



Weekly Newsletter: 22nd July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

That's a wrap (as they say in Hollywood)! Another year has flown past and today we have waved goodbye to the 2025 Wolf Pack.

Yesterday was a busy day of reflecting on the time that has passed and looking forward to our next adventures.

We started the day with our end of term Silent Assembly. During this time of reflection, the children come into the hall, which is lit with only candles (and a few fairy lights), without any music playing. We all sit and watch a visual display of all of the things that have happened over the term from school trips to theme days to assemblies. At the end, the children then leave without saying a word. It truly is a special time as it allows us to think about all of the experiences we have had (and memories that we have created) since the Easter holidays.

Yesterday, in a change to our normal tradition, our Year 6 Leavers had their parents in for Leavers' Lunch (thank you Sarah and Jo in the kitchen) before their Leavers' Assembly. This is always a highlight of the year as our Wolves stand in front of the school, and their parents, to deliver their Leavers' Speech. I know that the children are always a little nervous before taking part but, as we would expect of the Class of '25, they were brilliant. Each speech was slightly different, with a range of different memories and stories, which allowed the children's personalities to shine through.

This was followed by the annual Wolves vs Parents Rounders Match last night. Despite being 1 rounder down after the first innings, the Parents rallied back to win by 1.5 rounders. As always, it was a brilliant match with a fair bit of 'competitive spirit' between the two teams.

With all of the formalities out of the way, today has been about enjoying their last day here at Acton with t-shirts and books being signed left, right and centre.

On behalf of all of the staff, I would wish the Wolves well as they continue onto new adventures and would like to thank the families, who we are also saying goodbye to, for everything that they have done to support the school over the years.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer that is filled with laughter, love and happiness. I can't wait to hear all of the stories of holidays, adventures and happy memories when we welcome the children back on the 3rd September.

Kind regards

Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
191	181	210	179

Summer term 2025 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 1	Nina, Jacob, April, Lily
Year 2	Marley, Bella
Year 4	Miquel

Silver award	
Year 2	Phoenix, Althea, Patrick, Hunter, Rishaani, Addyson, Stanley, Jacob, Nancy
Year 3	Travis, Ruby, Isabella-Rose, Ava
Year 4	Olivia
Year 5	Bethany Cu, Ivy, Jack
Year 6	Austin

Gold Award	
Year 2	Jack, Lucas, George, Eloise, Kira, Kieran, Reuben, Libby, Harvey, Olivia
Year 3	Lula, Poppy, Corinne, Theo, Albie, Lincoln
Year 4	Rosie, Jack, Luna, Nyla, Kit, Freddie T
Year 5	Alissa, Sophia, Archie, Oscar, Bethany Cl, Alfie, Harry, Amelie, Lottie-Beau, Freya, Hannah, Max, Finlay, Mya, Annabell, Aurora, Charlie, Frankie, Charlotte
Year 6	Bobby, Jemima , Grace, George, Kellan, Riley, Sienna, Archie, Zach, Felix, Tristan, Connie, Pippa, Dottie, Amy

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 Year!



Class	Strive	Support	Succeed
Caterpillars	Eden	Willow	Ocean
Leopards	Liam	Florence M	Phoebe
Pandas	Muku	Rishaani	Bella
Llamas	Aquila	Ruby	Alice
Orcas	Miquel	Jude	Poppy
Penguins	Freya	Charlotte	Oscar
Wolves	George	Grace	Amy

Class News

Caterpillars

Wow, what an amazing first year at school the Caterpillars have had. They have all shown such great commitment to their learning and have all worked so hard - they are definitely ready for Year One! In our final week in Reception, we have been reading the story, 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch'. We have been writing about the characters in the story and designing our own lighthouses. In Maths, we have been practising our addition skills and recording our numbers. Also, we have enjoyed making pizzas, adding our yummy toppings! We hope you liked them! Finally, to finish the week, we have been playing in our outside area and making ice creams at our creative table. Today, we have had a party to celebrate our time in Caterpillar Class! Have a wonderful summer break!

