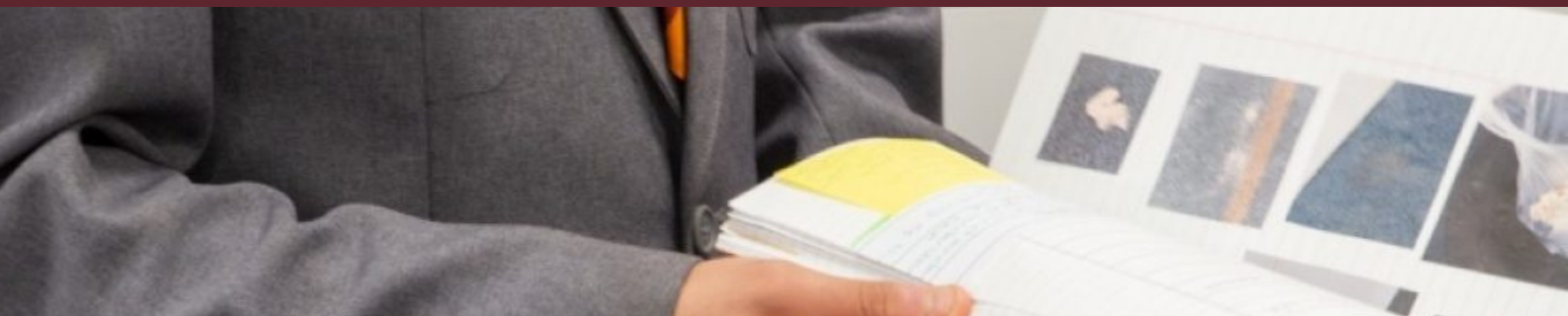




OLIVE AP ACADEMY SUFFOLK NEWSLETTER

*Summer Term 2022/23
Edition No. 4*



Update from the Acting Head of Academy

As it comes to the end of another Academic year, I have been reflecting on all the achievements the pupils' and staff have had. Celebrations have included:

- 'Good' at Ofsted
- Lots of offsite learning opportunities including trips to local colleges, Colchester Zoo and volunteering, as well as weekly sessions at Forest School and Outdoor Education
- Pupils have achieved a wide range of BTECs – including one pupil with a Level 2 cooking!
- Gold Anchored School Safeguarding award and Sliver

Most of all we can celebrate how far all the pupils have come this year. This week alone, I have seen pupils helping each other cook, helping each other to solve difficult Maths work as well as support each other to regulate and calm down when they are finding things hard. Over this year we have really developed a supportive and nurturing team at Olive Academy Suffolk. This has been possible by putting pupils first and working closely with staff and families to get the best outcomes for pupils.

Next year we will be developing our processes to ensure that pupil and families views are even more woven into what we do daily, maybe even to set up a PTA.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Year 11s and other pupils leaving us a massive GOOD LUCK! We will miss you all, it has been a pleasure to support you and watch you grow.

I am so proud to be the Acting Head of Academy and I look forward to working with all our pupils and families next year.

Have a great summer break.

Ellen Watson

Key Dates For Your Diary

TERM DATES 2023-24

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Monday 4th September - Wednesday 20th December

INSET DAYS: 4th, 5th September & 24th November (academy closed to pupils)

First day of term for pupils: Wednesday 6th September 2023

Half-term: Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2023

Last day of term for pupils: Wednesday 20th December 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

Wednesday 3rd January - Thursday 28th March 2024

INSET DAYS: 3rd & 4th January 2024 (academy closed to pupils)

First day of term for pupils: Friday 5th January 2024

Half-term: Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February 2024

Last day of term for pupils: Thursday 28th March 2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

Friday 12th April - Friday 19th July 2024

First day of term for pupils: Friday 12th April 2024

Half-term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

Last day of term for pupils: Friday 19th July 2024



At the end of this term we say farewell to colleagues who are moving onto new ventures:

