

Newsletter

July 2024



Sports and Clubs

The school cricket team had a very successful year. They won the Gipping Valley partnership tournament to become the area champions. This was a great achievement for the team playing against much bigger local schools and losing players as the tournament progressed. They then played in the Suffolk County finals and competed with great spirit.

Eventually, after a long day, the team finished 7th. The school also entered the area netball tournament and finished third, again this was a great team performance. Birch Class have also had a tag rugby taster session led by St Joseph's College and we have had a Ultimate Frisbee enrichment day.

Birch Class

It has been a busy end of the year for Birch Class. They spent 4 weeks rehearsing for the class play entitled 'What's the crime Mr Wolf' and the hard work paid off. It was an amazing performance and the children should be very proud. Thank you to the staff who helped make the show so brilliant. We have also been continuing with our learning and have enjoyed doing fieldwork in geography, Humanism in RE and evolution in Science. The year 6's have enjoyed using their maths skills in context by completing projects about creating the perfect bedroom and creating a theme park. Year 5 have continued their maths work and written great poems about the rain forest. In the final week, we will be saying goodbye to the year 6's with our leaver's services, leaver's lunch and a class party. We wish them all well as they move on to high school.

Chestnut Class

Firstly, a huge well done to everyone in Chestnut for supporting Birch so well with the school play. They sung their hearts out and learnt their lines so well, we were very impressed! As well as the school play, we have been busy writing our own playscripts and acting them out in class. We will finish the term by looking at some poetry by Valerie Bloom in Literacy. We've been continuing with our foundation subjects including painting in Art and learning how to create animations in Computing. Learning the skills to create a Stop Animation, in the style of Wallace and Gromit, has been fantastic and they have created some super short videos!

Dear Parents & Carers,

Here we are at the end of another school year! This one feels like it has flown by, with so many things achieved, learnt and experienced.

Goodbye and Good luck to all those leaving us, enjoy the Summer and we'll see you all in September!

Oak Class

It has been a very busy summer term! The class enjoyed a fun packed sports day with lots of competitive games and a chance to earn points for their teams. Later that evening Oak class came back to school for the annual sleepover. Lots of games, movies and stories. After half term Oak class were joined by Ash class for a trip to the beach. We were incredibly lucky with the weather! It was wonderful to see the children interacting with each other. There were some amazing sandcastle constructions and lots of imaginative play. Before leaving Felixstowe they were all able to practise their mathematical skills whilst purchasing ice creams. The children continue to work hard, learning their spellings, practising their mathematical recall of facts, reading and most recently performing seaside themed poems to the class.

Ash Class

Ash class have been superstars this half term! The children have been making wonderful steps towards getting ready for Year 1. They have also been avid gardeners planting cress, sunflowers and lettuce! They have made our classroom bright and cheery with their display work and their recent label making based on 'How do we grow plants' showcases a great knowledge of phonetic sounds. In RE the children have been learning about how to care for our wonderful world and they are great role models for this as they look after and respect the activities, equipment, and classroom. We have also been developing our ball skills in PE and the children have thoroughly enjoyed engaging in their music lessons. We had a terrific time in Felixstowe and we hope you all have a terrific summer holiday! Keep up the reading and you will soar in Year 1!

Mon Sept 2 nd / Tues 3 rd	PD Days
Wed Sept 4 th	Back to school
Weds Sept 11 th	Individual photos
Mon Sept 23 rd	Flu Vaccinations
Mon Oct 21 st – Fri Oct 25 th	Oakerwood (Year 5 & 6)
Fri Oct 25 th	End of term
Mon 28 th – Fri Nov 1 st	Half term
Mon Nov 4 th	Back to school
Fri Dec 20 th	End of Term
Mon Dec 23 rd – Fri Jan 3 rd	Christmas Holidays
Mon Jan 6 th	PD Day
Tues Jan 7 th	Back to school
Fri Feb 14 th	End of term
Mon Feb 17 th – Fri Feb 21 st	Half term
Mon Feb 24 th	Back to school
Fri Apr 4 th	End of term
Mon Apr – 7 th – Mon Apr 21 st	Easter Holidays
Tues Apr 22 nd	Back to school
Wed May 14 th – Fri May 16 th	Thorpe Woodlands (Year 3 & 4)
Fri May 23 rd	End of term
Mon May 26 th – Fri May 30 th	Half term
Mon Jun 2 nd	Back to school
Fri Jul 18 th	End of Term

What's the crime Mr Wolf?

Recently Birch and Chestnut have done the play "What's the crime Mr Wolf" the story is about Mr Wolf and Mr Mann in court to decide if Mr Wolf is guilty or not guilty. We enjoyed songs such as Mole, RRRH, Naturalists and many more. The funny moments were when Daniel nearly rolled off stage but Leo and Lucian "saved" him, Nicole couldn't pronounce preposterous, Willow and Lydia's squeal and Esther the fit granny did a fitness activity on stage. When Mole and agents exploded (no animals were harmed) the people had a big shock. Rabbit and Deer had a brilliant entrance to our show. Enjoy the court with Mr Wolf, Mrs Wolf, Mr Mann, Mr Case, squirrels and witnesses. I have enjoyed being part of the cast as this is an experience I will never forget. If the adults in Birch and Chestnut Class were not here the play would be impossible to put on so we gave them a thank you. By Eli, Year 5

PSA

Despite the rain, our school summer fair was a resounding success, demonstrating the incredible spirit and resilience of our school community. The weather might have been dreary, but that didn't stop anyone from having fun!

The fair was bustling with activity, and many who attended walked away with fantastic prizes, adding an extra layer of excitement to the day. From games and raffles to burgers and ice creams, there was something for everyone. The joy on the children's faces as they engaged in various activities was truly heartwarming. A highlight of the day was the talent show, which featured performances from our talented students. From singing to dancing, tennis and jokes, the acts were a wonderful showcase of the creativity and skill within our school. This event would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our volunteers. From organising ahead of the day, setting up, managing stalls and ensuring everything ran smoothly, their dedication was invaluable. A huge thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to make the afternoon special.

Looking ahead, we have a host of exciting events planned for the next academic year. Get ready for a movie night and our usual and highly anticipated school disco, both promising to be fantastic evenings of entertainment. And, of course, we can't wait for our traditional Christmas Fair, which is sure to be filled with festive cheer and community spirit. As we wrap up another successful year, we wish everyone a fun-filled summer. Enjoy the break, make wonderful memories, and we look forward to seeing you all in the autumn for more exciting adventures. Your PSA

Absence

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. Students who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Research suggests that students who attend school regularly could also be at less risk of getting involved in antisocial behaviour or crime.

New Dfe rules regarding absence come into effect from August 2024.

Attendance & Lates from 01/09/23 – 15/7/24

Ash	95.12%
Oak	97.06%
Chestnut	95.86%
Birch	95.44%
Ash	47 lates
Oak	76 lates
Chestnut	36 lates
Birch	61 lates

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

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

Weds

Sept 4th