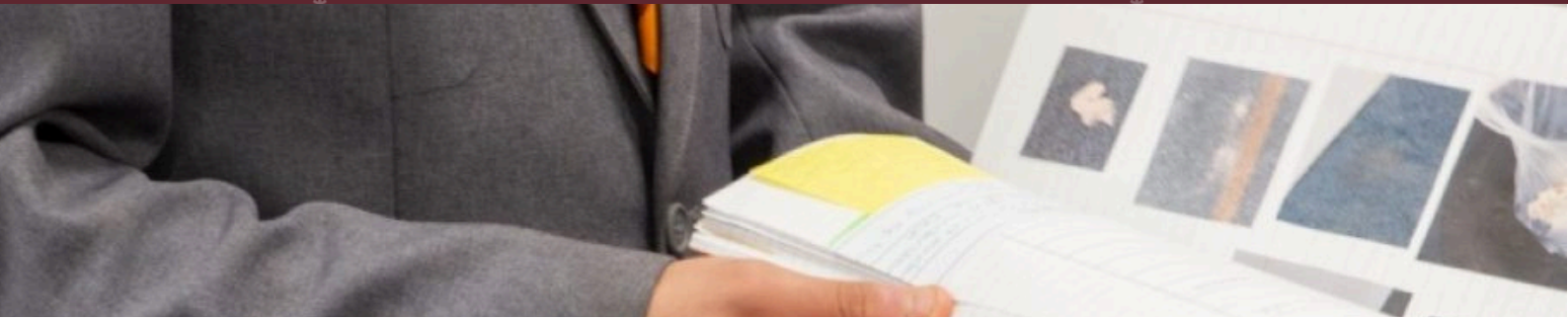




OLIVE AP ACADEMY SUFFOLK NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2024/25
Edition No. 1



Update from the Head of Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 1st edition of our Newsletter for this academic year.

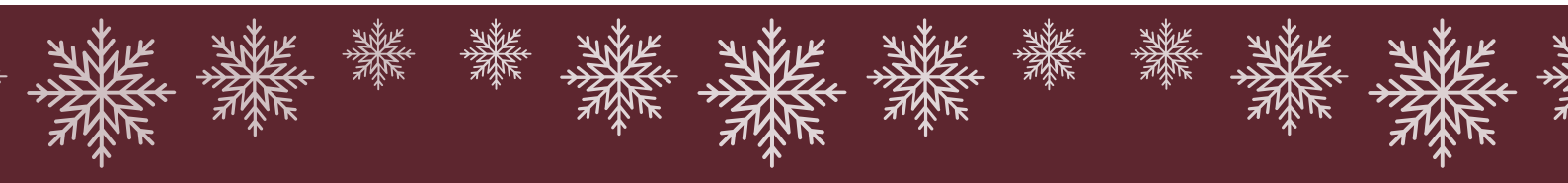
What a busy term it has been, from welcoming lots of new pupils to our academy to increasing our qualification offer for our Year 11 pupils. Thank you to all of the staff, pupils and their families for the hard work and learning that has taken place this term.

Congratulations to Mr Lewis who has been appointed to a Deputy Headteacher position from January, we will also be welcoming Mr Riggs as a new Assistant Headteacher. A belated welcome also to Ms Rumsby who joined our teaching team in September.

Details of the term dates for the rest of this academic year are on the next page for your information with a reminder that pupils return on **Wednesday 8th January 2025** for the start of the Spring Term. In the meantime, we look forward to meeting with families on **Tuesday 7th January** when we have our next Family Consultation Day.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful, restful and safe festive season.

Ellen Watson
Head of Academy



Key Dates For Your Diary

Spring Term 2025 Monday 6th January - Friday 4th April 2025

Inset Day: Monday 6th January 2025

Family Consultation Day: Tuesday 7th January 2025 *

First day of term for pupils: Wednesday 8th January 2025

Half-term: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

Family Consultation Day: Monday 24th February 2025

Last day of term for pupils: Friday 4th April 2025

Easter Holidays: Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April 2025

*(*Year 11 pupils entered for the Edexcel Award - Number and Measure will be attending for their exam in the morning)*

Summer Term 2025 Tuesday 22nd April - Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Inset Day: Friday 27th June 2025

Family Consultation Day: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

First day of term for pupils: Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Half-term: Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

Family Consultation Day: Monday 2nd June 2025

Last day of term for pupils: Tuesday 22nd July 2025

**SEASONS
GREETINGS!**



BEACH Class News

As part of Remembrance Day, Beach Class looked at some First World War Medals which belonged to Grandad Crane.

In the classroom some re-enactments took place as Grandad Crane was in the calvary in the First World War.

Another pupil felt he wanted everyone to remember those who fought in wars so created a poster and put it on the front door so everyone could remember.

