

# OLIVE AP ACADEMY SUFFOLK NEWSLETTER

*Spring Term 2024/25 Edition No. 2*



## **Update from the Head of Academy**

Dear Families,

As always, this term has been incredibly busy, including outdoor education, forest school, visits to colleges as well as visitors from lots of outside agencies. All of these experiences go towards supporting our pupils to thrive and begin to achieve their goals.

One of the greatest things to happen this term is our behaviour approach updates, pupils working towards 'Being Olive Green'. Pupils have really engaged well with these new approaches. A wonderful outcome of the new approach is pupils supporting each other to regulate, make the right choice and achieve their 'Olive Green' session. If you have any questions about our behaviour approach, please speak to your child's tutor on the Family Consultation day.

As the term draws to a close we welcome a new member of staff to our team, Mr Elliott has joined as our new Inclusion Manager and will be working closely with our pupils, supporting them with interventions and regulation activities.

A reminder that that our Family Consultation Day is taking place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April; pupils return to the academy for the start of the Summer term on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Wishing you and your families a restful and safe Easter break.

**Ellen Watson**  
**Head of Academy**

# Key Dates For Your Diary

## TERM DATES 2024-25

### 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

**TERMS DATES FOR 2025/26 CAN BE FOUND TOWARDS  
THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER**



As the term draws to an end, we say farewell to some of our pupils who are transitioning to their new placements after the Easter Break; we wish them well on the next stage of their journey.

You are all amazing!



### Outdoor Education Success

Congratulations to Year 11 pupil, Logan, who after successfully engaging in Outdoor Education since April 2023 has been awarded his Gilet by Ricky of East Coast Adventures. Logan is now supporting the Year 7-8 group with their activities and gaining some invaluable work experience.

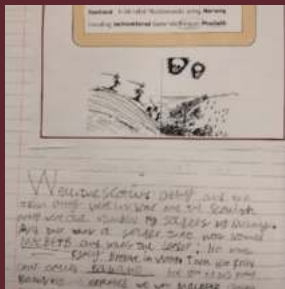
Well done Logan!

## BEACH Class News



### World Book Day

Each pupil completed different activities for World Book Day including dressing up, making chocolate bars and a golden ticket. Some pupils got involved in reading, including reading one of the World Book £1 token books. Others made front book covers.



### English Lessons

English in the first half term was Macbeth, where the pupils learnt about the Shakespearian play, thinking about characters and motives for the murder.

Every pupil was engaged and wrote more than they ever had.

A pupil in our class has put an Olive Academies jumper on Teddy and used chalkboard to draw a rainbow and the Olive Academies logo in our area. While another pupil just wrote that he loved Olive Academies.



## BEACH Class News cont.

### Forest School

One pupil has continued to enjoy going to Forest School and has also been amazing with the other pupils new to Forest School, answering questions, demonstrating and giving them time to explore.

He enjoyed the mud kitchen the most making lots of dishes for many of us!



The rest of the class are now map reading and building up their stamina so one day they can walk across Stowmarket. For now the furthest we have walked is the Recreation Ground in Stowmarket.



### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February was Safer Internet Day. This year the theme was 'Scamming'. We learnt how to avoid being scammed through being detectives.



## BEACH Class News cont.

This term pupils have been aware of the change of seasons and enjoyed spending time to reflect on nature. Some pupils have enjoyed painting during Lesson 6.



And now....the class is working with a professional artist!



### Drumming with 'WeDrum'

The class decided to create a band calling themselves 'The Killer Boy Rat'. They played a variety of songs including Bob the Builder and The Killers.



# RIVER Class News

**Food Glorious Food” is our theme of our River Class Spring Newsletter!**



River Class went on an Educational Visit to find out about different careers, as well as developing cooking skills. We went to Pizza Express for a Pizza Making Workshop. After finding out about the ingredients, each pupil shaped their dough before, adding tomato puree, mozzarella cubes and fresh basil leaves to create their own yummy Margarite Pizza, which they baked and enjoyed!

As part of PSHE lessons River Class planned a fundraiser to raise money for Cancer Charities. They decided to plan a Charity Cake Sale. River Class pupils promoted the event, created cakes, designed a money box and signs ready for their cake sale at our February Family Consultation Day.

The cake sale raised £60 for the local St Nicholas Hospice in Bury St Edmunds. We received the following kind response:

*‘On behalf of everyone at St Nicholas Hospice Care, I would like to personally extend our heartfelt gratitude for the kind £60.00 donation which the students at Olive AP Academy so kindly fundraised for us at their bake sale. Please pass on our sincerest thanks to all those involved – you are all truly wonderful’.*

Well done River Class 🙌



It was a lovely educational visit, in a beautiful location by the yachts in Regatta Quay on a gorgeous sunny day!