Leopards

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the school year. It has certainly flown by! Last week, we read 'Dear Greenpeace'. The story is about a girl who thinks she has found a whale in her pond at home. We pretended that we had found a panda in the school grounds. We wrote letters to WWF to ask for more information about pandas and then wrote responses giving answers to the questions we had asked. In Maths, we finished our Place Value to 100 unit by comparing numbers to 100 using the key terms 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to'. In Geography, we learnt about Wales and Northern Ireland, and in Computing, we learnt about coding. To end our journey in Leopard Class, we have spent some time reflecting on our year. We have learnt so much and taken part in so many experiences. The Year 1 Team would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the year. We hope you have a lovely summer.

Pandas

Wow! What a year it has been. On a personal level, it has been my very first year in Year 2 after ten years of teaching Year 3, and I couldn't have asked for a better class to be with. My wonderful 'embarrassment' of Pandas have brightened up each and every day. They are kind, thoughtful, funny, courageous and fantastic friends. We have had so many great experiences together, most notably, our recent trip to Colchester Zoo. However, there's also the day-to-day moments- bingo on a Friday; our daily instalment of Newsround and the maths songs; reading 'Marmalade'; smashing NumBots; every child receiving their AR badge; and learning how to play rounders. I know that they will thrive in Year 3 and be the very best that they can be. Anyway, back to this week! In Year 2, we have really enjoyed learning all about Judaism and the Torah. We made mezuzahs, which we hung against the doorframe to tap as we entered and exited the room. We also received an email from a lady in the Jewish community, who answered lots of our questions. Also this week, we enjoyed supporting our friends in the RockSteady and piano concerts; created tally charts in Maths; and learned about the Kenyan countryside in Geography. So finally a thank you. Thank you for all of your support this year and for being an amazing part of the first Panda Class. Have a wonderful summer, and enjoy the break.

Llamas

We've had a fantastic last few days in Year 3, with our trip being the highlight of course! We had an amazing time at Daws Hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore the area in teams, practise their map work and get hands on with pond dipping. All the children represented Acton brilliantly, which made the adults on the trip incredibly proud. In English, we have been putting all our writing knowledge onto paper to create our own version of 'The Shaman's Apprentice'. We also read our stories aloud to practise our oracy skills. In Maths, we revisited a tricky topic - time! The clocks came out again to help us practise writing, reading and saying the time, which is still challenging so please do ask us to tell you the time over the summer! On Tuesday with Mrs Fisher, we put our French skills to the test at Mrs Fisher's vegetable stall and we evaluated our DT project. We've also completed our RE unit this week which is about Sikhi - understanding their beliefs about gurus and how they bring followers out of the dark and into the light. We discussed our own 'lightbulb' moments and who helps us to understand things when we're unsure. We also learnt about Nanak, his journey to becoming a

guru and why he disagreed with how people were treated. On a more personal note, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the Llamas for being so enthusiastic about their learning all year, showing kindness to one another and for being my first class at Acton - I've learnt just as much from you all as you (hopefully!) have from me. It's been a pleasure to teach every single one of you and I look forward to seeing you continue on your learning journey as Orcas! Have an amazing summer Llamas, you deserve it!

Orcas

Well, that's it - it's the summer holidays and Orca Class #1 is complete! We have had a wonderful year together, with lots of highlights, including our trips to Colchester Castle and West Stow, learning about some amazing topics like the Romans and Volcanoes, some excellent Art & DT opportunities and more! Well done to the entire class for putting lots of effort in and consequently making a lot of progress. Over the past few days, we have still been very busy finishing off our final topics of the year. In Science, we created food chains for a tundra environment and discussed how humans can have an impact on this environment. We also learnt about climate change - specifically flooding and wildfires. In History, we created our own Bayeux Tapestry, based on the events of the Battle of Hastings. This looks amazing and is currently hanging up on the wall in our classroom. It is exciting that the real tapestry will be available to see in London soon! In PSHE, we learnt about different types of marriage and, in Maths, we played a giant class game of Battleships. On Monday, we recapped the year with a class quiz - nothing like a bit of healthy competition whilst remembering what we learnt in our topics! Then, we had an ice cream party on Tuesday to finish our year off together. I hope everyone has an amazing summer and I wish you all the best!