Mrs Chubb - Teacher

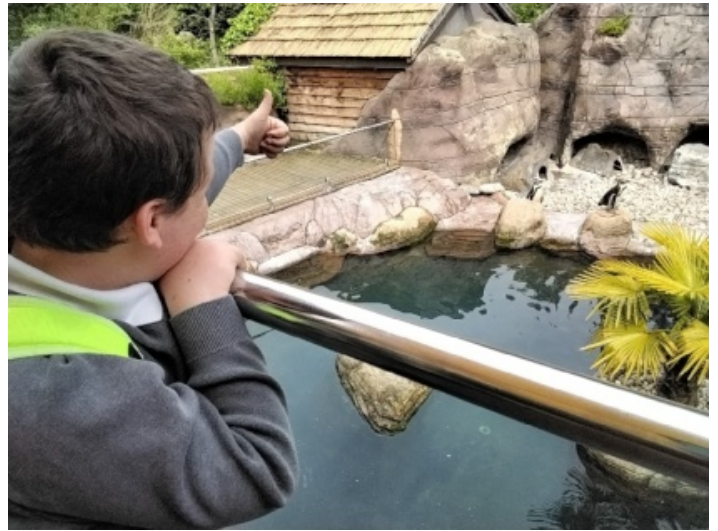
Mr McCrae - Teacher

Mrs Pullen - Assistant Headteacher / SENDCo

Beach and Ocean Class Trip to Colchester Zoo

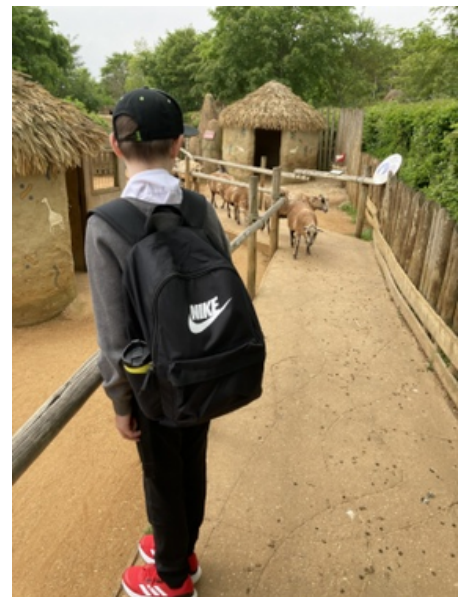
Towards the end of last half term Beach and Ocean class had the opportunity to visit Colchester Zoo.

Pupils explored the zoo in small groups, reading their maps to ensure they visited as many animals as possible. The train was popular with many of the pupils while visiting the goats, sheep and pigs was a highlight to others.

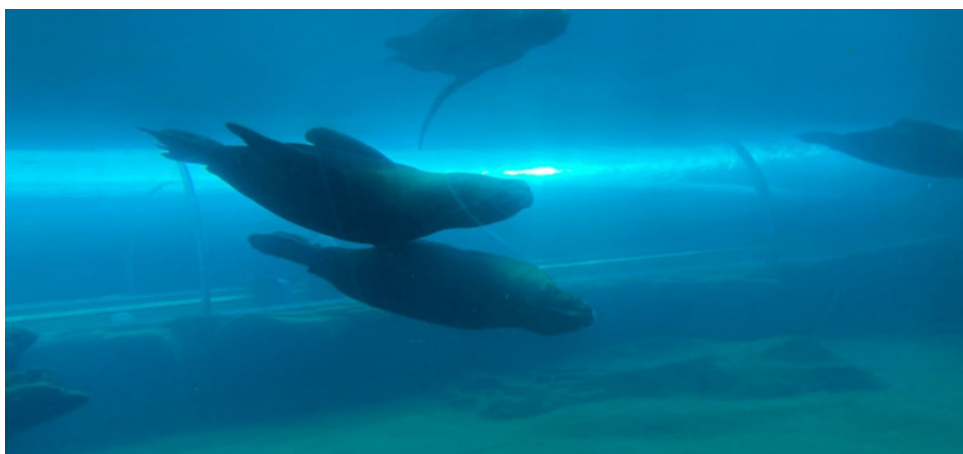


For most of Beach class this was their first visit to any zoo which meant it was a delight to watch them react to some of the more unusual animals.

We had lunch next to the elephants when some tested their strength against the power of some the animals.



The great thing about Colchester Zoo is the variety of animals there including the tiger, the crocodile and the seals.



I think it is safe to say that a good time was had by all at the Zoo!

Beach Class Updates

We continue to work hard in Beach class, two pupils sat their SAT's. In Science we have been learning about the Solar System , pupils inflated the planets and the sun and had lots of discussion about the order they should be in.



Norse Myths has been this half terms text, finding out about the Viking gods – the class asked if they could build a ship and make swords and shields so they could do some acting.



Beach Class Updates Cont.

This half term we have been learning new games to play at lunchtime, often in the shade during the warmer weather. Games include 'Pass the Ticking Bomb', 'Catch the Cabbage Patch', 'Bulls Eye' and 'Swing'.

'Keep up the Ball' is the favorite at the moment! Players are in a circle, the ball is passed round but if the player drops the ball they must go down on one knee. If they drop it again they go down on two knees.



Olive Way

We made some sea creatures which went to the Suffolk show to be part of the 'Save our Seas' recycling exhibition for Suffolk County Council.

