

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

April 2026

What we've been up to in classes

Squirrels have really enjoyed learning about minibeasts and insects, especially observing our caterpillars and recording the changes we've seen. We discovered that caterpillars shed their skin, just like snakes, and a real snake skin from Miss Nicholas sparked lots of discussion about how it felt and why animals do this. We've loved learning about life cycles and have been creative in making posters to show each stage of a butterfly's life.

In Acorns, we have been busy with our learning! In English, we went on a walk around Benhall to explore the nature around us and used what we noticed to create zigzag books inspired by the book *The Green Line*. In science, we have also been learning about microhabitats and exploring where minibeasts might live, linking nicely to our work in English.

In English, Oaks have been creating their own diary entries inspired by *King of the Sky* by Nicola Davies. In Science, they have started learning about plant reproduction and exploring the different parts of flowering plants.

Woodlands have been exploring the theme of curiosity in English, focusing on formal writing and report writing. In maths, pupils have been developing their understanding of coordinates and translations, building confidence in applying these skills.



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TCS Mini Marathon- London

Our pupils enjoyed an incredible experience this month as they took part in the Mini London Marathon in the heart of the capital. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to be part of such a prestigious global event, creating lasting memories while embracing the spirit of determination, community and achievement.



TCS Mini Marathon

KS1 and KS2 have been on the move this month, completing 2.6 miles to raise money for our chosen charity, You Are Not Alone. A fantastic effort from everyone involved!



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Suffolk Farm Show

Oaks had a brilliant day at the School Farm & Country Fair! We met amazing animals, tried local produce, saw sheep shearing, planted peas and even brought back three trees. The children loved it- huge thanks to our parent volunteers for their support!



Chance To Shine Cricket

We have loved our first few sessions with Chance to Shine cricket today! Pupils have been focusing on developing their throwing, catching and batting skills.



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Lego Workshop

What fun Oaks had at their Lego workshop today! They used their Lego engineering skills to design and build motorised cars, which we then raced along the floor.

A huge thank you to Woodbridge School for inviting us to such a fantastic workshop - the children had an amazing time!



Suffolk Cycling

KS2 have had a fantastic time in their British Cycling sessions. The children have taken part in a range of activities, building confidence and developing key cycling skills along the way.



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Colouring Competition

Many of our pupils recently took part in the Suffolk Building Society Easter colouring competition and one of our pupils were delighted to be one of the lucky winners! He received a voucher for Smyths Toys, which he put towards a brand-new scooter. A big thank you to Suffolk Building Society, we hope you enjoy your new wheels.



Key Dates

Friday 1 st May	Oaks swimming begins
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday (non pupil day)
Tuesday 6 th May	Last Year 6 SATs Booster Session
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
Friday 22 nd May	Benhall Summer Census Day
Monday 25 th – 29 th May	Half-Term
Monday 1 st June (14:00 – 15:15)	Information Evening for September Reception starters
Wednesday 3 rd June (13:30 – 14:30)	Pupils & Families Session for Reception starters
Monday 15 th June	Year 5 enrichment event at Thomas Mills
Tuesday 16 th June (09:30 – 10:30)	Pupils & Keyworkers Session for Reception Starters
Wednesday 17 th June	Woodlands Sailing Day at Aldeburgh
Wednesday 24 th June	Thomas Mills New Intake Evening
Thursday 25 th June	Whole School transition day/Thomas Mills transition day/New Reception starters transition
Friday 3 rd July	Alde Valley New Intake Transition Day
Friday 17 th July (14:00 – 15:00)	Year 6 Leavers service



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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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