

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

May 2026

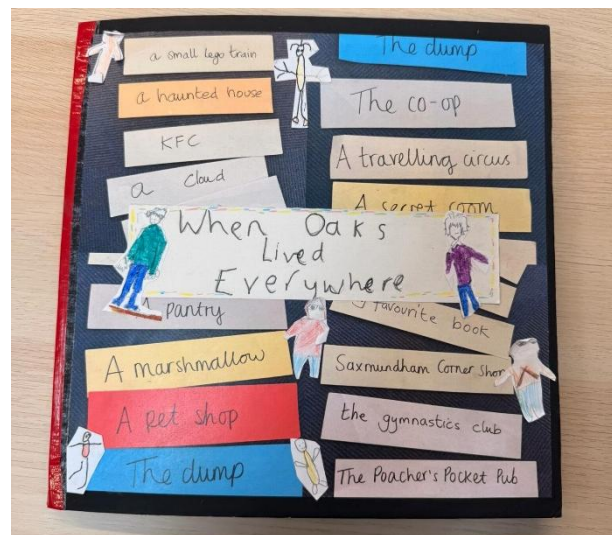
What we've been up to in classes

The Squirrels have thoroughly enjoyed watching their butterflies emerge from their chrysalises over the past few days. They have been fascinated by the incredible transformation process and have carefully observed each butterfly as it spread its wings for the very first time. The experience has sparked lots of curiosity, excitement, and conversation among them, making it a truly memorable part of their learning.

Acorns have been exploring microhabitats in Science, discovering the fascinating places where tiny creatures live and thrive. In English, we were inspired by the book *Out and About* and used rich descriptive language to create our own imaginative nature-themed poems.

Oaks have been studying plant growth and reproduction in Science, carrying out experiments on the effects of air and water and exploring how water travels through stems using celery and food dye. We also had a fantastic week with Miss Jeni, creating our own books inspired by *When We Lived in Uncle's Hat* by Peter Stanton. In addition, the class has loved reading *Who Let the Gods Out?*, especially its exciting cliff-hangers!

Woodlands have been delving into the world of game creation, exploring every stage of the development process from initial ideas through to the finished product. In History, we have been learning about the Civil Rights Movement and the history of slavery in the United States, developing our understanding of equality, justice and the impact these events have had on society.



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SIAMS

We are delighted that our SIAMS inspection recognised Benhall St Mary's as a school where pupils and adults "flourish" and are encouraged to "be the best they can be."

The report praised our inclusive Christian vision, pastoral care, inspiring curriculum, strong church partnership and rich opportunities for pupils to shine.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND EDUCATION OFFICE

Sportsmark- Gold!

We are incredibly proud to have achieved the Gold School Games Mark for the second year in a row! This recognition reflects the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of our students, staff and wider school community in promoting sport and physical activity for all.



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Squirrels Farm Trip

Squirrels had an amazing day at Broad Oak Farm! We met and fed lots of animals, including goats, pigs and donkeys, whilst learning fun facts about them. The children also enjoyed a nature trail, Shetland pony walks and tractor rides. A wonderful day for all!



Bug Hotels

Acorns enjoyed a special visit from Mel Keeble from RSPB Minsmere, who spoke to the children about microhabitats and the importance of caring for wildlife. The pupils loved getting hands-on as they created their own bug hotels to take home, making the experience both fun and educational.



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Belong Event

Some pupils in Oaks had an amazing time at the Belong event, where they competed in a variety of ball games, including tchoukball and handball. Throughout the event, they demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm, determination and teamwork, making everyone proud with their positive attitude and effort.



Tennis

Acorns had a fantastic time at the Framlingham College tennis carousel! Working alongside several other schools, they showed excellent teamwork, resilience and friendship while completing a range of games and challenges.



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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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C of E Primary School



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Key Dates

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
Friday 19 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 24 th June	Oaks - Yoga in the Garden @ The Art Station
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
Monday 29 th June	Year 6 Transition Workshop
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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