During Ocean Week the class learnt about the importance of keeping our oceans clean and also learnt about turtles.



During 'Volunteer Week' we went to Chilton Fields to pick up any rubbish; we are pleased to say the area was mostly clean except the play area for small children. The pupils were praised by a parent for clearing up the litter.

Ocean Class Updates

KS3 went to Colchester Zoo as part of the Humanities and PSHE curriculum. It was a great day and the pupils were able to find lots of animals from Africa. Some pupils got to ride the train, some got to see monkeys getting up to mischief and all managed to have an ice-cream to end what was a lovely day.

We were very proud of our pupils and the way in which they conducting themselves. Role models for Olive!



Forest School

Forest School has been a great success. The pupils have developed a range of skills from team work to building and lighting fires and how to tie knots for a rope swing. It has been a great pleasure seeing the group develop and step out of their comfort zones trying new challenges and exploring the forest and what it has to offer.

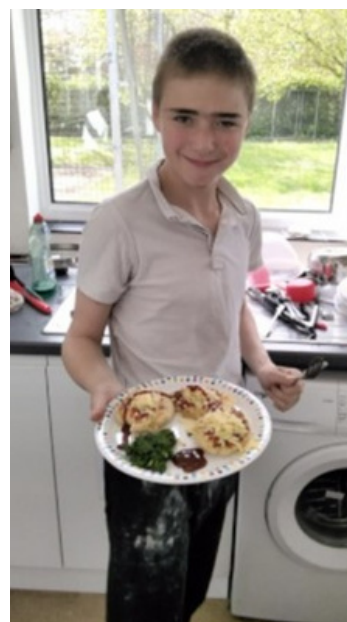
A highlight each week is seeing the group cook and play games.



Cooking

This term KS3 have cooked a vast array of dishes, some were enjoyed, Gypsy Creams for Gypsy, Roma, Traveller week, some less enjoyable ones such as our experiments with nettles!

The class have also worked on developing knife skills, how to peel, grate, read a recipe and, most importantly, how to wash up!



Volunteering

KS3 have had the opportunity to work with the Food Museum in Stowmarket to do some volunteering with the animals. The students have prepared their food, fed them, poo picked and work with the staff there to manage the site. It has been a worthwhile experience, building confidence, gaining knowledge of the world, interacting with others and increasing stamina walking to and from the museum.



Holiday Activities

HAF Programme

The Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Programme is back for the summer holidays.

HAF is backed by funding from The Department for Education to provide enriching activities to children and young people, particularly those who receive free school meals. The holiday clubs can involve helping young people experience new and enriching activities from sports, music, dance, and drama, to art, culture, cooking and gardening, as well as improving socialisation, helping children & young people to have fun with friends during the holidays.

Parents and carers across Suffolk may be eligible to receive benefit from free holiday club's places for children and young people over the school holidays through HAF - the academy has sent home codes for those pupils who are eligible.

Summer Holiday Activities at Linden House Bury St Edmunds (Access Community Trust)

Six weeks of FREE activities! Take your enthusiasm along to Linden House where they will be hosting a range of creative workshops, fun competitions, and educational sessions.

Dates: Monday - Thursday, 24 July - 31 August

Times: 10:00-12:30 & 13:00-16:00

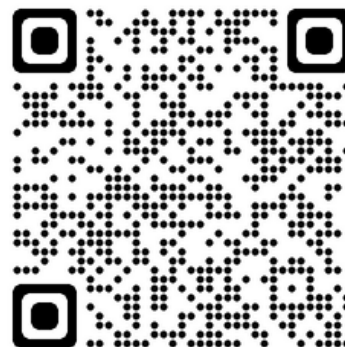
Tickets: Free

Booking: No booking required

Venue: Linden House, Bury St Edmunds

For the full timetable scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.instagram.com/lindenhouseuk/>



WATER SAFETY

We have been asked to share with you by Suffolk Police recent reports of young people accessing private land with lakes or sections of rivers running through it to use the water to swim/play in hot weather. Aside from making the landowners very anxious as to the dangers this can cause to the young people in case they get into difficulty in the water due to reeds/mud and debris unseen, it has also caused criminal damage to fencing, gates etc. and has had to be replaced at a cost to the landowner.

On one occasion one young person suffered an injury as a result which could have been life changing for them and their family.

Please make sure your child is aware of the dangers not only of open water but accessing and damaging private property, which could all lead to serious injury.

FREE NEW SUFFOLK ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES - LOVE EXPLORING

'Love Exploring' is a free app with local guided tours and discovery games which are perfect for families. The games and guided trails have been designed to be enjoyed together. There are fairies and dinosaurs to find, and when you meet them they'll ask you a question about the location you are in!

