

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

November 2025

What we've been up to in classes

Squirrels have been busy little learners this month! They have been working hard in phonics, practicing their sounds and blending skills and making fantastic progress in reading.

Acorns have been hard at work in English, learning how to write newspaper reports inspired by the story *The Lonely Beast*, and in art they've been exploring different printing techniques using their hands, fruit and foam board. They've also been practicing their Christmas nativity and getting ready for a fantastic performance.

In Oaks, we have been delving into our Antarctica topic in Geography, learning all about both physical and human features. This has linked to our English as we have been LOVING the book *'Shackleton's Journey'*. Each of the children have been assigned a member of the crew and have written a letter of application to Shackleton to be on board the expedition.

In English, Woodlands have been following Odysseus on his journey back to Ithaca. In Geography, they have been exploring migration, investigating the reasons why people move from one place to another.



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Remembrance Service

Our school came together for a moving Remembrance Service to honour all who served and sacrificed. Pupils reflected with respect and gratitude, remembering their courage, their legacy and the importance of peace for future generations.



Rugby Tournament

A fantastic performance from our KS2 tag rugby team earlier this month, securing an impressive 3rd place finish! The pupils demonstrated great teamwork, agility, strategic passing and excellent sportsmanship throughout. Well done to all involved!



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Big Sing

Our KS2 pupils shone brightly at the Big Sing event, performing with confidence, passion, and joy. They sang their hearts out and truly enjoyed every moment of this fantastic musical experience!



STEMPoint

Pupils enjoyed a productive and inspiring afternoon with STEMPoint, learning about renewable energy and constructing their own model wind turbines. It was a fantastic opportunity for hands-on learning, creative problem-solving and future-focused thinking!



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Cross Country

A massive well done to all our KS2 pupils who took part in the cross-country event! It was an incredible effort from everyone, demonstrating determination, stamina and great sporting spirit. A special congratulations to the two boys who achieved impressive second-place finishes in their races!



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

Cross County Finals (invited children)	Monday 1 st December
KS2 children invited to Alde Valley to see their Christmas Panto	Wednesday 3 rd December
KS1 Nativity Performance (Dress Rehearsal)	Monday 8 th December
KS1 Nativity Performance (Alde Valley Lunch Club)	Tuesday 9 th December (pm)
KS1 Nativity Performance	Tuesday 9 th December @ 6pm
Fa La La Fest in Leiston (Years 5 and 6)	Wednesday 10 th December (pm)
KS1 Nativity Performance	Wednesday 10 th December @ 2pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 11 th December
PTA Christmas Craft Day	Thursday 11 th December
Christingle- Benhall Church	Friday 12 th December (14:30-15:15)
Benhall PTA Disco	Friday 12 th December
Woodlands Reading Cafe	Monday 15 th December (08:30-09:00)
Pantomime @ Ipswich Regent (whole school)	Tuesday 16 th December
Change of menu – Fish fingers & chips	Wednesday 17 th December
Christmas Lunch	Thursday 18 th December
Christmas Break	Friday 19 th December- Monday 5 th January
Back to School	Tuesday 6 th January



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