. We also learnt to use the key terms more, fewer and the same to describe and compare different groups of objects. In History, we learnt how the materials used to make toys have changed over time and, in Art, we explored using shapes in portrait drawing. Today, we celebrated National Poetry Day by sharing part of the poem 'I Wonder' by Jeannie Kirby with the rest of the school during assembly. We enjoyed listening to all the other poems that were shared too. Next week, we will use adjectives to describe Dogger. In Maths, we will learn about greater than, less than and equal to and, in Science, we will learn about the properties of everyday materials. Our Phonics will focus on plurals.

Pandas

This week in Year 2, we have been reading extracts of Samuel Pepys' diary and using picture plans to remember key details. We then wrote our own diary entries about the start of the fire and included the key features we have worked on so far such as conjunctions, first person pronouns and exclamation sentences. In Maths, we have been concluding our place value unit, as well as working on learning our 2, 5 and 10x table patterns. A highlight this week, was D.T. We made wraps including food from a variety of food groups. We tried to include protein, dairy, vegetables, carbohydrates etc. in order to have a balanced wrap. We chopped, grated and spread our ingredients before the all-important taste test! In History this week, we summarised all of our learning about the Great Fire of London - turns out that our embarrassment of Pandas are almost experts! We enjoyed recalling all of the facts we have learnt and adding extra detail as we looked back through all of our work in English and History so far. In P.E., we learnt about the role of the referee and played a game called 'Messy Bedrooms'. In Computing this week, we talked about online bullying and how we can support ourselves, if we are ever worried online. Finally this week, we enjoyed performing our poem in Stars Assembly as part of our school National Poetry Day celebrations.

Llamas

We've been starting our mornings in Year 3 with poetry recital this week, ready for our National Poetry Day performance on Friday. We have been rehearsing 'What is Pink?' by Christina Rossetti and we've worked so hard to commit it to memory! In English, we have read more of 'Tilly and the Time Machine' and used it to support our learning about adverbials this week. In Maths, we have been counting on in multiples and challenging ourselves with starting at random numbers to count on from. In History, we learnt about the improvements in Stone Age technology which led Britain into the Bronze Age. We learnt about the differences in settlements, weapons, hunting and clothes from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age. In PSHE, we discussed

our friendships, came up with solutions to a story in which the characters had a big falling out, and finished with a lovely game of 'my friend is special because...'. You've been absolute stars all week, Llamas - keep up the fantastic work.

Orcas

We have had another lovely week of learning and hard work in Year 4. We started our new Geography topic this week, all about time zones, the Earth, longitude, latitude and much more. On Tuesday, we looked specifically at how latitude tells us how far North or South a location is, while longitude tells us how far East or West it is. We challenged ourselves to use atlases to find the degree measurements of different countries. We also learnt a song to Ed Sheeran's 'Azizam' all about latitude. As it is National Poetry Week, we learnt a poem together as a class called 'Imagine'. We echo-read the poem as part of our performance to the school on Friday, which worked really well. In our main English lessons, we have been preparing to start writing our hot task, which is to rewrite the first three paragraphs of Chapter 3 of 'The Butterfly Lion', set in South Africa. We will finish our hot write next week, ready to move on to our next class book. In Maths, we finished our Number and Place Value topic with our final lesson all about Roman numerals. We then started our new Addition and Subtraction topic. In Computing, we discussed what fake news is and how to spot it, as well as why we need to be careful with adverts and pop-ups when playing games. During our PSHE lesson, we looked at the intensity and seriousness of different emotions, helping us to develop our emotional vocabulary. For example, we learnt that being distraught is a much stronger feeling than being sad. Finally, with Mrs Fisher on Friday, the class learnt the words to 'Mamma Mia' and 'Super Trouper' by ABBA, before looking at what you might find inside a mosque in RE. Well done for working so hard this week, Year 4.

Penguins

The Penguins have really impressed this week with their super settled focus, when completing independent writing and topic tests in Maths. In Science, we have completed our Earth and space topic by writing explanations of how we experience day and night, ranking evidence that proves the Earth is spherical and making models to help us describe the phases of the moon. Finally, we recorded our answers to the key space questions on our hot assessments. In English, we completed our Hot Write poems all about an imaginary adventure to the 'Lost Things Hall' and enjoyed preparing 'A Universe of Wonder' for our whole class poetry performance in assembly on Friday. In Maths, we practised counting on and back from different starting points and then completed hot and cold assessments, ready for our new unit on addition and subtraction. In PE, we applied our space-finding skills to small-sided games of bench ball and - in tag rugby - we started to form strategies to help with attack and defence. In Music with Mrs Fisher, we analysed 'Around The World' by Status Quo (we liked it) and then, in PSHE, we discussed our emotional needs. In RE with Mrs Fisher, we made some artwork linked to Hajj and - in French - we learned how to discuss and write about birthdays.

Wolves

With Mrs Fielder on Monday, we learnt how to express opinions about our school subject in French; tackled the challenging concept of BODMAS in Maths; in PE, we extended our Samba routines by adding more moves; and in Computing, we had a really good discussion about whether it is appropriate to share images online. With Mrs Clow, in Maths, we worked on long multiplication and short and long division and, in English, we focused on characterisation and how to set out speech correctly. We finished our topic on Brazil by creating a fact file about an indigenous tribe that live in the Amazon rainforest and also completed a task in which we compared life in Brazil with life in the UK before completing our hot task to showcase all of our learning. We also began our new Science unit - Living things and their habitats - where we sorted different animals into different categories depending on their observable characteristics. Due to the rain, we had a game of bench ball with Coach Dan which we all really enjoyed and finally, on Friday, we celebrated National Poetry Day by performing a poem called, 'Where do all the teachers go?' in front of the whole school. Have a lovely weekend!



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