



Weekly Newsletter: 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I have decided that the newsletter should be rebranded as the 'informationletter' as there seems to be a lot to share with you. You will still find the usual class news and the report from this morning's football tournament but there are lots of bits and pieces to share.

FOAS

On Tuesday, the FOAS AGM was held. Each year a new committee is formed as new members join and existing members stand down from their roles. The one role which could not be filled, with the current committee, was the role of treasurer. After a lengthy discussion (and a number of chocolate biscuits), the decision was made to reach out to our parent body and wider community. The committee are looking for someone who could oversee the FOAS accounts but does not have to commit to supporting the fundraising events in person. This could be parent, grandparent or relative who, preferably, has some experience in managing finances for an organisation. If this is something which you, or a relative, might be interested in then please contact the school office.



'Breast Cancer Now' Charity Day

The School Council would like to take part in this year's 'Breast Cancer Now' fundraising charity event.

On Thursday 22nd October, the School Council would like the children to 'Wear it Pink' (or pinkish/red/purple!) for a voluntary donation.

There will also be a 'Guess it Pink' competition that will run throughout the week, which will be £1 to enter (with the monies being split 50/50 between the winner and the charity). This will be sold during pick up so please remember to bring some pennies to enter. Thank you, on behalf of the School Council,

for your support.

Pre-ordering Lunches on Arbor

Unfortunately, there are already over £750 of unpaid lunch debts on our school account which have been accumulated since we started term in September. To help reduce this, and ensure that further debts aren't run up, we will be moving to a pre-paid and pre-ordering system after half-term. From Monday 2nd November, all school lunches will be pre-ordered via the Arbor Parent app. Further information will follow nearer the time.

If you currently have outstanding monies on your Arbor account, please can you either settle them or, if you are experiencing financial difficulties, speak to the school office.

Prestige Sports Development Holiday Camp

We are really excited to announce that PSD (who run our after school clubs and support with our PE lessons) are going to be running a holiday camp at school during half-term. The sessions will run from Monday 26th October to Thursday 29th October, 9am to 3:30pm (with an option of an early drop off).

A little taster of the activities on offer are below:

- Super Sports – like Dodgeball, Football, Basketball, & more.
- Arts & Crafts – like Jewellery Making, Slime, Rock Painting & more.
- Mega Moments – like Laser Tag, Nerf Targets, Axe Throwing & more.
- Go Wild – Like Axe Throwing, Soft Archery, Scavenger Hunts, Garden Games
- Brain Busters – like scavenger hunts, quizzes and Team Games.
- STEM Stars – like Lego, Board games, Fort Building and Water Rockets!

If you would like to find out more and book your child in one or more of the days then please visit - <https://www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com/holiday-camp-venues> . Further information can also be found on the attachment to this newsletter email.

Harvest Festival

Next Wednesday, we will be walking down to All Saints for our Harvest Festival. If you are able to make a donation of any tins or packets of food, they will be gratefully received and shared amongst those who will really appreciate them in our local community. Also, if you are able to support with walking down (and back) to church, please speak to your child's class teacher. We will be leaving school around 9am and returning about 10:30am.



I hope that you have a fantastic weekend

Kind regards

Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
185	213	268	181

School Games U11 Mixed Football

Today, our U11 Mixed Football team took part in the Sudbury School Games tournament. With many of the players making their debuts for the school, there had been a lot of excitement and anticipation in the build-up to the big day. The tournament started with an 'Airfield Derby' match against Great Walmingfield. The boys started well before being caught (twice) by a quick break from our local rivals, which resulted in two goals and a 2 v 0 loss.

Next up, the Acton Blues took on Pot Kiln.

A clever free kick from Freddie W, which

beat the 'keeper from distance, gave us an early lead. A wonder strike from a Pot Kiln forward levelled the match shortly afterwards. Unfortunately, three more unanswered goals from Pot Kiln meant that ended up winning 4 v 1.

The final group match was against Long Melford, this was arguably the boys best performance of the morning. Despite having the better chances, Acton were unable to prevent two quick goals from Long Melford.

This meant that Acton finished with three losses from the three group games and were knocked out of the tournament.

