



Weekly Newsletter: 4th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I love talking to my non-teacher friends about the end of the Summer term, especially when they say “Surely, you are just winding down to the summer holidays now.” That certainly has not been the case this week, last week or, indeed, next week!

Monday started off with our Leopards visiting [Hollow Trees Farm](#) (a trip which I was lucky enough to tag along on). I know that the children had a wonderful time at the farm exploring the jobs which have to be carried out, planting seeds, feeding the animals (including some very aggressive rabbits!) and building bird nests. I hadn't visit Hollow Trees on a school trip before but will definitely be volunteering next year.



On Tuesday, our nomadic Wolves visited Wells Hall Primary School to take part in their [Active Week](#) (thank you Mr. Smith for the invite and a wonderful day). During the day, the Wolves took part in a range of sports from golf and kickboxing to Nerf wars and Pickle Ball. Despite the heat, they did brilliantly and gave every new sport 100%.



Which brings me to **Sports Day** on Wednesday. You would not believe how many times the different weather apps were being checked and compared from Sunday onwards! As always, it was a brilliant, if slightly damp at times, day. Congratulations to **Cedar** on reclaiming the Sam Parsons Sports Day Cup, after lending it to **Lime** last year. As I said on the day, the scores were really close at the midway point with **Oak** leading the way but the Blue Wave came during the afternoon races.



Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children. There certainly was a wall of noise for the races – especially the last 50m of the 600m race.

Thursday seemed a little boring in comparison to the rest of the week however we still welcomed Coach George for more excellent cricket sessions. From my office, I can see the children taking part in the sessions and I have been so impressed with progress each of the classes have made since starting working with George.

This brings us today ... the children have come in to school wearing their non-uniform and full of excitement for the **FOAS Summer Fayre** this evening. As always, we are incredibly grateful to the FOAS team for everything that goes into the preparation and running of this event. I know that this will be last event for a number of the FOAS team as their children move onto high school, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for their time and dedication over the years.

On Sunday, our school choir will be taking part in the Sudbury Choral Society's Summer concert '**A Medley of Animalia**' at the Sudbury Arts Centre. I caught a sneak peek of their rehearsal yesterday and they sounded amazing – I can't wait to see them perform on Sunday. Tickets are still available by [clicking here](#) or can be bought on the door.

SUDBURY CHORAL SOCIETY
A MEDLEY of ANIMALIA
with Acton CEVC Primary School Choir

Sunday 6th July 2025 at 3pm

Sudbury Arts Centre
St. Peter's, Market Hill CO10 2EA

Musical Director: John Chillingworth
School Choir Conductor: Katy Hammond
Accompanist: Jill Garrett

TICKETS: Adults £12, Children £2

From Sudbury Tourist Office (Town Hall), Juniper Flowers (North Street).
Ticketsource online or on the door.

Doors open and refreshments available
from 2:30pm

www.sudburychoralsociety.co.uk
Reg. Charity No. 269588

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming **Mrs Price** back to school as her maternity leave comes to an end. We are also really pleased that Miss Edgett will be staying with us as the two of them will be teaming up to teach Year 3.

Next week will also see the children visiting their new classes ahead of September and we will be welcoming our new Caterpillars and their families too. This does mean that we will also be waving off the Year 6s, who are off to OSA (good luck and have the best couple of days).

Right, I think I've covered everything this week (what a week!) so I'd better get limbered up for my turn in the stocks – please be gentle!

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
175	158	185	154

Football 4 Charity

Last Saturday, Lula-Mae's Dad, Lee, organised a [charity footballing event](#) raising money on behalf of 4 charities: Rare Disease UK, Parkinson's UK, British Heart foundation & Tommy's Journey, which was held at AFC Sudbury.

Well done to Amy, Grace, Austin and Sophie (Y6), Frankie, Shayla(Y5), Oscar K (Y4) and Arthur (Y3) who nominated themselves to get involved in the event. As a result, they helped the charity reach the highest ever fundraising total of £9,050 and bringing the total of the overall fundraising to £43,937.78.