# OCEAN Class News

## Outdoor Education

This term pupils in Ocean Class have continued to participate in Outdoor Education activities. Spring Term 1 focused more on bushcraft activities and pupils were challenged to make a bushcraft table, using their skills and knowledge previously learnt at Outdoor Education. As a team pupils were able to complete the table. Pupils also used their skills to make bird boxes, that were put around the bushcraft site.



In Spring Term 2 pupils continued to focus on bushcraft activities but have also experienced other activities such as outdoor cooking, axe throwing, archery and mountain biking.



## Careers

This term Ocean pupils have been working towards their Careers BTEC award. The BTEC award has allowed pupils to explore and find information about their chosen career paths and understand the requirements/skills needed to get their goals. Some pupil had the opportunity to visit the Military Preparation College in Ipswich; further college trips have been booked for other pupils to explore art and beauty courses.



## OCEAN Class News cont.

### Lesson 6 Art

In the Spring Term we introduced lesson 6 activities, these activities are an incentive for pupils' engagement during the school day. Some of the activities that the pupils can participate in include art, games, music and various sports.



Pupils have experimented and explored new techniques using poster paints, acrylic paints, watercolours and clay. These have allowed pupils to be creative and create some amazing pieces of artwork.

The artwork has been displayed in the Da Vinci Room.

The piece of art shown below was created by a Year 10 pupil. While painting this canvas the pupil was able to link the colours of the paint to their emotions. Then they further related this to zones of regulation. The pupil named the piece '*their emotions throughout the day*'.



### Cooking

This term pupils in Ocean Class have continued with their BTEC Cooking Award and Curriculum Cooking. For BTEC Cooking pupils have been tasked to plan and cook a two-course meal. Pupils have also completed the theory aspect of the BTEC Cooking Award before their cooking lessons.

For curriculum cooking pupils have continued to cook and try new dishes but also explore new flavours. Dishes made include chicken curry, beef stew, Nandos chicken, macaroni cheese and patatas bravas.



Further examples of Art Work created by KS2/KS3/KS4 pupils



## BTEC - HOME COOKING SKILLS

This month, we are excited to feature some of our talented pupils who have excelled in their cooking assessments!

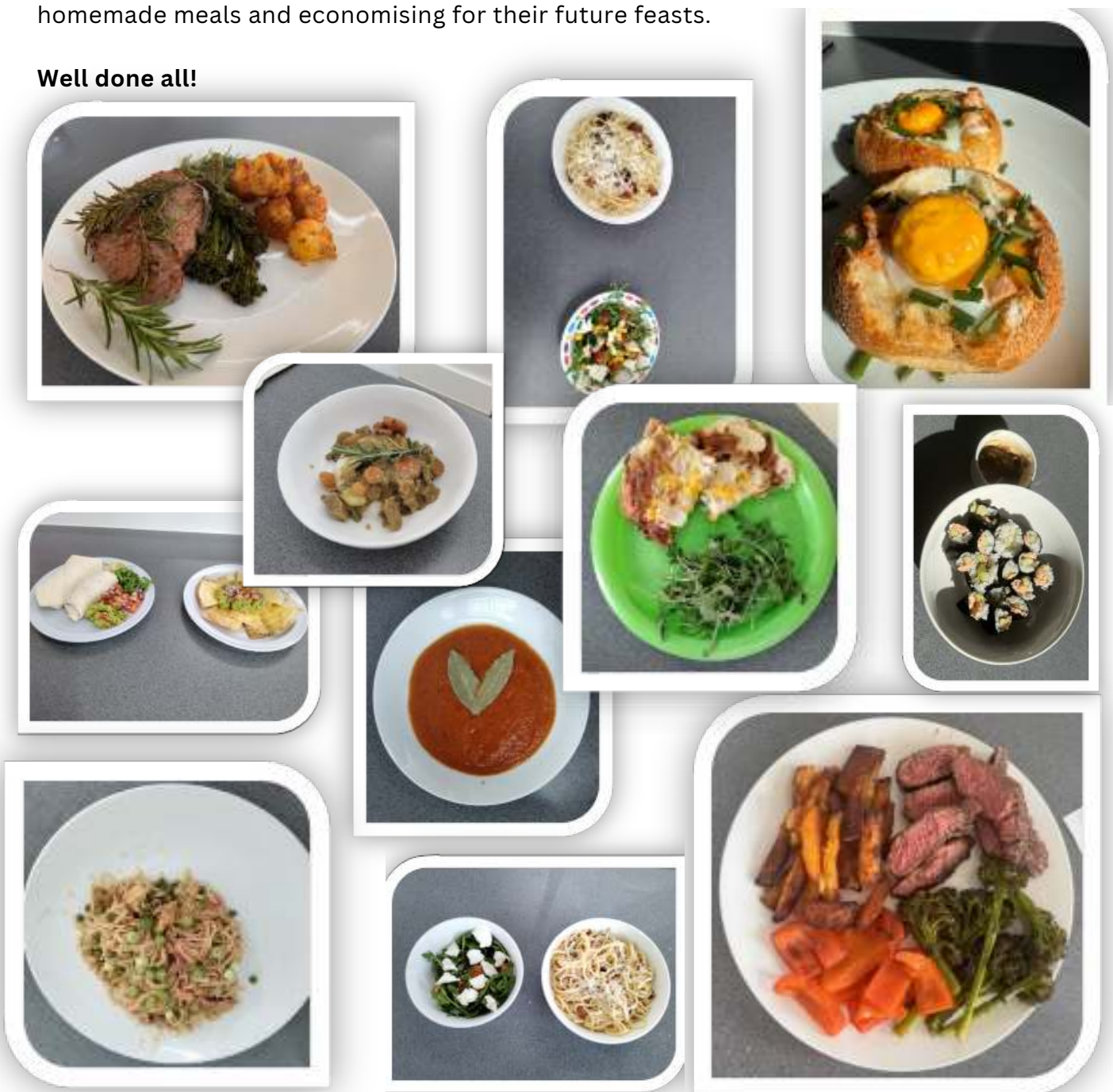
For BTEC Home Cooking Skills, pupils are given the opportunity to demonstrate their cooking skills through hands-on assessments that showcase their culinary abilities, and theory work to demonstrate their knowledge on health and safety and nutrition.