However, there was the opportunity for a friendlies against the St. Gregory's Develop team, which resulted in a comfortable 7 v 0 win with goals from Lincoln (4), Rocco, Freddie W and Oscar; and Boxford, which was won by an early Freddie T tap in.

Despite their disappointment, the team was a credit to our school and represented Acton with great pride, determination and a fantastic sense of sportsmanship. Both Mr. Gray and Coach Green were all very proud of you. Congratulations to Pot Kiln who beat Long Melford in a nail-biting penalty shootout in the final.



School Lunch Price Update from Caterlink

We would like to make you aware of an important update regarding the price of school meals at your school. From Monday 2 November 2026, **the cost of a school meal will increase to £3.20 per pupil**. We appreciate that any increase in the cost of school meals needs to be carefully considered, particularly at a time when schools and families continue to manage increasing financial pressures. We have therefore worked hard to keep this increase to the minimum necessary.

Unfortunately, the cost of providing our catering service has continued to rise. In particular, we have seen increases in the cost of food and ingredients, staffing and employment costs, transport and other essential operating expenses. These pressures have had a significant impact on the overall cost of producing and serving meals within our schools.

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 Girls Football Tournament: Friday 16th October
- Parents Evenings: Tuesday 20th October (Reception only) Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October (Y1-6), 3:30-6:30pm
- 'Wear it Pink' Day: Thursday 22nd October
- 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	Ezra	Poppy	Leo
Leopards	Indie	Annie	Blake
Pandas	Charlie	Indie	Noah B
Llamas	Lilly-Mai	Nina	Jerry
Orcas	Kieran	Olivia	Patrick
Penguins	Isla	Arthur	Theo
Wolves	Daisy B	Caleb	Kit

Class News

Caterpillars

This week in Caterpillar class, we have enjoyed sharing the story 'Peace at Last'. In Drawing Club, we have explored the characters and the setting in the story. The children are working really hard to use their phonics knowledge to write initial sounds or CVC words to go alongside their drawings. In Phonics this week, we have again continued to teach new sounds from Phase 2; ck, e, u, r. The children are really enjoying our Phonics sessions - we hope they are sharing their learning with you at home. Our Maths learning this week has been comparing and sorting, looking at different sizes and lengths. We also ended the week using the balancing scales to

compare different weight, using the language heavier, lighter and balanced/the same. Continuing with our 'Marvellous Me' topic, we looked at our different body parts. The children enjoyed drawing round each other and then labelling their bodies. Another very busy week, well done Caterpillars.

Leopards

It has been another busy week in Leopard Class. This week, we used adjectives to describe Dogger. We then thought about what could have happened to Dogger from the time he was lost to the time he was found. We used our imaginations and came up with lots of ideas including playing at the park, visiting the farm and going to the beach. In Maths, we learnt about the key terms greater than, less than and equal to and the signs used for each of these. We compared both sets of objects and numbers. In Science, we learnt about the properties of everyday materials and, in Art, we used the skills we have built over the past few weeks to create portraits in the style of Paul Klee. In RE, we have been learning about Christenings and being welcomed into the church. This week, we pretended to attend a Christening service. We learnt about the key parts of the service and what happens in church when a baby is Christened. Next week, we will retell the story of 'Dogger'. In Maths, we will order numbers and, in History, we will learn what school was like in the past as we conclude our learning linked to our big question. In Phonics, we will review the sounds we have learnt and continue to develop our blending skills. We will also visit the church for Harvest Festival.

Pandas

This week, we concluded our 'Great Fire of London' unit in English, writing our own diary entries using personal pronouns, conjunctions and exclamations. Some of the Pandas even worked hard to join their handwriting, keeping letters carefully in formation and to the correct size. Next week, we look forward to reading 'The Tiger who came to Tea' and starting our new familiar stories unit. In Maths, we finished our unit on place value with some fantastic scores, before beginning our addition and subtraction unit. In Science, we have been learning about materials and their properties. We went on a material hunt around our classroom and outside too, locating glass, wood and plastic amongst other materials. We discussed why some materials are more appropriate than others for certain objects. In Computing, we learnt some more about online safety; in PE, we refined our netball skills; and in RE we learnt about the Yom Kippur service. Next week, we're looking forward to Harvest Festival at Church.

