

'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

June 2025

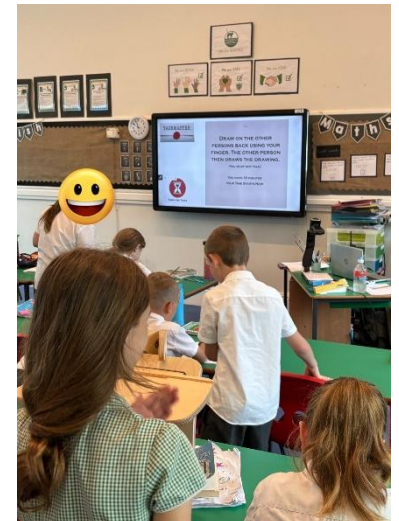
### What we've been up to in classes

Squirrels welcomed some fascinating visitors- African land snails, a tortoise and caterpillars. We've loved learning about life cycles and are eagerly preparing to release our butterflies into their natural habitat soon.

Acorns have been learning how to write narratives inspired by *Rabbit & Bear* by Julian Gough, exploring storytelling techniques and character development. Meanwhile, in Art, they have been discovering the vibrant world of Kandinsky, expressing their creativity through music-inspired artwork.

Oaks have been exploring where our food really comes from and it turns out, it's not the supermarket! With the expert guidance of Emma from Wild Suffolk, the children have enjoyed hands-on learning experiences, including planting herbs for our growing sensory garden.

Woodlands have been learning about *energy* in geography. They looked at different types of energy sources and talked about the positives and negatives of different sources. In RE, they have been learning about *Buddhism* and how Buddha taught people to find peace and happiness by living in a kind and thoughtful way.



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## London Trip

Pupils in Woodlands embarked on an unforgettable journey through the centre of UK democracy, gaining first-hand insight into the workings of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. A heartfelt thank you to Jenny Riddell-Carpenter for generously sharing her time and expertise- her insights brought the political process to life for our students. We ended the day at the magnificent Westminster Abbey, where we explored centuries of history and uncovered the profound connections between the Abbey and the cultural and spiritual heritage of Britain.



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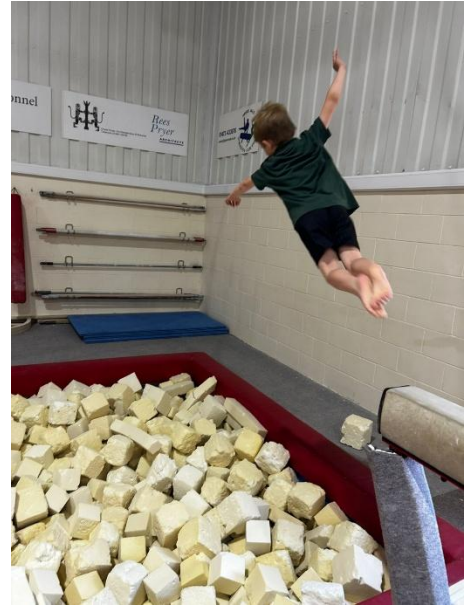
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### Pipers Vale

Pupils enjoyed an exciting whole school trip to Pipers Vale Gymnastics Club. They had the chance to explore a variety of gymnastics equipment, including the rings, bars, trampolines and different types of jumps. The sessions were led by experienced coaches who encouraged the children to try new skills and build their confidence. It was fantastic to see everyone getting involved, supporting one another and having fun while being active.



### Sailing Trip

The children of Woodland Class had an unforgettable experience on the River Alde showing off their sailing and rowing skills. A massive thank you to the instructors at Aldeburgh Yacht Club for their hard work.



