

# Newsletter



April 2025

## Oak Class

We have ladybirds! Thank you to the PSA for our ladybird eggs. Just this week they have started to emerge from their cocoons. The children have loved watching their progress. We will be releasing them before the end of term.

In literacy the children have written biographies linked to our history topic – Mary Seacole. The children have been really keen to share all the facts they have learnt. In R.E we have listened to the Easter stories. The children have learnt about the different symbols to represent the death and resurrection of Jesus, discussing which symbol they think is the most important and giving their reasons.

In science we took the opportunity to enjoy the spring sunshine and go on a minibeast hunt. The children impressed me with their ability to put into practise our school values of love and respect – treating the creatures we found with care and gentleness.

Well done Oak class, another busy term full of learning.

We hope you all enjoy a wonderful Easter holiday.

## Birch Class

Birch Class have had a busy half term. In maths, year 6 have focused on percentages, ratio and algebra whilst year 5 have been learning about fractions and decimals. In Literacy, the class have written information texts about their favorite animals and written descriptive stories about the Manor House. In Science they learnt about light and in Geography they learnt about natural resources. Calvin from the Walk through the Bible team kindly taught the children about the Old Testament through stories and actions which they enjoyed greatly. Year 5 have continued with their swimming sessions and have been excellent ambassadors for the school whilst the year 6's continue to prepare for the SATs. Well done everybody.

## Sports & Clubs

This half term, the children took part in the Gipping Valley hockey tournament and finished 2nd and 3rd overall. There was some great play and brilliant teamwork. The school football team played a friendly match against Stonham Aspal. The girls team lost 4.1 and the boys lost 4.1. However, they had very little practice together so this was a good effort against strong opposition. We have also had a table tennis enrichment day and the year 5/6 play leaders are organising daily activities at lunch time for the children to take part in.

## Dear Parents & Carers,

Another busy but fantastic term done! We have crammed so much into this term, and as always are so pleased with how well the children have worked.

Enjoy reading about what your children have been up to, and remember to check the website to see some photos from this term too!

Have a relaxing break, and Happy Easter!

## Chestnut Class

This half term we have embraced all of our topics with a great love for learning! During our English lessons this term the children have created beautiful pieces of work. They adored creating their own Cinderella version of our tale 'Cinderella of the Nile' and have created beautiful spring inspired free verse poems as we have read 'A Year of Nature Poems' by Joseph Coelho. We are also creating our own cracking contraptions! Most recently we have designed our own structured mechanism for DT which ties in with our written work. We have explored forces and magnets within and outside of the classroom for our science lessons. In RE we have been studying Sikhism. In geography we have been investigating rivers. In mathematics we have been exploring statistics, lengths and fractions. In computing we have been creating our own branching databases and graphing. We have also started printing this week in art.

Looking forward to our summer learning! Well done Chestnut class for showing good teamwork this term!

## Ash Class

This half term has flown by, the children have been wonderful and full of energy. From seeds to plants and caterpillars to butterflies, the children have enjoyed learning all about lifecycles. Hearing the adventures of Tom and Tessa in church and thinking of ways to help others. Ash class have absorbed it all. We have learnt many vowel digraphs and are confidently using them in reading and writing. In maths we have been looking at more abstract ways of recording our numbers, ordering and counting out larger amounts. The sun has been a welcomed change where we have used the learning garden in different ways to support learning through play. We are looking forward to getting our raised beds ready, so we can grow our own vegetables.

Tues Apr 29 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 trip to Piper's Vale
Fri May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Enrichment P.E
Mon May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
Tues May 6 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 trip to Piper's Vale
Wed May 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thorpe Woodlands (Year 3 &4)
Tues May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Eucharist Service
Fri May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sports Day - pm
Fri May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	KS1 School Sleepover / End of term
Mon May 26 <sup>th</sup> – Fri May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
Mon Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school
Mon Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Suffolk Wildlife trust - Birch
Thurs Jun 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Surprise trip
Tues Jun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Music Festival - Birch Class
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
Fri July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fayre
Fri July 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term

### Our very own Mrs Sparkles

This term we say goodbye to our Mrs Morton who is retiring. She has been with us for 19 years, being the source of joy, care and love throughout the school for so many of us. She's our Chief Christmas Elf, our walking, talking glitter ball and our Head Nurse for bumps, scrapes and everything else in between. She is going to be so missed amongst the staff, providing us with hugs, advice and love daily! We wish her well in her retirement and say thankyou for everything.



Some lovely pictures from Ash Class this half term. Drumming, Caterpillars, Planting and Outside Learning!

### PSA – Upcoming Events

**Family Games Night – Friday 2nd May** - Join us for an evening of laughter, friendly competition, and quality family time.

**Surprise Trip for Key Stage Two – Wednesday 12th June** - We're treating our Key Stage Two pupils to a fantastic surprise adventure. More information will be revealed soon, but rest assured, it will be a day full of excitement and fun!

**Summer Fayre – Friday 11th July** Our biggest event of the year is coming up! Expect delicious treats, games, raffles, and plenty of stalls to explore. It's the perfect way to celebrate the school community and the end of another wonderful academic year.

**Creeting's Got Talent! To be held at the Summer Fayre (date above).**

Calling all performers! Whether you sing, dance, juggle, or have a hidden talent to share, this is your time to shine. Come along to cheer on your friends and witness the amazing talents at 'Creeting's Got Talent'. Entry details will be announced soon.

It's shaping up to be a fantastic season full of fun and celebration. We can't wait to see you at these events!

### 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.

### Attendance & Lates from 4/9/24 – 21/3/25

Ash	99.73%
Oak	96.44%
Chestnut	97.06%
Birch	95%
Ash	121 lates
Oak	103 lates
Chestnut	74 lates
Birch	4 lates

Remember, the DFE expects all children to attend unless they are too ill to do so.

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