

Be the best you can be.

'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

October 2025

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

Squirrels have loved learning through stories like *The Colour Monster* and *Elmer*. They've explored emotions, celebrated what makes each of us unique and begun their exciting phonics journey- learning to read and write simple words!

This term, Acorn class has been exploring the story *Pattan's Pumpkin* in English, diving into its themes and characters. As part of their learning, they've been working on writing informative texts.

This month, Oaks have been busy writing persuasive adverts for Stone Age houses in Skara Brae! They explored examples to spot features like rhetorical questions, hyperbole, and positive adjectives to use in their own writing. In French, they've worked hard to learn animal names and can now confidently say 12 without any prompts!

Woodlands have been enjoying *Running on Empty* and exploring the character of AJ, sparking thoughtful discussions about emotions and resilience. In history, they've been learning about the Ancient Greeks, comparing the lives of the Spartans and Athenians.



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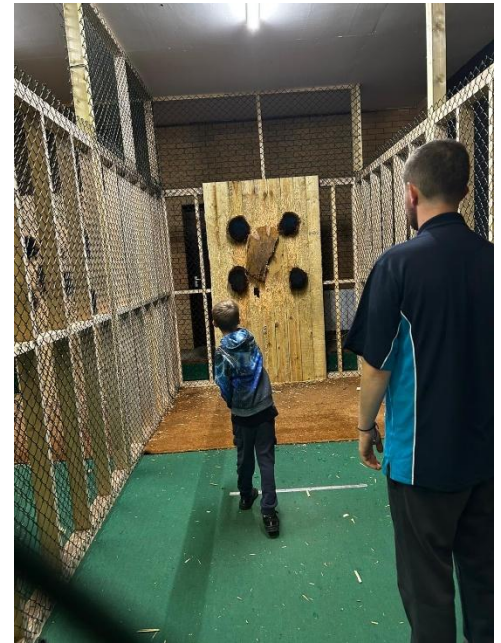
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## Norfolk Lakes

Our trip to Norfolk Lakes was an unforgettable adventure filled with teamwork, laughter and plenty of challenges. From tackling obstacle courses and exploring caves to trying our hand at canoeing, archery, axe throwing, and rock climbing, everyone embraced the activities with enthusiasm and determination. The experience brought out the best in collaboration, resilience and fun- a memorable few days that strengthened friendships and created lasting memories.



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### Prometheus Orchestra

Oaks were extremely excited to work with the Prometheus Orchestra. They learnt about pitch, dynamics, tempo and rhythm through the different instruments. We were treated to so many lovely tunes.



### Cotswold Archaeology Visit

This month, we were delighted to welcome the Cotswold Archaeology team, who shared fascinating insights into their work in the local area. Following their visit, Oaks enjoyed an engaging, hands-on workshop linked to their history topic, *Stone Age to Iron Age*, bringing their learning to life in an exciting and memorable way.



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### Sporting Success

Four of our pupils took part in a fun team-building event, developing communication, cooperation and problem-solving skills. Meanwhile, some of our KS2 girls proudly represented the school at a football tournament, showing great teamwork and determination. Furthermore, three of our pupils competed brilliantly at the county cross-country finals. We're so proud of all their achievements!



### Pumpkin Patch

Acorns had a day full of fun at the Pumpkin Barn! From scavenger hunts and pumpkin carving to getting creative with observational drawing, our school trip was packed with autumnal magic!



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### Reading Cafes

A huge thank you to our wonderful parents for joining the Acorns and Squirrels Reading Cafés this month. It was fantastic to see so many families sharing stories together and celebrating a love of reading. Reading regularly at home and school helps children build vocabulary, imagination, and confidence — and your support makes all the difference!



### Chess Experience

A wonderful experience for two of our pupils this month at Woodbridge School where they were taught by an International Chess Master. They developed their understanding of capturing, opening moves and planning ahead- well done both!



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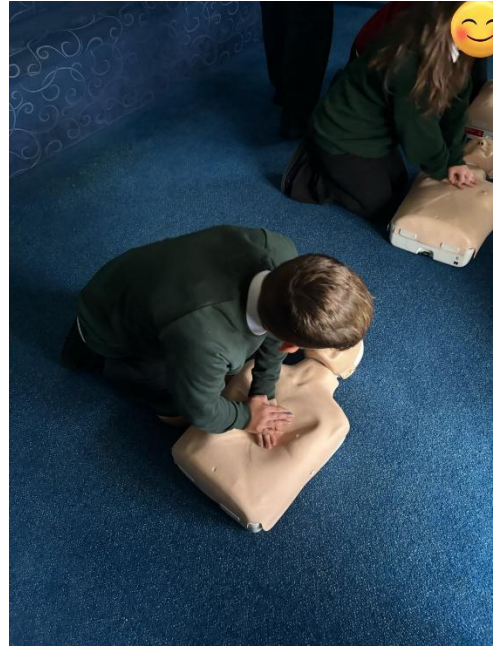
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### Crucial Crew

Year 6 pupils enjoyed their trip to The Riverside Centre, taking part in Crucial Crew which taught them about First Aid, online safety, fire hazards, water safety and consent.



### 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

Back to School	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Cross Country- Brandeston	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Squirrels Open Morning	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Renewable Energy Assembly	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November
Remembrance Day Service- Benhall St. Mary's C of E Primary School	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November (10:40-11:10)
Tag Rugby- Thomas Mills High School	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Snape Maltings- Big Sing	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
KS1 Nativity Performance (Dress Rehearsal)	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
KS1 Nativity Performance	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
KS1 Nativity Performance (Alde Valley Lunch Club)	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Fa La La in Leiston (Years 5 and 6)	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
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Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
PTA Christmas Craft Day	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Christingle- Benhall Church	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (14:30-15:15)
Benhall PTA Disco	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Woodlands Reading Cafe	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Pantomime	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Break	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> December- Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
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