



Weekly Newsletter: 12th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is safe to say that the first week has flown past in a blur of smiling faces, best first impressions and quarter-past-three rain showers! It has been wonderful to see all of the children settling into their new classes and routines this week.

Today, we had our first Stars Assembly of the year, as the Caterpillars joined the rest of the school for the first time. We have all been so impressed with how well the Caterpillars have settled into school life - I imagine that they will sleep well this weekend!

I gather, from speaking to the children (and staff), that Acton was awash with bargain hunters on Sunday. The conversations this week have either been about the great deals that were had or the amount of extra spending money that the children raised. Thank you to the team behind the event for organising it and to all of the households who took part. As a result of the trail, we received a £350 donation which has gone towards a Buddy Bench for the playground.

It would appear that we have returned from the Summer Holidays to a new craze! We have noticed a large number of children bringing in toys, especially Labubus, in school. We have spoken to the children today about the number of toys that are coming to school from home. While I appreciate that the children are excited and want to show their friends their new summer toys, we cannot be responsible for their safekeeping and them not being damaged. Please can you ensure that all cuddly contraband stays at home to save any tears or disappointment.



In this week's newsletter, you will find the all-important Nativity dates for Reception and KS1 (Year 1 and 2). More information regarding tickets will be shared nearer the time. I wanted to share the dates with you as soon as possible to enable time to be booked off work in advance.

I hope that you have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards

Jonathan Gray
Headteacher

House Points

Willow	Cedar	Oak	Lime
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(Counting will start next week once our House Captains have been elected).

No Outsiders

Next Tuesday will be the first of our No Outsiders mornings. During the morning, children from across the school will be learning about diversity and equal opportunities through reading a carefully selected book. The books that will be used in each class are listed below. If you have any questions about the books then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Class	No Outsiders Book
Caterpillars (Reception)	You Choose
Leopards (Y1)	Elmer
Pandas (Y2)	Can I join your club?
Llamas (Y3)	This is our house
Orcas (Y4)	Along came a Different
Penguins (Y5)	Kenny lives with Erica and Martina
Wolves (Y6)	King of the Sky

Christmas Performances

The C-word might seem like a long way off but it will be here before we know it! Below are the dates and approximate times of the Christmas performances, further details regarding tickets will be released nearer the time.

- Wednesday 10th December, 2pm– Reception Nativity Performance
- Wednesday 10th December, 9:30am – KS1 Nativity Performance
- Thursday 11th December, 2pm – KS1 Nativity Performance



PE Days

Below are the PE days for each class. On these days, your child should come to school wearing their PE kit (plain white/house colour t-shirt, shorts/skirt and trainers) and their **school uniform jumper, fleece or cardigan**. This is to ensure that the children remain looking smart and part of our school community. We encourage the children to wear tracksuit trousers in the colder months.

Class	PE Days
Reception (Caterpillars)	Tuesday and Friday
Year 1 (Leopards)	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2 (Pandas)	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3 (Llamas)	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4 (Orcas)	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5 (Penguins)	Wednesday and Friday
Year 6 (Wolves)	Monday and Wednesday

2025-26 Term Dates –

Autumn Term 2025

- Harvest Festival at All Saints Church: Wednesday 15th October 2025
- Parents Evenings: Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October 2025
- Half-term: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025
- Children return: Monday 3rd November
- Individual Photos: Monday 17th November 2025
- Reception Nativity: Wednesday 10th December, 2pm
- KS1 Nativity: Wednesday 10th December, 9:30am and Thursday 11th December, 2pm
- Christmas Holidays: Saturday 20th December 2025 to Sunday 4th 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	Ezra	Juno	Jack
Leopards	Frank W	Archie	Ava
Pandas	Arabella	Peggy	Esme
Llamas	Rupert	Harvey	Kira
Orcas	Aquila	Lula	Ruby
Penguins	Mia	Kit	Oscar H
Wolves	Charlie	Alissa	Finlay

Class News

Caterpillars

What a fantastic start to the school year we have had in Caterpillar class. The children have settled into school routines brilliantly and have had such a positive start to their time at Acton. This week, we have started our new class topic 'Marvellous Me'. The children have enjoyed sharing their holiday diaries and talking about things that they like to do. In Phonics, we have been playing lots of Phase 1 games, using our listening ears to hear and recognise different sounds and rhymes. In Maths, we have been busy completing number puzzles, exploring a variety of maths equipment and singing lots of number songs and rhymes. The children have also enjoyed exploring the outside classroom, playing in the sand, water and mud kitchen. Our bikes and trim trail have also been very popular with the children. Well done for having such a super week Caterpillars.

Leopards

We had a busy first full week in Leopard Class. Everyone has settled in well and we have agreed our class rules. In English, we focussed on sentence structure. We completed a range of learning activities including building, unscrambling and writing sentences. In Maths, we started our unit of learning by sorting objects based on their key characteristics. We then went on to use practical resources and pictorial representations to count objects. This week, we have also started our History topic by finding out about toys from the past and now. We are looking forward to learning more about how things have changed over time whilst exploring our big question 'What was it like when our parents and grandparents were little?' Next week, we will begin learning about stories with familiar settings. In Maths, we will move on to representing objects and recognising numbers and words. In Phonics, we will focus on blending.

