



Weekly Newsletter: 27th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, I have had the pleasure of joining our Wolves on their residential trip to [Thorpe Woodlands](#). After a less than perfect start (thank you to the amazing parents who were able to help out when the bus didn't turn up!), we all had an amazing few days of bikes, boats, heights and cave adventures.

I always enjoy the residential trips as it is an opportunity to see the children challenge themselves outside of the classroom and support each other when things get a little scary. It goes without saying that there were lots of 'Proud Headteacher' moments but one really stood out.



On the second evening, around the campfire, the children had to find three pinecones. As we went around the circle, they had to say one thing that they were proud of themselves for, something that they had learnt (a skill or about themselves) and then give a 'shout out' to someone

in the group. They then threw the pinecones into the fire.

As we went around the circle, both Mrs Clow and myself were so impressed with the Wolves' reflective comments and their ability to identify how they had grown over the trip. The 'shout outs' were also lovely as they were given to members of the class who had overcome their own challenge or supported to overcome a challenge. It really was a very special moment.



Last night, the Wolves continued their busy week with their performance of King Lear, alongside schools from across East Anglia, as part of the [Royal Shakespeare Company's Regional Playmaking Festival](#) at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester. This is the 6th year that we have taken part and the Wolves shone brightly on stage – especially as there were some last minute changes to the cast. It was also great to see ex-pupils take the stage with Ormiston Sudbury Academy and catch-up with them afterwards.

The Wolves' performance last night was another definite 'Proud Headteacher Moment'. I think the Wolves (and Mrs. Clow) have definitely earned a restful weekend.

With Year 2 out today at the [Zoo](#), Year 1 at the [farm](#) on Monday and Year 6 out (again) at [Active Week](#) on Tuesday, we thought we would add to a crazily busy couple of weeks by throwing [Sports Day](#) and the [Summer Fayre](#) into the mix next week.

We are looking forward to having you join us on Wednesday, when Lime House look to defend the Sam Parsons Sports Day Cup. Please feel free to come into school from 12pm to enjoy a picnic lunch with your child on the field before the races start at 1pm (ish). As always, I would encourage you to wear your child's House colours, which really added to the atmosphere last year. I am aware that the warm weather is due to continue next week so we will be making the usual arrangements to ensure that the children are kept hydrated and in the shade as much as possible.

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points*

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
124	106	133	110

*No update this week due to our House Captains being a little busy!

FOAS Dates

[Friday 27th June](#) - Year 1 Cake Sale. FOAS Summer Fayre raffle tickets will also be on sale (cash only)

[Wednesday 2nd July](#) - Sports day. FOAS will be providing ice creams/lollies for every child and raffle tickets will also be on sale

[Friday 4th July](#) - FOAS Summer Fayre. Children can come into school in non-uniform for a donation of £1 or a packet of sweets (no chocolate) to be used in the Sweet Tombola.

Any donations of unwanted, but good quality, teddy bears for the Teddy Tombola and bottles of alcohol for the Bottle Tombola would also be gratefully received.

Summer Term Dates

- Wednesday 2nd July – Sports Day (Parents welcome from 12pm)
- Friday 4th July – End of Year Reports and FOAS Summer Fayre
- 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	Noah B	Eden	Willow
Leopards	Esmae	Lily	Abel
Pandas	Muku	Kieran	Nancy
Llamas	Zara	Aquila	Beau
Orcas	Evie	Emily	Freddie T
Penguins	Archie	Annabell	Alissa
Wolves	All of the Wolves		

Class News

Caterpillars

Our story this week has been 'Somebody Crunched Colin'. Thankfully this was about a crisp packet and not our class caterpillar. During our Drawing Club sessions, the children looked closely at the characters and setting in the story and have written some fantastic sentences about where Colin ended up. In Phonics, we have continued to read and spell CCVCC and CCVCCC words that use previously taught digraphs. The children have also been practising the reading and spelling of the CCC onset in words. Our Maths focus has been number bonds within 10 and number formation. The children have really enjoyed the challenge of trying to record their calculations by writing number sentences on whiteboards. In Art, we looked at observational drawing. The children followed simple instructions to draw a butterfly. We then used oil pastels to colour our pictures carefully, making sure to blend colours to add detail. A great week Caterpillars!

Leopards

It has been another busy week in Leopard Class. This week, we created and described an opposite pair of superheroes. We learnt to add the suffixes -er and -est to words and wrote comparative sentences. In Maths, we started our Place Value unit by counting from 50 to 100. We then learnt to partition numbers into tens and ones. In Science, we learnt about deciduous and evergreen trees. We used a tree identification key to identify and name different trees. As part of our Geography lessons, we learnt about England and some of its characteristics. We were also very lucky to have the opportunity to cook with Mrs Fisher this week. We enjoyed making 'Gruffalo Crumble'. Next week is another busy week. On Monday we have our trip to the farm and on Wednesday, it is Sports Day.

