

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

June 2026

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

Squirrels have enjoyed learning about The Rainbow Fish and have made some lovely cupcakes as part of their activities. In maths, they have been building their understanding of one more and one less, developing early number skills with confidence.

In Acorns, the children have been exploring Flora and Fauna, creating observational drawings of bugs before taking inspiration from Eric Carle to produce their own colourful artwork. In Science, the children have been making connections between different scientific ideas, developing their understanding through practical investigations and thoughtful discussions.

Oaks have enjoyed exploring The Secret of Platform 13 in guided reading, fully engaging with the mystery and developing their comprehension skills. In maths, they have been focusing on shape, building confidence in recognising and describing different properties.

This month, Woodlands pupils have been exploring the potential impacts of the Sizewell development on local residents and businesses, showing thoughtful awareness of both opportunities and challenges. In science, they have been learning about evolution and natural selection, developing a clear understanding of how living things adapt and change over time.



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### Sports Day

Thank you to all the families who came out and supported the pupils on Sports Day. We were treated to some thrilling races! Congrats to Red Team who were the overall winners.



### Helicopter Visit

We were delighted to welcome Peter and his helicopter, who spoke to the children about the importance of water safety. He explained the hidden dangers of open water, the meaning of different beach flags, and what to do if someone gets into difficulty in the water. It was an informative session that shared valuable advice on staying safe around water.



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### Pipers Vale

We had a fantastic whole-school trip to Pipers Vale, where pupils enjoyed a range of gymnastics activities and had an amazing time developing their skills and confidence.



### Art Competition

This month, we were proud to showcase artwork created by our pupils to celebrate the 100th birthday of David Attenborough. Thank you to Benhall & Sternfield Parish Council for funding the display panels, to Derek Chambers for selecting, installing and framing the artwork, and to Manette Baillie, whose coffee mornings funded book vouchers for the winning artists and contributed towards new art supplies for the school.



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### Aldeburgh Yacht Club

We had a fantastic day at Aldeburgh Yacht Club! Pupils enjoyed sailing in the morning and rowing in the afternoon, developing their teamwork, resilience and confidence while out on the water.



### Year 5's visit Thomas Mills

Pupils enjoyed a fantastic day at Thomas Mills, taking part in a range of exciting activities. They used mime to act out a treasure map adventure, investigated how to separate microplastics from sand, designed paper skyscrapers, practised their long jump skills and learnt the names and translations of woodland animals in German.



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### Prometheus Orchestra

Oaks completed their final session with the Prometheus Orchestra. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed working with this talented group of musicians and learnt so much throughout the programme. They especially enjoyed listening to the beautiful sounds of the clarinet, cello, oboe and French horn.



### Honey and the Bear

This month, pupils enjoyed a special collective worship led by the talented Honey and the Bear. They loved listening to the music and learning more about the musicians behind it, making it a truly inspiring experience for all.



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### Colour Chemistry

Oaks enjoyed a fantastic afternoon with Cimone from the Leiston Education Partnership. Pupils experimented with making indicators from red cabbage and used them to test different substances. They also created their own lava lamps using oil, water, food colouring and a vitamin C tablet, bringing their science learning to life.



### Yoga in the garden

Oaks had the most relaxing morning with Yoga Jo! An amazing session which included meditating and massage. Thank you to the art station for allowing us to use their beautiful, shady garden!



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### Sizewell Books

We were delighted to receive copies of *Sammi on Site*, kindly donated as part of Jackson Civil Engineering's work with Sizewell C. The storybook, aimed at children aged 5–8, helps inspire curiosity about the built environment and introduces young readers to the role of engineering in shaping the world around us.



### STEM Day

This month, the whole school took part in a STEM Day, completing a range of engaging activities. Some pupils have also been selected to represent the school at a future STEM event, where they will showcase their learning.



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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

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Alde Valley New Intake Transition Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Trip
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Afternoon Performance
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening Performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Sizewell Trip
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening Performance
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July (14:00 – 15:00)	Year 6 Leavers service



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