Starters from tomato soup, baked salmon and eggs, sushi, breakfast wraps to colourful salads. For main courses pupils cooked steak dishes, Thai green curry, noodles and Italian inspired dishes.

Pupils were able to recognise their wonderful achievements, with many of them wanting to share their recipes with guardians and asking staff to try their food delights!

These assessments are a fantastic way for pupils to build confidence in cooking homemade meals and economising for their future feasts.

**Well done all!**



# Comic Relief Red Nose Day



On Friday 21st March we participated in Red Nose Day with staff wearing something red in support of Comic Relief and making an Easter Treat donation to the local food bank.



# Archie G

**Archie was a pupil at Olive Academy between April 2023 and July 2024**

## **What course are you doing and where are you doing it ?**

Employability at TCHC (a post 16 training centre). I want to eventually do mechanics but they didn't have any space this year so I am doing this and then will move onto mechanics next year.

## **What is your favourite thing about college so far ?**

I am enjoying knowing that what I am learning will help me in the future with my mechanics course and getting a job after that.

## **What sort of things have you been learning on your course ?**

I have been looking at how to do interviews, how to write a CV and learning how to manage money for the future. I also do English and maths to build on the exams I got at Olive.

I have also passed my driving theory so I enjoy driving to and from college every day with my mum to get in the practice for my test !

## **What did you do at Olive that prepared you for post 16 ?**

I got a Level 1 maths qualification and an Entry Level English qualification. This has helped me with the English and maths I am doing at college.

## **Have you got any advice for our current year 11's who are doing their exams and looking at post 16 courses ?**

Just do it – try your hardest and everything will work out and the more you do now and at college the better set up you will be for the future.

## **What is your favorite memory from Olive ?**

I enjoyed cooking and PE – I hadn't played football for a long time and it was nice to get back into it.

## **Parents / Carers Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events**

We have been asked by Suffolk Police to share some information with families about free Cyber Security related webinars running this year. Details as follows:

Please note there are two parts to the parent events, and you will need to register for each independently. Each session will be repeated until December 2025. Both are 1hr sessions and are suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This is an opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world.

### **Parents Event - Pt1 - Introduction to Cyber Choices and Online Risks**

This session will introduce you to the Cyber Choices programme and will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.
- You will also receive an overview of:
  - Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
  - Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

The event is free, and tickets can be book directly via:

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 13:00 – 14:00 – [Link](#)
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 16:00 – 17:00 - [Link](#)
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10:00 – 11:00 – [Link](#)
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 19:00 – 20:00 – [Link](#)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 14:00 – 15:00 – [Link](#)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 16:00 – 17:00 – [Link](#)
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 10:00 – 11:00 - [Link](#)

### **Parents Event - Pt2 - Tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family**

This session will:

- Provide advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Help you to identify and protect your (and your children's) key accounts.
- Identify threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Highlight the benefits of family accounts.
- Identify parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's Stop! Think Fraud and the National Cyber Security Centres CyberAware campaign.