Pandas

This week in Year 2, we have been thinking about all our successes over the year as we wrote our end of year report comments. We looked back over all the different subjects and topics, remembering things we have been proud of and activities we enjoyed most. We also looked ahead to Year 3. In PSHE this week, we have been learning about our bodies and how they change. We talked about how we have changed from babies to children and what will change again in adulthood. We also learnt about similarities and differences between bodies and labelled these appropriately. On Tuesday, we spoke about loss and how this emotion can be difficult to cope with. We discussed strategies for helping to support people cope with loss and also how it would feel to be reunited. Also this week, in Maths we read scales in grams, learning about how scale can increase in different intervals and what it means when the arrow isn't exactly on a number. With Mrs Fisher, we read the story of 'The Prodigal Son' in RE, whilst in Music, we learnt a reggae style folk song called 'Down by the bay'. In P.E., we had a practise of the obstacle race and the relay race, pairing up with Y1 to practise in our house teams. As you're reading this, we will have been on our, much anticipated, school trip to Colchester Zoo (and that's just the adults!) We will report back all about it next week.

Llamas

In Llama class this week, we have used our Maths learning time to recap and consolidate short division (or bus stop) method. Lots of us were still a little confused by this method so we've spent the week completing lots of division questions, starting with 2 digits, then 3, then 4 digit numbers. It's safe to say we are now experts. In English, we have been recapping fronted adverbials in the context of our story 'The Shaman's Apprentice' and practising how to use them to vary our sentence structures. We've also been busy reflecting on our year in Llama class, thinking about when we have strived, supported and succeeded and the goals we want to set ourselves for next year as we wrote our end of year reports. As we finished our Geography learning last week, we have begun our Science topic which is plants! We were especially lucky to start our Science topic with Mrs Price on Wednesday when we recapped what plants need. We also prepared our experiment to find out what happens to different plants if certain needs are taken away, for example sunlight and a warm temperature. Our next lesson was all about roots and how water is transported around plants. We watched a flower turn a different colour once food dye was added to the water it was in! On Tuesday with Mrs Fisher, we continued learning how to say and write different vegetables in French and we also made a start on our DT project - pop-up monsters! Well done for all your hard work this week Llamas!

Orcas

We have had another lovely week in Orca Class. In Science this week, we looked at the different features of plants and then created our own classification keys for a selection of plants. Many of the class completed the chilli challenge for the lesson, which was brilliant, drawing their own plants and sorting them. In History, we created timelines of the Anglo Saxons and learnt a little more about where they came from. In English, we performed poems to the class and wrote up 'The Dragon Who Ate Our School' as a story. These were super and many of the class created some wonderful stories. In Maths, we have been looking at working out area and perimeter this week. We discussed how working these out is helpful for things such as redecorating your bedroom (very useful!). In PE, we practised our obstacle race and had fun playing cricket with Coach George. Finally, in Art, we created some wonderful observational pictures using pencils and pastels. We were inspired by the rain forest and by designers like William Morris. We then used our pictures to create mood boards, choosing a colour swatch from our work. Well done for working hard this week, Year 4!

Penguins

In Penguin Class this week, we have been striving to complete everyone's favourite activity of the year - Pupil Voice! In Science, we completed our hot assessment to finish our topic about the human timeline. In order to prepare for this, we took part in a class quiz about adolescence and puberty, used information texts to answer comprehension questions about human aging and compared the gestation periods of humans and a range of other animals, presenting our findings in the form of a line graph. In English, as well as summarising our individual feelings about Year Five on our Pupil Voice sheets, we enjoyed looking closely into the first chapter of "The Hobbit" by JRR Tolkien and drawing our own versions of "Mirkwood" following a guided visualisation. In Maths, we went all in on line graphs, answering questions about them before writing our own "Line Graph Stories". Afterwards we enjoyed trying out the Make 100 and Make 200 investigations. In PE, we enjoyed an extra Cricket session with Coach George, as well as an obstacle race practice with Coach Dan before developing our teamwork when trying to field defensively with Coach Caragh. In Music with Mrs Fisher, we played along to 'A Bright Sunny Day' with improving accuracy on the glockenspiels and, in French, we found out how to write sentences about Ancient Rome.

Wolves

Mr. Gray has given Mrs. Clow a week off from writing the Year 6 news due to it being such a hectic week. Normal service with resume next week.



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Community Events/News



Football Foundation
TOGETHER FOR FOOTBALL



**NEW COMMUNITY 3G
OPENING CEREMONY**

Sunday 29th June
11am-2pm
FULL DETAILS TO FOLLOW

WEST SUFFOLK WOLVES BASKETBALL TEAM

**U12 GIRLS TEAM
FOR GIRLS IN YEAR 6 & 5**

LOCATION

MONDAY'S 6PM - 8PM
@ COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

TURN UP AND PLAY!

ALL COACHES ARE ENHANCED
DBS CHECKED
AND
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FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT COACH JOHNSON
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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)

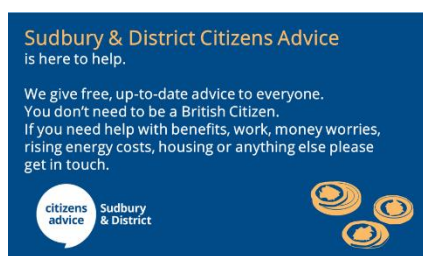
Access here: <https://www.nsft.nhs.uk/parent-workshops>

The poster features the NHS logo and the text 'Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust'. It includes a circular image of three young people walking outdoors.



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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