

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

March 2026

What we've been up to in classes

Squirrels have really enjoyed learning their numbers facts such as number bonds to 10, doubles up to 10 as well as odd and even numbers. We have investigated why numbers go together as well as exploring patterns within the numbers. We have enjoyed planting our own magic beans and watching them grow and recording the changes in our bean dairies. We have taken them home now to see who can grow the tallest beanstalk over the holidays

Acorns have been busy learning to write letters in English, inspired by the beautiful story *The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies. In Maths, we've been exploring different types of measurements and learning how to estimate, compare and use them in practical ways.

Oaks have had a busy half term! In Science, we learned about habitats and classification, including some bird watching. In English, we wrote fantasy instructions inspired by *Instructions* by Neil Gaiman and created our own books with watercolour illustrations.

Over the past month, Woodlands have been learning about the importance of our oceans and the impact humans are having on the Great Barrier Reef. They've also been practising vital first-aid skills, including how to place someone in the recovery position.



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Easter Service

We were delighted to come together as a school community for our Easter service at the beautiful Sternfield Church. It was a truly special occasion, filled with moments of reflection, celebration, and a strong sense of togetherness. A heartfelt thank you goes to our Ethos Group members, who did a fantastic job leading the service. Their thoughtful readings, prayers, and reflections helped bring the meaning of Easter to life.



Sporting Update

This month, we have enjoyed two fantastic sporting events. Our pupils represented the school brilliantly in hockey, finishing an impressive 4th place at Harleston Magpies. Meanwhile, our swimming team achieved excellent results, with many of our younger pupils stepping up and performing exceptionally well.



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Prometheus Orchestra

Oaks' second session with the Prometheus Orchestra was fantastic! We worked on composition with percussion instruments considering dynamics, rhythm and pitch.



Electrosnaps Workshop

Pupils had a fantastic time in the Electrosnaps workshop this month, exploring how circuits work through hands-on investigation. It was wonderful to see such curiosity, teamwork and problem solving.



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Poetry By Heart

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in our Poetry By Heart competition! Your heartfelt and powerful performances captivated the audience and gave the judges some incredibly tough decisions to make. A special well done to our winners—your passion and dedication truly shone through. We are so proud of everyone who participated!



Reading Café's

We have loved welcoming families into school for our reading cafés, where we have enjoyed sharing wonderful stories and fostering a real love of reading together.



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PTA Update

Our amazing PTA have been incredibly busy this month, organising a range of wonderful events for the children and community. From creating lovely Mother's Day crafts, to coordinating the Easter egg hunt, and running a fun-filled disco- thank you for all you do for the children of our school.



Recorders

Oaks have been thoroughly enjoying their recorder lessons with Mrs Gleeson. They have learnt a range of notes and have made great progress, particularly in developing their confidence.



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Hedge Planting

A fantastic morning at the Art Station hedge planting! An excellent opportunity for our pupils to get hands-on with nature, learn about the environment and make a lasting impact on our local community.



World Book Day

What a fantastic World Book Day! Our pupils loved sharing stories with one another, listening to teachers read their favourite books and taking part in our exciting book swap. The creativity on display in our character plate competition was incredible too!



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Mother's Day Tea Party

A lovely Mother's Day tea party in Squirrels this month! The children did a wonderful job serving their mums, who enjoyed some time to relax along with a song or two for entertainment.



David Cook Assembly

We were very lucky to have a special assembly from David Cook. He shared the inspiring story of climbing a mountain and the many obstacles he had to overcome along the way.



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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

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| Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April | Easter Holidays |
| Monday 13 th April | Back to school |
| Tuesday 14 th April | Chance to Shine cricket starts – whole school |
| Thursday 16 th April | Oaks trip to School Farm Fair |
| Friday 17 th April | British Cycling weekly visits start – KS2 |
| Friday 24 th April | Oaks swimming lessons start |
| Saturday 25 th April | TCS London Mini Marathon |
| Tuesday 28 th April | PINS Open morning |
| Friday 8 th May | PTA Dress Down Day & Cake Sale |
| Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th April | Year 6 SATs Week |
| Saturday 16 th May | Pre-loved Sale |
| Thursday 21 st May | Squirrels trip to Broad Oak Farm |
| Monday 25 th – 29 th May | Half-Term |



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