



May 2025

### Oak Class

Another busy half term in Oak class – it's hard to believe that the year is nearly over! Along with all the other subjects, we continue working hard every day with reading, spelling/phonics, literacy, maths and extra number work. One highlight this half term was the trip to Piper's Vale where all the children really challenged themselves using the gymnastics apparatus. We also enjoyed the visit from a local vet's practice, printing on our dyed fabric in art and celebrating the 80th anniversary of V.E. Day. To end the half term, we have a very exciting final day planned - sports day and sleepover!

### Birch Class

Birch Class have been very busy this half term. The Year 6's have been working hard to prepare for their SATs and they should be proud of their efforts. In Science we have learnt about classification and in History we learnt about the Romans. We have also written stories based on a film called 'The Catch' and balanced arguments about an area of life that the children are passionate about. In PE we have been developing our athletics and cricket skills. The Year 6's are also busily preparing for Sports Day which they will be organising and we have held auditions for the school production next term.

### Sports & Clubs

We have been very busy this half term. Firstly, the orienteering team took part in a competition in Beyton. Esther and Alice finished 4th in the pairs event and the highest team finished 6th. We then took part in the Gipping Valley tennis tournament with great success. Creeping A finished second and Creeping B finished third. Special mention to Daniel who won all of his matches. Finally the cricket team took part in the knockout cup. Unfortunately they were well beaten but they showed great spirit and enjoyed the match. We have also had a Paralympic enrichment day and our yearly visit to Pipers Vale gymnastics centre. Thank you to the staff, children and parents who support all of these events.

### Dear Parents & Carers,

A super short half term but as always, with lots to talk about and remember!

Check out the website for more information and pictures of everything we have been up to, including some lovely memories of the Year 3 and 4 residential away to Thorpe Woodlands.

See you back in June for the final few weeks!

### Chestnut Class

The children have had quite the adventure this half term! In our lessons the children have investigated significant local people in History, plants in Science, growing up in PSHE, why Christians are described as 'people on a mission' in RE and in music we have had fun exploring expression and improvisation. In computing we have learned about Simulations. In PE the children have thoroughly enjoyed tennis and cricket. In our mathematics the Year 3's have been focusing on fractions and the Year 4's on decimals. In our English lessons we have also delved into Needham Market's local history and have created wonderful fantasy stories based on Journey by Aaron Becker. The Year 4 multiplication check is coming soon so keep up the hard work Year 4's at home as you are all superstars. The following websites have been used in school:

TTRS, <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check> and <https://urbrainy.com/mtc>. Please practise as much as you can.

### Ash Class

We have had a super half term; we have had scooters, a trip to Pipers Vale, lots of wonderful visitors and engagement. We enjoyed learning all about fictional Superheroes and Villains and also real life superheroes with people who help us. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in costumes, roleplaying, as well as the invasion from the Evil Pea into our classroom!!! We looked at the work of Roy Lichtenstein and his wonderful pop art using bold colours.

The children have been writing independent sentences, remembering their capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We have continued to learn new phase 3 phonemes and are reading and writing them in new words. Ash class has such amazing deep understanding of numbers too and we continued to look at patterns and measure.

The children really enjoyed the recent visit from Needham Vets, where they came with an abundance of activities and treats for our own pets too!

Well done Ash Class for another fantastic half term, your resilience is wonderful!!

Mon Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school
Mon Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Suffolk Wildlife trust - Birch
Fri Jun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Come and Play starts 1.15-2.15
Thurs Jun 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 trip to Legoland
Tues Jun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Music Festival - Birch Class
Thurs Jun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ambulance visiting school
Fri Jun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket taster day – all classes
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	KS2 performances
Wed July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	KS1 Beach trip
Fri July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Enrichment P.E
Weds July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Debenham Induction Day / Move up day
Thurs July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Values Morning
Fri July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Funday Friday
Fri July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fayre
Thurs July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers service in church 9.15am
Fri July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 and parents leavers 1.15pm
Friday July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers assembly, all welcome 1.45pm
Friday July 18 <sup>th</sup>	END OF TERM



### Thorpe Woodlands!

In May, 24 children from Chestnut Class, along with a team of adults, had an amazing 3 days and 2 nights away at Thorpe Woodlands activity centre. There was zip lining, caving, canoeing, rock climbing, den building, camp fires, man-hunt, and plenty of singing, eating and making memories! Have a look at the Chestnut page on the school website for some lovely photos of everything they got up to.



### Absence

New DFE rules regarding absence came into effect from August 2024.

### Reminder:

Ash and Oak classes should arrive between 8.40 & 8.45am. Chestnut and Birch classes should arrive between 8.30 & 8.40am. Younger siblings can arrive at the earlier time. Between 8.45 and 8.55 will be marked as late. After this time it's marked as unauthorised.

### Celebration Assembly

As the weather is getting nicer we have moved our Friday celebration assembly outside onto the field and outdoor classroom. Parents are always welcome to join us, and we open the gate between 2.20pm and 2.30pm.

**BACK TO  
SCHOOL**  
Monday  
June 2nd