

'Let your light shine before others; that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.' - Matthew 5:16

School Newsletter

May 2025

What we've been up to in classes

Squirrels have been busy this month! They've been working hard to write independent sentences about their favourite Minibeasts and exploring addition and subtraction up to 10 using manipulatives and number sentences. They also did a fantastic job welcoming new children during stay-and-play sessions, proudly showing them around the classroom and outdoor areas. Well done, Squirrels!

In science, Acorn children have been exploring what plants need to grow, conducting hands-on investigations to understand the essential elements for healthy plant development. Meanwhile, in art, creativity has been in full bloom as the children transformed ordinary sticks into imaginative stickmen using wool and their vivid imagination.

Oaks have really been enjoying science. We have been learning about electric circuits and have many budding electricians in our class. This week they made their own 'buzz circuit' and challenged each other to not to set off the buzzer.

Meanwhile in history they were all surprised to learn how Elizabeth I threw people in prison for painting unflattering portraits. There wasn't the chance of a quick filter!

Woodlands pupils have shown a fantastic attitude to learning this term, especially in preparation for the upcoming SATs. Their focus and determination have been commendable.

In Guided Reading, we've been exploring *Stanley Yelnats'* journey in *Holes*, sparking thoughtful discussion and insight. Our STEM sessions have been full of creativity, as pupils built tetrahedrons and competed to design the strongest bridges and tallest towers. It's been great to see their teamwork and problem-solving shine!



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Oaks Residential

Oaks had a fantastic time at CYM! Pupils jumped straight into the action with low ropes, archery, and laser tag, showing impressive teamwork and resilience throughout

The final day began bright and early, with pupils tackling a range of fun and challenging activities. Cabins were cleaned to a very high standard and was followed by a delicious cooked breakfast to fuel the fun ahead. Hilarious tyre races (with some questionable tactics from the CYM team!), more low ropes, and the ever-popular crop game kept everyone engaged and laughing. The trip ended on a high with a relaxed lunch and music of the pupils' choice—a perfect send-off to an unforgettable experience!



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Snape Maltings Performance

Over the past year, pupils in Woodlands have taken part in a rewarding collaboration with the Long Shop Museum and the City of London Sinfonia. As part of the project, they explored the history of the Long Shop and worked together to compose an original piece of music based on what they had learned.

The project concluded with a performance at Snape Maltings, where pupils presented their composition alongside an eight-piece ensemble from the City of London Sinfonia. It was a valuable opportunity to combine music, history, and collaboration in a real-world setting.



Year 6- SATs

This month, our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs, and we couldn't be prouder of them. They approached the week with maturity, focus, and a fantastic attitude. Well done Year 6!



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Sports Update

Acorns had a fabulous day at Framlingham College, taking part in the exciting Tennis Carousel event. Pupils threw themselves into the activities with great enthusiasm, embracing the opportunity to learn new skills and enjoy some friendly competition.

The day was filled with fun, teamwork, and plenty of laughter as they practised their tennis techniques and made new friends along the way. It was a wonderful experience that left everyone smiling and proud of their achievements.



STEM

What an amazing day it was for Woodlands as they took part in an action-packed STEM experience alongside Dennington Primary School! Learners explored the world of coding by programming Spheros to move in all directions, tackling a series of exciting and challenging tasks along the way.

Their problem-solving skills were put to the test as they worked collaboratively to overcome each obstacle, showing focus and determination.



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The Art Station- Art Club

We are incredibly thankful to *The Art Station* for running such an amazing after-school art club this term. The sessions have been a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to explore their creativity. They have been learning a range of exciting techniques and have already produced some truly impressive pieces of artwork.



Uniform Bank

If you would like to access items from the Uniform Bank, you can:

- **Email or call** the school office at office@benhallprimary.org.uk
- **Speak to any member of staff** in confidence



Social Media

This year, we want to increase our presence on social media. We want to keep families and the local community more in the know of what we are getting up to in school. We now have active Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky and X accounts. Please ensure that you are following the accounts for regular updates of what we are getting up to.



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Key Dates

Half Term	Monday 26 th May-Friday 30 th May
Back to school	Monday 2 nd June
Woodlands- London Trip (from Sax Station)	Monday 2 nd June, 7am – 8:53pm
Oaks Swimming continues	Monday 2 nd June
Cricket Competition (selected students)	Tuesday 3 rd June
THMS visiting Year 6 students	Tuesday 3 rd June
Woodlands Sailing Info Session	Wednesday 4 th June
Wilder Suffolk with Oaks Class	Thursday 5 th June
Reception 1 st independent visit (New intake)	Monday 9 th June, 9:00-10:30am
Whole School Trip- Pipers Vale	Friday 13 th June
Dogs Trust Visit	Monday 16 th June
Athletics Competition	Tuesday 17 th June
Squirrels Trip to Greenacres Farm	Wednesday 18 th June
Belong Event	Wednesday 25 th June
Thomas Mills Year 6 Intake Evening	Wednesday 25 th June
Benhall Whole School Transition Day	Thursday 26 th June
Reception 2 nd independent visit (New intake)	Thursday 26 th June, 8:50am-12:00pm
Thomas Mills Year 6 Intake Day	Thursday 26 th June
Thomas Mills Year 5 Enrichment Day	Friday 27 th June
Benhall Summer Fete	Saturday 28 th June
Woodlands Sailing @ Aldeburgh Sailing Club	Monday 30 th June
Wilder Suffolk with Oaks Class	Thursday 3 rd July
Alde Valley Year 6 Intake Day	Friday 4 th July
PTA Disco	Friday 4 th July
Sports Day	Friday 11 th July
Final Oaks Swimming session	Monday 14 th July
KS2 Performance	Tuesday 15 th July (1:30-2:30 and 5:30-6:30)
Bikeability- Year 6	Wednesday 16 th July & Thursday 17 th July
KS2 Performance	Wednesday 16 th July (5:30-6:30)
Reserve Sports Day	Friday 18 th July
Leavers Assembly	Tuesday 22 nd July
Final Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd July
First Day of New School Year	Wednesday 3 rd September



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