Summer Term Dates

- 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	Felix	All of the Caterpillars	Reya
Leopards	Phoebe	Felix and Dottie (Wolf Class)	All of the Leopards
Pandas	Jacob	Addy	Rishanni
Llamas	Lilly	Phoebe	Arthur
Orcas	Rosie	Poppy	Ellie
Penguins	Amelie	Bethany Cl	Bonnie
Wolves	Kellan	Jemima and Sienna (nominated by Mrs. Fisher)	Ayanna

Class News

Caterpillars

This week our learning has been based around dinosaurs. The children have enjoyed sharing the story 'Tyrannosaurs Drip' in Drawing Club, writing about the characters and setting. We have had a dinosaur museum role play area, and a variety of dinosaur resources for the children to create and explore with. In Phonics this week, we have continued to teach and practise the reading and spelling of CCVCC words using previously taught digraphs. The children have also practised the recognition and recall of Phase Two and Three graphemes, as well reading and writing simple sentences. Our Maths focus this week has followed on from last week as the children have continued to explore simple maps. They have enjoyed creating a map of their walk to school, as well as a simple farm map. On Wednesday the Caterpillars enjoyed taking part in their first sports day. All the children did so well, and we all had lots of fun, despite the rain. Well done Caterpillars.

Leopards

It has been another unusual week in Leopard Class this week. We started the week with a visit to Hollow Trees Farm where we learnt about crops, animals and habitats. We got to plant our own beans, go on a tractor and trailer ride, help in the School Garden, feed the animals and build habitats and nests. We all had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The Year 1 Team would like to say how sensible Leopard Class were on a very hot day. We would also like to thank Mr Gray for joining us on our trip. On Wednesday, we had Sports Day. We enjoyed taking part in lots of activities and races. Thank you to all those who came to support us. Alongside all of these exciting things, we have also managed to squeeze in some learning too. In English, we looked at photos from our trip and wrote recounts of our day. We then drafted letters to the staff at the farm to say thank you for making our school trip such a great experience. In Science, we learnt about the parts of a plant and their functions, and in PSHE, we considered what babies need and don't need. Next week, we will write our thank you letters to the staff at the farm. In Maths, we will learn to use a number line to 100 and find one more and one less than a given number. In Science, we will learn about the parts of a tree, and in Geography, we will continue to learn about the four countries of the United Kingdom. We will also spend some time with our new teacher.

Pandas

Before we talk about this week, we have to start with a recap from Friday. Last Friday, we had our very first school trip all the way to Colchester Zoo. We had an amazing day looking at all of the different animals and their environments, as well as learning all about habitats with Liv, our zoo keeper guide. We were particularly interested in the African animals ready for our new Geography topic. The lion was a real highlight of our trip as he ate his lunch whilst keeping his beady eye on us... Thank you to Hev, Mrs Smith, Miss Preston and Harvey's mum, Jo, for all of their help during the day to keep us all safe and having fun. This week, we enjoyed creating stained glass window pictures of 'The Good Samaritan' in RE with Mrs Fisher before our special performance of 'No More Dinosaur' and a recap of all the songs we have learnt so far. On Tuesday, we all melted in the heat whilst trying our best to write our information texts in English. We used all of the facts we had found out to create three text boxes including subheadings. Later in the week, we added pictures, captions and an introduction. We also continued to read and draw scales in Maths, for both temperature and capacity. In PSHE this week, we discussed the importance of privacy and what this means in different situations. We also talked about secrets and when secrets should not be kept when we feel uncomfortable. We created a poster showing our safety network, thinking through the people who we trust that we could talk to. On Wednesday, we enjoyed Sports Day! We supported our house all morning within the activities and then again in the races. There was some fantastic results and great participation. Finally, Friday brings non-uniform and the summer fair. We used Purple Mash in Computing to continue our coding unit, before heading outside to visit all the stalls, sing with the choir and have our faces painted... oh, and maybe to throw some sponges at Mr Gray! Next Monday, brings transition morning- have a wonderful time in your new class Pandas and go and be the very best you can be!