Llamas

It's been another busy week in Year 3 with lots of learning going on! In English, we have been using expanded noun phrases to describe different settings from the Stone Age such as a cave and a forest. In Maths, we have been using our counting on skills to add multiples of 10 and 100 onto two and three digit numbers. In History, we learnt about Stonehenge, including how it was built and why it was built (we couldn't agree on a reason!). In Computing, we talked about the people that we trust and used PurpleMash to create a Venn diagram and, in PE, we put our balancing skills to the test by holding our learned yoga poses whilst trying not to drop the bean bag from our heads! Well done for all your hard work this week, Llamas.

Orcas

It has been yet another lovely week in Orca Class! We began our new story in English this week, 'How to Train Your Dragon'. We started with a task where we watched a snippet of the film and then had to continue the story, creating tension. The results were superb and included some excellent descriptions. Next, rather excitingly, we got to draw and paint our own dragons using watercolours. We followed a dragon-drawing tutorial and then used watercolours to bring our creations to life. They are absolutely beautiful and have now made it onto our classroom wall – look out for them at Parents' Evening. In Maths, we have begun exploring various methods of mental addition and subtraction. Hopefully, these will all be helpful in real life when we need to add up the cost of our shopping. In PE, we created one final performance as part of our 'Bridges' unit, but this time our sequences had to include a roll and a jump as well. In Geography this week, we played a hemisphere game and learnt where to place the Tropics and the Arctic and Antarctic Circles. We also discussed what the climate is like in each of these places. Next, we learnt about how day and night occur and created some lovely posters explaining why. In

French, we learnt how to say where we live and then had some full conversations in French – ooh la la! Finally, with Mrs Fisher this week, the class have been learning 'Thank You for the Music' by ABBA and learnt about how Muslims celebrate the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. Well done for working so hard this week, Year 4.

Penguins

We have enjoyed getting stuck into our Art unit about portraits this week, completing a cold assessment of our prior knowledge, using a picture of Michael Rosen to practice our continuous line drawing, before applying this skill to self-portraits that we will turn into poem portraits next week. In English, we completed our Cold Write recounts all about an imaginary trip to the International Space Station and enjoyed reflecting on the quality of the Hot Writes we began publishing last week. In Maths, we have revised and refined our columnar addition and subtraction methods, using them to solve word problems that were quite difficult to model. In PE we thrived in a competitive, in-class benchball tournament and, in tag rugby, we have gradually introduced more legal passing into our games. In PSHE with Mrs Fisher, we discovered how our body reacts to our emotions and - in Music - we analysed 'I Saw Her Standing There' by The Beatles. In RE with Mrs Fisher, we continued with our unit on Islam and, in French, we rehearsed discussions about each other's birthdays.

Wolves

This week in French, with Mrs Fielder, we extended our sentences to give a reason for why we liked or disliked a subject; in Maths, we carried on with BODMAS; in PE, we ensured our Samba dances included key moves; and in Computing, we discussed how to screenshot, block and report any issues we may encounter due to online bullying. With Mrs Clow, we continued with our Science focusing on using classification keys to firstly sort animals, and then plants. This was quite tricky at times but we strived, persevered and managed to complete it. In English, we wrote our final story opening based on 'The Explorer' and the improvements between our first draft, at the beginning of Year 6 and now, have been amazing. Well done! In Art, we have been using our skills of observation to produce book covers ready for an upcoming display and, in PE, yet again due to the inclement weather, we had a game of Bench Ball in the hall. Finally, with Mrs Fisher, in RE we created our own collage of Muslims circling the Kaaba and discussed facts about Hajj- the fifth pillar, and in PSHE, we looked at a range of scenarios and decided whether they were appropriate, inappropriate or illegal.



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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](#).

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Access here: <https://msft.uk/Workshops>

A circular inset image showing three young people walking along a path in a park. On the left, a young man in a brown jacket and jeans. In the center, a young woman in a pink jacket and brown trousers. On the right, a young man in a red jacket and black trousers. They are walking towards the camera on a paved path with trees and a building in the background.

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