The event is free, and tickets can be book directly via:

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 13:00 – 14:00 – [Link](#)
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 16:00 – 17:00 - [Link](#)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 10:00 – 11:00 – [Link](#)
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 19:00 – 20:00 – [Link](#)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 14:00 – 15:00 – [Link](#)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 16:00 – 17:00 – [Link](#)
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10:00 – 11:00 - [Link](#)



## OA-Suffolk Term Dates 2025/26

### Autumn Term 2025

<b>TERM TIME</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025 (OA Trust Day) Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025 Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025
<b>FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
<b>FIRST DAY IN THE ACADEMY FOR PUPILS</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
<b>HALF TERM</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
<b>FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026

### Spring Term 2026

<b>TERM TIME</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
<b>FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
<b>FIRST DAY IN THE ACADEMY FOR PUPILS</b>	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
<b>HALF TERM</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
<b>FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Summer Term 2026

<b>TERM TIME</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
<b>FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
<b>FIRST DAY IN THE ACADEMY FOR PUPILS</b>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
<b>HALF TERM</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
<b>FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026
<b>LAST DAY FOR PUPILS AND STAFF</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

# WEIRD & WONDERFUL WOOD 2025

A specialised art & craft event with a difference, dealing solely in wood. For those with a capacity for wonder it will be a celebration of the many aspects of woodwork & woodworkers.

**SATURDAY 10th & SUNDAY 11th MAY**

Saturday, 10.30 – 6.00pm.  
Sunday, 10.30 – 5.00pm.

**HAUGHLEY PARK,**  
Near Wetherden, Stowmarket,  
(Off A14) Suffolk, IP14 3JY

ADMISSION per day:  
Adults - £17 Children 5 - 17 - £8  
Concs £13 Children under 5 - free  
Family ticket £45 (2 adults, 2 kids over 5)

*Fine Furniture, Sculpture, Wood Turning, Chain Saw Carving, Musical Instrument Making, Sign Writing, Garden Furniture, Fletchers and Bowyers, Hurdles, Archery, Monkey-Do Tree Climbing, Live Music, Free Workshops for All, Spontaneous Happenings, Stalls, Local Food & Drink and much more...*

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## Jumpers For Goalposts Project Easter Holidays Ipswich

Date	Venue	Time
Tue 8th April	Murray Rd Park	12.30pm-2pm
Tue 8th April	Gippeswyk Park	2.30pm-4pm
Thurs 10th April	Alexandra Park	2.30pm-4pm
Tue 15th April	Castle Hill Park	12.30pm-2pm
Tue 15th April	Dumbarton Rd Park	2.30pm-4pm



**Ages: 10-16**

Activities: Mainly football and cricket

Booking: Just turn up and join in

Cost: FREE!!



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THE REGAL STOWMARKET

WHAT'S ON THIS

# EASTER Holidays

4th - 21st April 2025

Something for the whole family to enjoy this Easter

**Films**

**A MINECRAFT MOVIE**

A mysterious portal pulls four misfits into the Overworld, a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home, they'll have to master the terrain while embarking on a magical quest with an unexpected crafter named Steve.

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**Films**

A beautiful girl, Snow White, takes refuge in the forest in the house of seven dwarfs to hide from her stepmother, the wicked Queen. Who will be crowned "the fairest in the land"? Come and watch to find out!

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**How many apples can you spot in the flowers?**

Join Us For...

# TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP!

Our annual event is back & we need your help!  
Join us for a morning of litter picking, teamwork & community spirit!

Tuesday 8th April. 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Recreation Ground