Llamas

Even in the hot weather, the Llamas have managed to work incredibly hard this week! In English, we have been using our stories about the rainforest to think about the perspectives of the animals there. We used these to practise using present perfect form in our writing, which sounds tricky but the magic word 'have' helped us through! In Maths, we have been working on our multiplication skills using the written method. We started with two-digit numbers, then we moved onto three-digit numbers and some of us even tried four-digit numbers! In Science, we learnt about the parts and functions of leaves and we went on a nature walk around our playground to see if we could spot patterns and differences in the leaves we found. We've also checked on our plant experiment to see if our seeds have grown without some of the things they would usually need to germinate. On Tuesday with Mrs Fisher, we continued learning how to read, write and say different vegetables in French. We also had a really fun DT lesson painting and decorating our boxes! The highlight of our week was, of course, Sports Day and I couldn't

be prouder of the Llamas for their support towards each other and the effort they put into every single event. You've been amazing this week Llamas, have a well-deserved rest this weekend!

Orcas

It has been a scorcher for the Orcas this week in school, but we have tried our best and still completed lots of learning! In English, we have been considering 'secret strings' in various poems - ways that the poem is linked, such as with alliteration or rhyme. We also attempted to learn a poem off by heart (easier said than done) which everyone did very well at! In Maths, we have been whizzing through the end of our unit, looking at money and time. Everyone smashed adding and subtracting money, but found telling the time a little trickier - perhaps it is something to have a go at home? In History, we learnt about why the Anglo Saxons chose to invade and settle in England and what the push/pull factors were. We also started to learn a little more about how our country was ruled back then. Back on Monday, we spent lots of time creating wonderful zoomed-in observational drawings of parts of rainforest creatures, using a 'viewfinder' to help us choose an area to create. The animals we drew included leopards, tree frogs, parrots and more. We had good fun playing cricket with George on Thursday and creating our torches with Mrs Fisher on Friday. Finally, everyone did incredibly well on Sports Day, representing our class and their houses well. Well done for another super week, Year 4!

Penguins

Excitement builds as all the Penguins are in their non-uniform ready for Summer Fayre - let's hope the weather is kinder to us than it was on Sports Day!... In Art this week, we began a new unit about expression and depth in drawing, using charcoals to suggest movement when sketching trees in the breeze and using felt tips, water and brushes to create memory pictures in the style of Charlie Mackesy. In English, we prepared for our hot write by planning our own lost tales linked to the forest of Mirkwood in The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien. We also used our writing skills when composing letters to share with the new Penguin Class for transition morning next Monday. In Maths, we explored line graphs and saw how they are particularly useful for explaining changes over time. Next, we compared them with bar charts and tables, answering tricky word problems about all of them. In PE, Sports Day was a huge success and Coach Caragh further improved our communication skills when playing Benchball (allowing FOAS to prepare the field for the fayre). In DT with Mrs Fisher (and an array of special helpers), we worked so hard to design, plan, cut and sew our beautiful stuffed Penguins as part of our textiles project - it has been lovely to see how many of the class are so talented in this creative, calming area. A huge thank you to Mrs Fisher for always going the extra mile to provide so many fun and unique tasks across the year!

Wolves

We'd like to say that we've had a calmer week this week, but it's been as jam-packed as ever. On Monday, we started our PSHE unit, looking at how the media can manipulate images and how the images we often see online, have been altered. We also focused on sharing kind words about how people look and how a compliment can make a positive difference to someone. On Tuesday, we battled on in the hot weather with our active day at Wells Hall. We took part in golf, kick-boxing, a nerf-gun battle, cricket and pickle ball learning new skills along the way. On Wednesday, we enjoyed our final sports day with some incredibly close finishes and excellent sportsmanship, and on Thursday, we enjoyed a morning with Mr Gray, getting our posters ready for our Summer Fayre stalls as well as typing up our memories about Thorpe Woodlands. We also had another cricket session with Coach George working on perfecting our bowling and striking skills. Finally, on Friday, we took part in the Gold award for water safety skills at swimming before enjoying the Summer Fayre.



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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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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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