



Weekly Newsletter: 11th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to start this week's newsletter with a big thank you to all of the children, parents and grandparents who came to support the FOAS Summer Fayre last Friday. As always, it was a great success and a fantastic amount of money has been raised (see below for more details) to support the children at our school. I'd also like to thank the FOAS team for all of their hard work leading up to the day, on the day and with tidying up so quickly afterwards! Thank you also to the Wolves, who ran the stalls, and the staff, who were able to support with running the event.

I know that there are great plans already in the pipeline for 2025-26 so I am excited to see what FOAS come up with next!

You may have seen our choir take to the stage at the Summer Fayre. This was just a warm up for their big show on Sunday, when they performed alongside the Sudbury Choral Society at the Sudbury Arts Centre. The choir were amazing, singing beautifully and putting big smiles on the faces of the audience. Thank you to the children for being amazing ambassadors for our school and to their parents for giving the children the opportunity to take part. Finally, thank you to Mrs Hammond for all of the behind the scenes work which goes into these performances.



The musical theme continued on Thursday, when the children were treated to a wonderful keyboard performance from the pianists learning to play the keyboard with Sarah. Unfortunately, I missed the performance, due to a meeting, but I caught some of the preparation and warm-ups before the audience arrived, which sounded great. Not only have we got talented singers at school but we also have very talented musicians too.

It was a strange start to our week at school as the children metamorphosed in Caterpards, Leodas, Panmas, LLarcas, Orcguins and Penvles to spend time with their new teacher. As I walked around the school, it was clear that everyone was settling into their new classrooms and I could hear lots of interesting 'facts about me' being shared with the staff.

We were also missing half of our Wolf Pack, who were visiting Ormiston Sudbury Academy for their transition days. I was speaking to couple of them, while we walked to church for their Leavers Service on Wednesday, and it sounds like they had a great time and didn't get too lost. Next week, it will be turn of the children off to KEGS and TGS to experience high school life and I hope that they have a great time.

While I am mentioning Year 6, it seems a good time to congratulate the Wolves on a stunning set of KS2 SATs results. All of the hard work and effort that the children (and staff) have put in really did pay off! The children's results can be collected from school at the end of the day.

This week, Mrs Price wasn't the only familiar face that we welcomed back to Acton. You may have noticed that we have had four OSA students in school as part of their Year 10 work experience. It is always wonderful to see our ex-Actonites but having Amelia, Emilia, Ryan and Mia back this week has been particularly special as they were in Mrs. Garrod's first ever class as a teacher and my last class before I became the headteacher.

All of the staff have been really impressed with how fantastic they have been supporting in class (and how tall they have got) and we wish them well for their GCSE year.

Next Friday, there will be a non-uniform day for the winning house and a Freezer Friday (more details on both are below).

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
191	181	210	179

Congratulations to **OAK** to who have achieved the most house points this term so can enjoy a **non-uniform day next Friday** (18th July).

FOAS News

Thank you to everyone who came to support our **Summer Fayre** last week, we hope that you had a great time. We are really pleased to announce that fayre raised **£1340.90!** Well done to the Year 6's who ran the **Turtle Toss** game as they raised £132.



Next Friday (18th July), we will be holding a **Freezer Friday**. After school, we will be selling the ice creams which we have leftover from the fayre – remember to be quick as once they're gone, they're gone!

Summer Term Dates

- Friday 18th July - FOAS Freezer Friday
- Tuesday 22nd July – Last day of Summer Term

2025-26 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

- PD Days: Monday 1 September and Tuesday 2 September 2025
- Children return: Wednesday 3 September 2025
- Half-term: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025
- Children return: Monday 3rd November
- Christmas Holidays: Saturday 20 December 2025 to Sunday 4 January 2026

Spring Term 2026

- PD Day: Monday 5 January 2026
- Children return: Tuesday 6 January 2026
- Half-term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026
- Easter Holidays: Saturday 28 March 2026 to Sunday 12 April 2026

Summer Term 2026

- PD Day: Monday 13th April 2026
- Children return: Tuesday 14th April
- Half-term: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026
- Summer Holidays: Friday 17th July 2026

Little Oaks Wraparound



Our wraparound care is provided by Lisa, from Little Oaks. The Breakfast club runs from 7:30 to 8:30am and Afterschool club from 3:15-5:45pm every day of the week.

For more information and to book a place, please visit <https://www.littleoakskids.com/acton>.



Stars of the Week!



Class	Strive	Support	Succeed
Caterpillars	Corey-Hunter	Ocean	Tilly
Leopards	Sophia	Jacob	Lilly-Mai
Pandas	Bella	Hev	Althea
Llamas	Travis	Lula	Theo
Orcas	Miquel	Azalea	All of the Orcas
Penguins	Alissa	Remarkable Ryan	All the Penguins and their super sewing! (nominated by Mrs Fisher)
Wolves	Grace	Dottie and Ayanna (nominated by Mrs Fisher)	George

Class News

Caterpillars

This week started with the children visiting Miss Bickmore in Year 1 for two transition mornings. 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 Keepers 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. Our Art focus this week, was to draw an end of year self-portrait. The children used mirrors to look carefully at the features they needed to include. We then enjoyed comparing their drawings to the self-portraits that they created at the beginning of their Reception year.