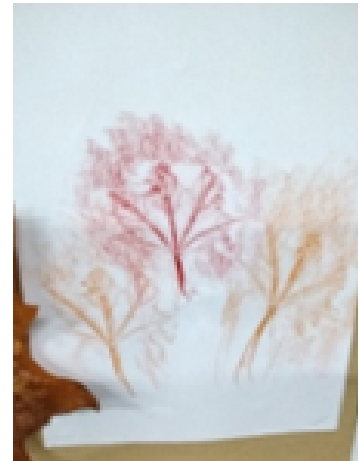


The class continue to develop their skills during their weekly Forest School session. Pupils have been learning how to cook on an open fire, as well as different ways to make fires. The pupils have also been completing activities with the natural resources they have found around them. This has including making washing liquid for clothes from breaking up and boiling conkers.



MEADOW Class News

Autumn is a great time to create art work whether it is using watercolors , wax crayons or felt tips - we can try all three mediums if we want.



Remembrance Day

The class created an amazing remembrance display which they could share with older pupils.



RIVER Class News

This Autumn Term, we welcomed new class members so we have been playing different fun Team Building activities and Regulation Games such as Herd Mentality, Connect 4, Battleships and Uno.



This term, River Class have been particularly active, participating in a variety of different learning adventures. In curriculum cooking we have prepared different dishes such as pommies, dauphinoise, lasagna, chicken and bacon caesar salad, club sandwiches, eggs benedict and tomato soup,

In reward cooking lessons we have chosen our own dishes to bake such as pasta carbonara, macaroni cheese, cornflake tart and chocolate caramel cake as well as working well together to make dishes such as chicken chow mein.



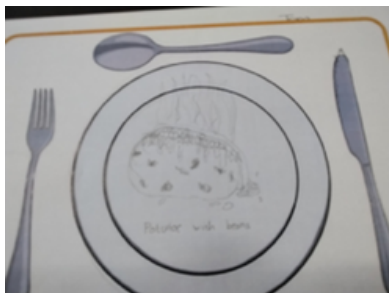
One of River Class has been to Lyward Colley to engage in construction workshops.

We have learnt about fractions in maths this term and have enjoyed practical activities such as using a bar of chocolate to divide into equal parts to represent different fractions.



WILLOW Class News

Also as part of our cooking lessons, Willow Class planned and cooked a variety of delicious dishes such as pepperoni pizzas, burgers, chicken curry, cookies and rocky road.



We have learnt about different weekly topics in The Olive Way such as Remembrance Day, Anti-Bullying Week, British Food Week, Black History Month, Jeans for Genes and Sporting Heritage. In Vegan Week, we designed a delicious vegan meal.



OCEAN Class News

Outdoor Education

This term Ocean Class participated in Paddle Boarding, Kayaking, Mountain Biking, Archery, Axe Throwing, Map Reading, Bushcraft and Outdoor Cooking. For our new pupils these were completely new activities/experiences and for others it has allowed them to develop further skills in these activities.



Cooking

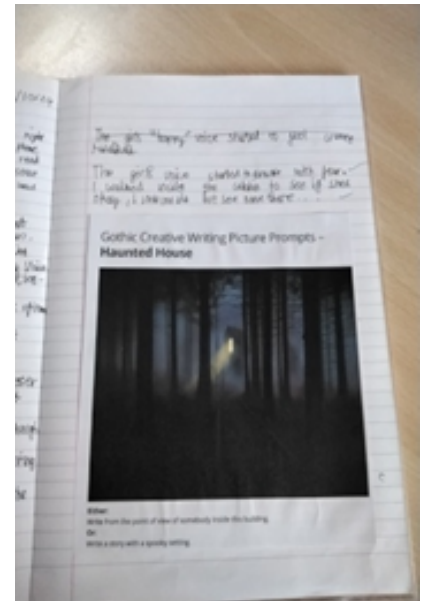
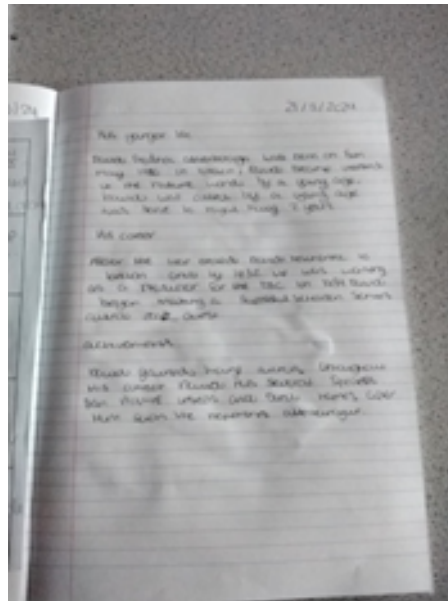
This term Ocean Class have made a variety of dishes such as pancakes, breakfast burritos, pizza, tomato soup and Cornish pasties. These dishes have allowed pupils to expand their cooking skills and experience new flavours.