Pandas

Welcome to Year 2! I hope that you all had a lovely summer break and it's been so lovely welcoming our new set of Pandas into Year 2 over the last week. We have launched straight into our learning, focusing on descriptive writing in English. We have used noun phrases to label images as well as within sentences. We then used commas to separate our list of ideas. In Maths, we have been revising our place value knowledge, securing understanding of tens and ones. We used dienes blocks to help us to represent each number before carefully writing the number in digits and words. Also this week, we have practised dodging skills in P.E. and enjoyed creating our own games using a variety of equipment. In Science, we have begun our unit looking at materials. We thought about the uses of different materials and where we find them around the school and at home. In RE, we discussed the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah. We talked about the difference between good and bad deeds and how to make things better if we do something wrong. We also enjoyed trying some delicious apple, honey and pomegranate as part of our learning about the festival. In Computing, we looked at how to stay safe online and the difference between using an avatar and posting photos or personal information. Thank you for your support with our transition to our new phonics scheme and reading books. We hope to get all the children sorted with a new book soon and we hope that you can enjoy sharing some

books at home in the meantime. Those children already on AR can continue to read and quiz on their books as they did in Year 1.

Llamas

What a great week we have had in Llama Class! In our guided reading lessons, we have been reading non-chronological reports about dragons. As a class, we explored the vocabulary within the text and answered comprehension questions. We also thoroughly enjoyed studying our new book, 'Tilly and the Time Machine' and discussing the plot. In Maths, we've been working on writing numbers as words and recognising place value of up to 1000. Towards the end of the week, we also revised 3D shapes and their properties with Mrs Price. We started our History topic by learning how people survived in the Stone Age and, in PSHE, we've been talking about people who are special to us. Well done for working so hard this week Llamas.

Orcas

What a lovely first couple of weeks we have had back together in Orca Class. It does feel like we've never been away. I must say, it is lovely to be back with the class, a year after finishing with them in Year 2 - what superb progress they have all made! We have been reading 'The Butterfly Lion' together, which is what our first English unit is about. This has allowed us to take part in some role-play, use inverted commas when writing and share some lovely group reading sessions. In Maths, we have jumped straight back in with our 'Number & Place Value Unit', looking at the value of different digits and counting in 10s, 100s and 1000s. We have started our first Science unit of the year, which is all about the digestive system. On Tuesday, we tested the uses of our different teeth with a yummy biscuit. We get to conduct some more experiments next week, which is rather exciting. Our Wednesday PE is currently netball with Dan and on Thursdays, we are exploring a 'mindfulness' unit, which involves moving to lots of different music. In Computing, we learnt about SPAM emails, as a part of our online safety unit and, in French, we are learning how to greet people and say how we are feeling. Finally, our class book at the moment that we read after lunch is 'Stig of the Dump' (a classic) for if anyone wants to follow along with their own book. Well done for working incredibly hard and making our first days of Year 4 super, Orcas.

Penguins

Here we are again! The new Penguins have certainly hit the ground running (or should that be waddling?). In Science, we have started learning about the Earth and space, collecting our prior knowledge before discussing concept cartoons and enjoying a planet fact scavenger hunt. We used our new planet knowledge to design our own planets using watercolours and found out lots about astronauts from our key space scientist - Maggie Aderin-Pocock. In English, we have listened to and analysed the work of Michael Rosen and written our own holiday recount poems based on his style, trying to remember to "speak onto the page". In Maths, we assessed our number and place value knowledge and then practised recording larger values in numbers and words, before focusing on the place value of individual digits in numbers up to 1 trillion. In PE, we worked on building up our communication skills in Netball with the expert help of Coach Caragh. It's been a fabulous start to the year!

Wolves

We have reached the end of our first full week as official Wolves and wow, what a start we've had! Mrs Clow has been very impressed with our attitude to learning, our support of each other and our manners; we will try to remember all of this going forward. We began the week with some fantastic Samba dancing with Mrs Fielder to go alongside our Geography unit all about Brazil. We used atlases to locate the different countries that border Brazil as well as studying the climate and weather in different areas of the country. We then used this information and Excel spreadsheets to create our very own graphs. In Maths, we have been focusing on ordering big numbers up to 10 million as well as finding the value of each digit and, in English, we began our class novel- The Explorer. So far, we know that it is an adventure story about four characters that find themselves stranded in the Amazon rainforest and we're looking forward to finding out what happens next. Our hockey session with Coach Dan focused on passing and defending. With Mrs Fisher, we created bridges using newspaper with a focus on teamwork in PSHE and, in

RE, we discussed why the Quran is valuable to Muslims and what items in our lives are valuable to us.



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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



HOME-START IN SUFFOLK PRESENTS
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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

SUDBURYS NEW BASKETBALL CLUB

PLEASE SHARE :)

SUDBURY SHARKS

STARTING SAT 6th SEP AT CORNARD SPORTS CENTRE 1-4pm
FREE FOR THE DAY
8-11 and 12-15 year olds girls and boys
BOOK YOUR PLACE AT
sudburysharksbasketball@gmail.com

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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