Useful interactive maps show you where to park the car, find the loo, or grab a coffee and cake. Learn more by visiting the Love Exploring website. The app is available to download for both iOS and Android.

Locations featured include:

- Sudbury - 5 trails
- Lavenham - 2 trails
- Hadleigh - 2 trails
- Dedham - 3 trails
- Shotley - 1 trail
- Stowmarket - 3 trails
- Needham Market - 5 trails
- Eye - 2 Trails

We hope you enjoy this app and the many activities you can find on it for you and your family. Have a great summer!

[Love Exploring website](#) download for iOS or Android

Or scan the QR code below which will take you direct to the Love Exploring website.



HOORAY! for Heaths

Sunday 30th July

10am-4pm

Join us at our community open day and celebrate everything **amazing** about the Knettishall Heath Nature Reserve!



river dipping
minibeast hunting
crafts & games
guided walks
..and lots more!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

for more details, visit our website or:

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Holiday Club

at Knettishall Heath Nature Reserve

Let the kids go WILD on the Nature Reserve during the school holidays! Your child will have the opportunity to make new friends, play games, explore the Heath, discover wildlife, learn new skills and help to prepare a healthy vegetarian lunch.

Suitable for children aged 6-11.

Wednesday 26th July
Wednesday 2nd August
Wednesday 9th August
Wednesday 16th August
Wednesday 23rd August



9am-3:30pm

£25 per child/free with a HAF code*

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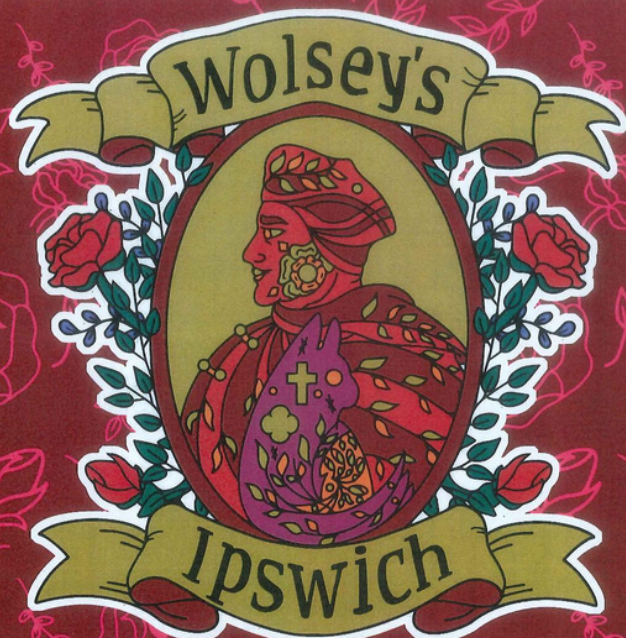
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EXHIBITION

14 July - 29 October

FREE ADMISSION

The Hold, Ipswich Waterfront

www.suffolkarchives.co.uk

WOLSEY'S IPSWICH EVENTS AT THE HOLD

Curator Tours

Specific dates throughout the Wolsey's Ipswich exhibition.
Go beyond the displays with a special tour from our exhibition team.
All ages. £5 per person.

Let's Get Crafty: Tudors

Tuesdays throughout the summer holidays. 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Come along to enjoy some Tudor inspired family friendly crafts.
Ages 5 - 11. Free. Booking required.

Tudor Dance and Music

Tuesday 8, 15, 22 and 29 August. 10.30am - 1pm.
Join us for a morning of Tudor dance and music. Suitable for all ages, no experience needed!
All ages. Free drop in.

Let's Get Crafty: Who Do I Want to Be When I Grow Up?

Wednesdays throughout the summer school holidays. 10.30am - 12.30pm.
Be inspired by Thomas Wolsey's aspirations! Explore who you want to be through family craft activities.
Ages 5 - 11. Free. Booking required.

Tudor Writing Workshop

Friday 8 September and Friday 6 October. 10am - 1pm.
Join Jorge Kelman for a half day workshop exploring Tudor writing techniques. During the workshop you will make Tudor ink and a goose quill pen.
Finish by writing and sealing your own letter.
Ages 12 plus. £15 per person.

For more details and to book your tickets visit www.suffolkarchives.co.uk



Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council - Holiday Activities

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils are putting together 5 Family Fun Days this year, after the successful pilot last year. The events are being funded through the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF), the government led national initiative to support children and families on the lowest incomes during the school holidays. However, there are plenty of free activities for all families and children to enjoy, whether HAF eligible or not.