OCEAN Class News cont.

Learning

During Autumn Term 1 pupils have learnt about gothic literature in English. This has allowed pupils to become creative and write in the style of gothic literature to create stories. In Autumn Term 2 currently pupils have focused on biographies. This is a different style of writing and has allowed them to find out information about inspirational people that inspire them.



Type	Description	3 example sources
Heat	Heat is the energy that causes things to get warmer.	Fire, Sun, Hot water
Kinetic (movement)	Energy that is used to move things.	Wind, Water, Running
Nuclear	Energy that is released from the nucleus of an atom.	Atom bombs, Nuclear power stations
Sound	Energy that travels through the air as waves.	Music, Loudspeakers
Light	Energy that travels through space as waves.	Sun, Light bulbs, Lasers
Chemical	Energy that is stored in the bonds between atoms and molecules.	Batteries, Food, Gas
Electrical	Energy that is carried by electrons in a wire.	Light bulbs, Toaster, TV
Gravitational potential	Energy that is stored in an object because of its position.	Ball at the top of a hill, Dam
Elastic potential	Energy that is stored in an object because it is stretched or squashed.	Spring, Rubber band, Trampoline

The class have also participated in practical science lessons this term to support their biology learning. This has included using jelly/sweets to demonstrate the various parts of the cells and using Play Doh to create cells.

Drumming

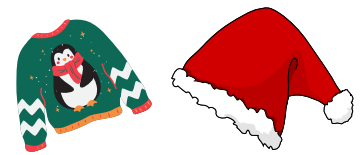
This term Ocean Class have been able to access sessions with 'We Drum'. Pupils are able to play current music and are able to match the beat with the drums.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

As an Academy we celebrated 'Christmas Jumper' day on 12th December with staff and pupils eager to participate. Merlin was keen to be involved too!

Again this year, staff taking part choose to donate items of food to the local foodbank.



Jack C

Jack was an Olive pupil between October 2023 and June 2024. We have caught up with him to see how he has been getting on at college



What course are you enrolled on at West Suffolk College?

Catering Level 1 as well as Maths and English.

What have you been learning on your new course?

I have been cooking a lot as well as learning to be Front of House. At the moment we are cooking a lot of roasts and Christmas dinners.

I spend 2 days cooking, and the rest of the time doing theory, Maths and English.

How did Olive Academies prepare you for college?

I was shown how to use the buses which has been useful as I now have to take the bus 4 days a week.

What are your plans for the future?

Once Jack has passed his Level 1 Catering he hopes to progress onto Level 2.

What is the best thing that you have cooked so far at college?

Mac 'n' Cheese - Always a favourite of Jack's.

What is your best memory from Olive Academies?

Cooking.

What advice would you give to Olive pupils looking to go onto college?

Jack had several bits of advice:

1. Find a course you like.
2. Look round several colleges until you find one that you like.
3. Set lots of alarms so you are not late - Jack currently has 5 alarms.

Holiday Activities



Want more for the kids to do in the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays?

Children aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals can access the Holiday Activities Fund (HAF) activities programme!

Access sports sessions, arts, crafts, dance and cooking classes for FREE!

Not eligible? Many providers also provide paid for spaces, so check out what is available.



Visit: www.suffolk.infolink.gov.uk to find out more - search 'Holiday Activities Fund'



HAF is funded by The Department of Education



Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

Free virtual workshops:

- Anxiety
- Big Feelings
- Self-harm
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Tourette's symptoms (TICS)

Access here: <https://www.nsfth.nhs.uk/parent-workshops>



Useful Links

<https://suffolkwestcab.org.uk/suffolk-domestic-abuse-helpline/>



[Suffolk Domestic Abuse helpline - Suffolk West Citizens Advice](https://suffolkwestcab.org.uk/suffolk-domestic-abuse-helpline/)

Anglia Care Trust (ACT), in partnership with Suffolk County Council have launched a free, 24/7 Suffolk Domestic Abuse helpline: 0800 [...] suffolkwestcab.org.uk

www.kooth.com - mental health support for 11 - 18 year olds

www.samaritans.org



[Homepage](http://www.samaritans.org)

Samaritans works to make sure there's always someone there for anyone who needs someone. Read more.

www.samaritans.org

www.thinkuknow.co.uk - CEOP online safety

0800 917 1109 - [Customer First is the first point of contact for social care in Suffolk County Council](#)

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You can call the **freephone** National Domestic Abuse Helpline at **0808 2000 247**.

The service is **confidential** and available **any time, day or night**.