Penguins

We can't believe it's all over! Penguin Class enjoyed their last week and a bit 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, before completing our final arithmetic test of the school year - the scores keep on improving! 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, Coach Caragh and Coach Dan got to choose our sports - as they have both been so superb all year - and led our final games of diamond cricket and rounders. Mrs Fisher took us through our final assessments in RE and DT and sent our Penguin projects home. 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

Last week was another quiet week with some of the Wolves missing, but it's been wonderful having the whole Wolf Pack together again for the last two days. We focused on our Geography unit - Mountains - last week and began by locating mountains in the UK before looking at how topographical maps work. We then created our own maps using coloured card to represent the different heights of the mountain. After that, we used laptops to research climates in mountains and compared them to a typical day in that country. Following on, we also looked at the features of mountains; how mountains are formed; the risks of being in the mountains; and finally, we wrote about advantages and disadvantages of living in a mountainous environment. We also enjoyed a session of dodgeball and rock, paper, scissors in PE whilst hopping over hoops in order to beat the other team. We had our final swimming session in which we played games and had races, and with Mrs Fisher, we enjoyed researching different artists and creating artwork based on the ones we chose. Finally, I just wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to the incredible Wolves for an absolutely fantastic year, thank you parents, for all your support, and I wish every one of you a wonderful and relaxing summer break. Good luck in the future and please keep in touch.



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Community Events/News

Acton Sale Trail

Sunday 7th September

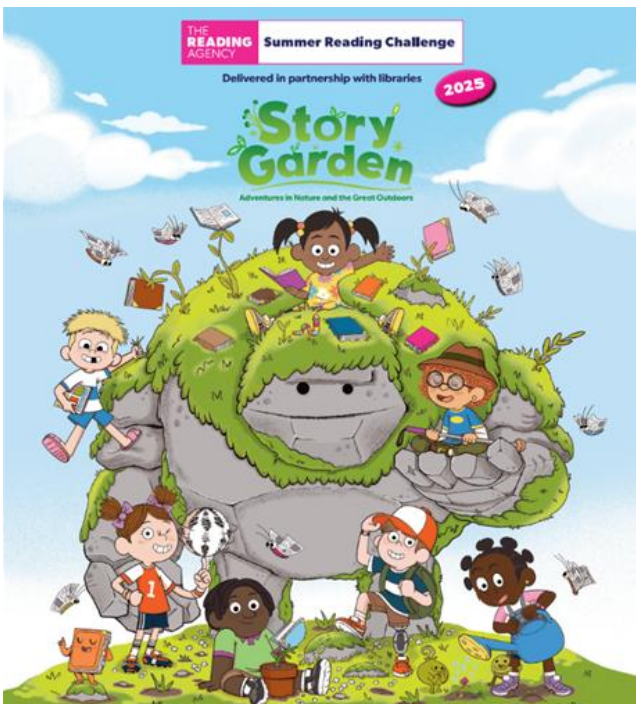
10am-12pm

£10 per house

Raising money for balance bikes for Acton Primary School and a 'buddy bench' for the School Council

To join the map, please find us on Facebook 'Acton Sale Trail 2025' or text 07748947070

Closing date for sellers to join Saturday 9th August



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
Tel: 07368 610006

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


Norfolk and Suffolk
NHS Foundation Trust

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

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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rising energy costs, housing or anything else please
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