The aim of the family fun events is to offer all members of public a fun space for families to come together, enjoy a picnic, and for the children to get involved in some fun, free events. The overarching focus however, aside from this, will be to raise awareness and offer information and support to families on current issues such as:

- The cost-of-living crisis
- Fuel poverty
- Housing issues
- Health issues including mental health

The dates are:

1. Monday 24th July - Eye Community Centre
2. Tuesday 25th July - Stowmarket Rec
3. Thursday 27th July - Shotley Community Centre
4. Friday 28th July - Hadleigh Cox's Park
5. Monday 31st July - Sudbury Belle Vue Park.

The events will be open to the public from 10am – 2pm.

Families who are HAF eligible can pre-book some of the activities on <https://www.acleisure.com/haf/> and can pre-order a lunch by emailing: HAFenquiries@babermidsuffolk.gov.uk by the 17th July.

Everyone who is not eligible for HAF can turn up on the day, there will be plenty of activities and will be free for everyone.

FAMILY FUN DAY
East House Park, George St, Hadleigh IP7 9BE
Friday 28 July, 10am-2pm

FREE to attend all welcome!

- Climbing wall
- Archery
- Face painting
- Sports
- And much more!

Bring a picnic!

Is your child eligible for free school meals? Your child could be eligible to a *free picnic!
Email: HAFenquiries@babermidsuffolk.gov.uk. You can also prebook activities on <https://www.acleisure.com/haf/> - scan the QR code to find out more.

*Book your free picnic before 3.7th July

Suffolk County Council
Department for Education

FAMILY FUN DAY
Monday 31st July Belle Vue Park, Ingrams Well Rd, Sudbury CO10 2XJ - 10am-2pm

FREE to attend all welcome!

Bring a picnic!

- Climbing wall
- Emergency services
- Face painting
- Sports
- And much more!

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FAMILY FUN DAY
Stowmarket Recreation Ground, Finborough Rd, Stowmarket IP14 1PN
Tuesday 25 July, 10am-2pm

FREE to attend all welcome!

Bring a picnic!

- Climbing wall
- Archery
- Face painting
- Sports
- And much more!

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SUFFOLK COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL AGE IMMUNISATION TEAM - CATCH UP PROGRAMME

- The Suffolk CSAIS is offering a packed teenage vaccination catch up programme across the County over the Summer.
- This is for HPV, Meningitis ACWY, Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR).
- For bookable sessions or if you are unsure what vaccines your child still requires, please contact the team on **0300 555 5055 (option 3)**
- Please note WALK IN sessions will finish promptly at their end times. Apologies but there may be some waiting around at busier times.

Week 1 24/07/23 Stowupland 6 th form centre WALK IN 08.30-15.00 Beccles Public Hall (NR34 9AD) WALK IN 09.30-14.30 25/07/23 Leiston Family Hub BOOKABLE 09.30-14.00 New Bury Community Centre BOOKABLE 09.30-14.30 26/07/23 Sudbury House, Ipswich BOOKABLE 08.30-15.00 27/07/23 Riverside Children's Centre Lowestoft BOOKABLE 10.00-14.00 28/07/23 New Bury Community Centre WALK IN 09.30-14.30	Week 2 31/07/23 Sudbury House, Ipswich BOOKABLE 08.30-13.00 01/08/23 New Bury Community Centre BOOKABLE 09.30-14.30 02/08/23 Phoenix Family Hub Sudbury BOOKABLE 09.30-14.00 Charles Burrell Centre Thetford (IP24 3LH) WALK IN 09.30-14.30 03/08/23 Woodbridge Community Hall WALK IN 09.00-14.30 04/08/23 New Bury Community Centre WALK IN 09.30-14.30
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Week 5 21/08/23 Treehouse Family hub Ipswich BOOKABLE 09.00-14.30 22/08/23 Dumbarton Scout Hut Ipswich WALK IN 09.00-14.30 23/08/23 Framlingham Castle Community rooms WALK IN 09.30-14.00 24/08/23 Haverhill Clements Community Centre WALK IN 09.30-14.00 25/08/23 Felixstowe The Oaks Family Hub BOOKABLE 09.30-14.00 Charles Burrell Centre Thetford (IP24 3LH) WALK IN 09.30-14.30	Week 6 28/08/23 BANK HOLIDAY 29/08/23 New Bury Community Centre BOOKABLE 09.30-14.30 30/08/23 Sudbury House, Ipswich BOOKABLE 08.30-15.00 31/08/23 Mildenhall The Pavilion (Jubilee Centre & Pavilion) BOOKABLE 09.30-14.00 01/09/23 Beccles Public Hall (NR34 9AD) WALK IN 09.30-14.30