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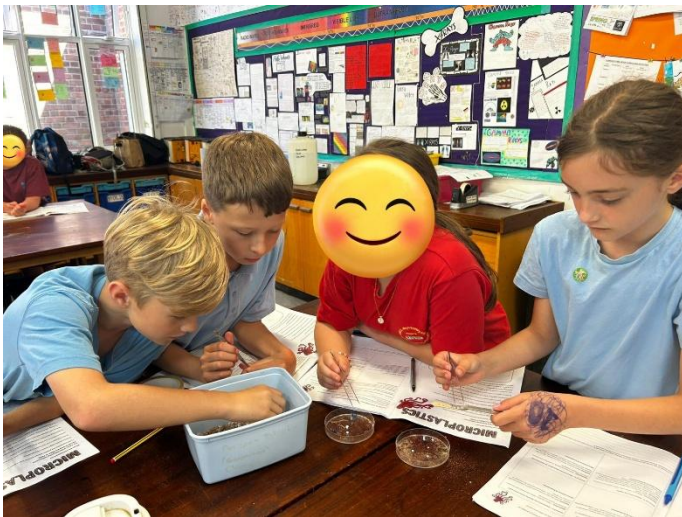
## Sports Update

Well done to our young cricketers at Mellis Cricket Club - you represented the school brilliantly! Great teamwork, great spirit and a performance to be proud of. Also, pupils in KS1 & KS2 gave it their all during the athletics event at Thomas Mills High School- fantastic performances in running, jumping and throwing. So proud of their energy, effort, and sportsmanship



## Thomas Mills Year 5 Event

Year 5 had a great experience at Thomas Mills this month. They took on long jump world records, explored a real WW2 bunker, tackled microplastics in science and built epic paper towers - with Benhall taking the crown for the tallest!



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## Summer Fete

The PTA's summer fete was a fantastic success, with a great turnout and plenty of fun for all ages. Families enjoyed traditional games, face painting, a delicious BBQ in the sunshine and much more. A huge thank you to our amazing PTA team for their hard work in organising such a memorable event!



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### Greenacres Farm Trip

This month, Squirrels had a fantastic trip to Broad Oak Farm. They collected eggs, explored farm life and even rode a tractor!



### Social Media

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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### 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](mailto:office@benhallprimary.org.uk)
- **Speak to any member of staff** in confidence



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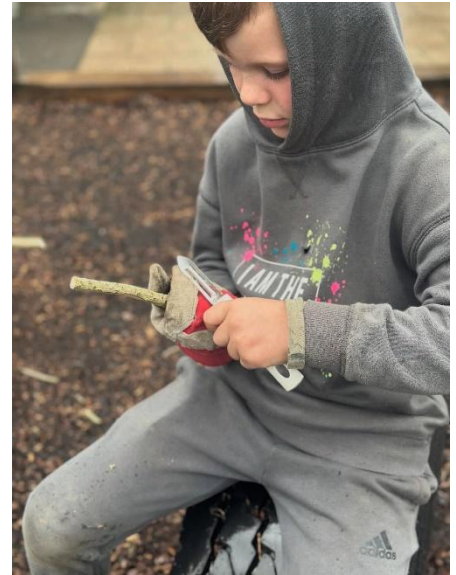
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## Wilder Suffolk

Despite the weather, Oaks had a productive and rewarding day rewilding the school grounds. They planted a variety of herbs to enhance the sensory garden and added new features to the bug hotels, supporting local biodiversity and outdoor learning.



Our end of year water fight will be on Friday 18th July at approximately **2.15pm**. Children are welcome to bring in a water gun/implement. A towel and change of clothes, **including underwear**, will be needed as well as a plastic bag to put wet clothes in to take home. This falls on the same day as our reserve Sports Day. Sports Day will take priority if needed, though we hope it won't come to that.

### Key Dates

Wilder Suffolk with Oaks Class	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Alde Valley Transition Day	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
PTA Disco	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
Acorns trip to Norwich Synagogue	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Sports Day	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Final Oaks Swimming session	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
KS2 Performance	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July (1:30-2:30 and 5:30-6:30)
Bikeability- Year 6	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July & Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
KS2 Performance	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July (5:30-6:30)
Reserve Sports Day	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
End of Year Water Fight	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July (2:15 – 3:00)
Y6 Leavers Trip to BeWILDerwood	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
Leavers Assembly	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July (2:15 – 3:15)
Final Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
First Day of New School Year	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September



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