Leopards

We started this week by spending time in our new classroom. We enjoyed completing different activities and getting to know the Year 2 team. In English, we wrote our letters to Hollow Trees Farm. We also learnt about exclamation marks and compound words. In Maths, we learnt to use a number line to 100 and to find 1 more and 1 less than a given number to 100. In Science, we learnt about the basic structure of trees, and, in Geography, we learnt about Scotland. Our PSHE focussed around who we can ask for help if someone is being unkind. Next week, we will read 'Dear Greenpeace' and write letters linked to this. In Maths, we will learn to compare numbers to 100. In Geography, we will learn about Wales and Northern Ireland, and in PSHE, we will consider the difference between secrets and surprises.

Pandas

This week in Year 2, we took our first steps into Year 3 as we enjoyed transition morning in Llama Class. We really enjoyed spending time with our new teacher, writing about ourselves and completing a maths code breaker. We also had a lovely afternoon on Wednesday getting to know Mrs Price, so now we're feeling very ready for September. Also this week, we were lucky enough to spend time with Mrs Clow and Mr Gray doing PE and continuing with our Maths work. What a busy time! Back in Year 2, we finished our measurement unit in Maths, recapping units of measure, as well as using the four operations to calculate new measurements. We also started our Geography topic, learning about the cities and countryside of Kenya, and comparing this to life in Suffolk. In RE, we learnt about Simchat Torah, a Jewish festival. We also made flags and created some artwork to document the life of Moses. In Computing, we continued our coding unit, adding new actions and code to draw lines and race objects. We can't quite believe there's only one full week left in Panda Class!

Llamas

In English this week, we've been busy planning our own version of 'The Shaman's Apprentice'. We used questions about the story to structure our plan and have been thinking carefully about how to include our KS2 writing features. In Maths, some of us have been recapping how to find fractions of amounts, while others have been working on our reasoning skills to answer worded problems. We also had a Maths Mystery to solve! In Science, we have been learning about the parts and function of flowers, pollination and seed dispersal. We finished our Science unit by creating a leaflet all about the life cycle of a plant. The highlight of our week has definitely been our DT project with Mrs Fisher as we created our box monsters! We all showed such creativity and enthusiasm during every step of our project and we are so proud of all of our creations! We've had a brilliant end to our week with Mrs Price and had a fantastic transition morning to Year 4 - we are so excited for all the new challenges to come. Well done for another great week Llamas!

Orcas

We have had a rather lovely penultimate week in Orca Class. The absolute highlight of our week has to be our trip to West Stow on Wednesday. It was amazing to be able to explore (replica) Anglo Saxon houses, to see how people once lived. It was also really interesting to discover so many artefacts that had been found locally. Everyone represented our school brilliantly and we were very lucky with the weather - a super day all round! In English this week, we planned and wrote up our final hot tasks of the year - a poem all about the summer. We had poems about ordering ice creams and poems about going on holiday, they were all brilliant! In addition, we are now all rhyming masters! We squeezed a little Maths in this week, looking at converting time and sorting 2D shapes. This included remembering the names of angles (such as acute or a right angle) and counting sides. In PSHE, we discussed secrets and surprises and linked different emotions to these. Then in History, we had a rather interesting lesson learning about Anglo Saxon crime and punishment. We learnt about a 'trial by ordeal' and created a role-play scene of a local village jury and sheriff, deciding on the outcome of a crime. Well done for working hard and being super on our trip, Year 4. One full week to go!

Penguins

An unusual week as the Penguins have begun their metamorphosis into Wolves, having enjoyed a super morning with Mrs Clow on Monday. 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 competitions when playing full matches of rounders and kwik cricket as we move towards the end of our striking and fielding unit.

Wolves

It's been a strange week with over half the Wolf Pack absent for two days but they returned with wonderful tales of their time at OSA. We have continued with our PSHE sessions this week, firstly looking at how change can affect us both positively and negatively before discussing how talking to a trusted adult or friend can really help us if we feel worried about something. We then moved onto changes within puberty and became 'agony aunts', giving advice on different scenarios. The main takeaway from this session was that we are all different, and it is normal to go through puberty at different times. Finally, we completed our unit by discussing how babies are made. It will come as no surprise to tell you that the Wolves were extremely mature in their approach to this topic. This week, we also wrote our leavers' speeches- the end of term is certainly coming round fast- and enjoyed another (rather hot!) session of cricket with Coach George. I hope the children going to KEGS and TGS have a wonderful week and we'll all be back together for our final two days.



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Community Events/News



Your child can join the **Summer Reading Challenge** this summer. It's fun, free and helps keep up reading skills over the holidays!

- 🏆 Set a reading goal
- 📖 Read whatever they like – books, eBooks, audiobooks
- 🎁 Earn stickers, rewards & even a certificate

Available **in libraries or online:**
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Starts 5th July in England (check with your local library for details).

It's a great way to boost confidence and make reading fun!

TRISudbury Junior Summer Series



5th Sept 2025

Duathlon
Run/Bike/Run

19th Sept 25

Aquathlon
Swim/Run

12th Sept 25

Aquabike
Swim/bike

26th Sept 25

Triathlon
Swim/Bike/Run

Registration open 18:00
Start 18:30

For further info contact: dave.mcmahon@trisudbury.com
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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](#).

Free, Virtual NHS Parent/Carer Workshops

Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation NHS Trust are running free virtual workshops (Zoom) 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 60-75 minutes long.

Visit <http://www.nsft.uk/workshops> for more details



Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

Free virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Big Feelings
- Self-harm
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Tourette's symptoms (TICS)



Access here: <https://www.nsft.nhs.uk/parent-workshops>





To book onto a workshop visit [nsft.uk/workshops](https://www.nsft.uk/workshops) or scan the QR code

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