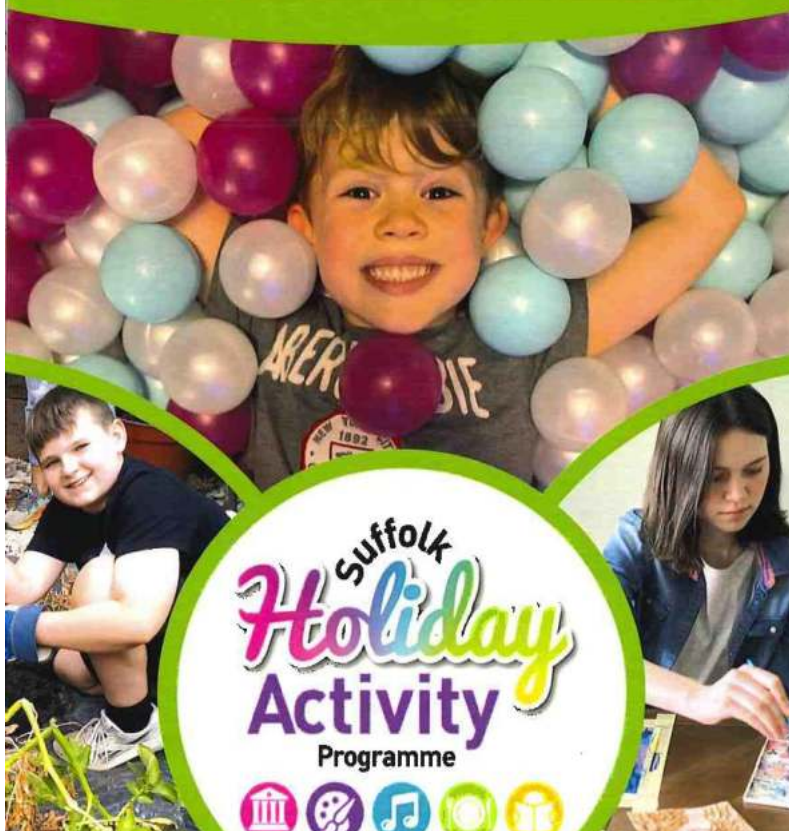
We'll provide all the equipment & refreshments!  
Prizes for Best Dressed Junior Picker!

Contact [communities@stowmarket.org](mailto:communities@stowmarket.org) / 01449 612060 to register your interest

# School Holiday Fun Awaits!

Book a spot now for your child aged 5-16 in the Spring, Summer and Winter school holidays

FREE for children who receive benefits-related free school meals



## Explore Our Holiday Activities Programme!

Children aged 5-16 can take part in a variety of fun and engaging activities this school holiday, which include:

- Sports sessions
- Arts and crafts
- Dance classes
- Cooking workshops

Activities are FREE for children who receive benefits-related free school meals.

### If your child is not on the free meals programme

Many of our activities have paid for sessions available, so every child still has a chance to participate!



### Find out more!

Visit <https://eequ.org/suffolkhaf> and search 'Holiday Activities Fund' or scan the QR code!

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## Available Easter clinics in Suffolk

To book your appointment

Please call 0300 555 5055 option 3 or email [hct.csaisnee@nhs.net](mailto:hct.csaisnee@nhs.net)

Saturday 05 April 25	Sudbury House 36 Whitehouse Road, Ipswich IP1 5LU	8.30am – 3.30pm
Monday 07 April 25	Sudbury House 36 Whitehouse Road, Ipswich IP1 5LU	8.30am – 3.30pm
Monday 07 April 25	Phoenix Family Hub, Tudor Road, Sudbury CO10 1NP	9.30am – 2.30pm
Tuesday 08 April 25	Sudbury House 36 Whitehouse Road, Ipswich IP1 5LU	8.30am – 3.30pm
Tuesday 08 April 25	New Bury Community Centre, Charles Place, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 6RW	11.00am - 3pm
Wednesday 09 April 25	Castle Hill Community Centre 76 Highfields Road, Ipswich IP1 6DG	8.45am - 3.00pm
Thursday 10 April 25	Ravenswood Family Hub, 103 Hening Avenue, Ipswich, IP3 9QJ	9.30am – 3pm
Thursday 10 April 25	Foley House Family Hub 52 Wellington Street, Newmarket, CB8 0HY	9.30am – 2.30pm
Friday 11 April 25	Castle Manor Academy, Sports Hall, 48 Eastern Avenue, Haverhill CB9 9JE	9.45am - 2pm
Monday 14 April 25	Sudbury House 36 Whitehouse Road, Ipswich IP1 5LU	8.30am - 3.30pm
Tuesday 15 April 25	Mildenhall College Academy, Bury Rd, Mildenhall, IP28 7HT	9.45am - 2.30pm
Tuesday 15 April 25	New Bury Community Centre, Charles Place, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 6RW	11.00am - 3pm
Wednesday 16 April 25	Sudbury House 36 Whitehouse Road, Ipswich IP1 5LU	8.30am -3.30pm
Wednesday 16 April 25	Sunshine Family Hub, Hillside, Stowmarket, IP14 2BD	9.30am – 2.30pm
Thursday 17 April 25	Thomas Mills High School Saxtead Road, Framlingham IP13 9HE	9.30am - 3.00pm

**No appointment needed for the below walk in clinic**

Wednesday 09 April 25	Castle Hill Community Centre 76 Highfields Road, Ipswich IP1 6DG	8.45am - 3.00pm
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