

# Newsletter



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear families,

It has been a fantastic week in school this week! We continue to see increasing numbers of children walking independently into school in the morning, with huge smiles on their faces! Thank you for your support with this.

We had an eventful day on Wednesday as we rehearsed our first lockdown drill of the year! This went brilliantly - the staff worked hard to talk about and prepare the children for what this would look like, in a child-friendly way, and the children responded so calmly and sensibly! We will use the drill to further refine our procedures, which will be shared in due course.

Despite the soggy weather this week we had an enthusiastic group of pupils taking part in the Cross Country competition at Castle Manor Academy - thank you to Miss Martin for preparing and supporting our children during this event! The children supported the school brilliantly - more information enclosed.



We have our parents' evenings on Monday and Tuesday of next week - it would be great to see as many families as possible attend. This is an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out about how they have settled into their new class.

To book an appointment please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) and use the event code: k9tz7 Or alternatively use this link: [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/k9tz7](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code/k9tz7)

If you have any queries, general messages or questions for your child's class teacher, please continue to use Class Dojo, phone the office to arrange an appointment, or email [admin@placefarm.org.uk](mailto:admin@placefarm.org.uk).

For any other enquiries, please contact the school office by phone, or email [admin@placefarm.org.uk](mailto:admin@placefarm.org.uk).

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Kind regards,  
Mrs McConnell  
Head of School

## Upcoming dates:

### **October**

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parents Evening (more information to follow)  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parents Evening (more information to follow)  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct: Theatre workshops Yrs 4-6  
Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Oct: Harvest Festival Assembly for children (further information below)  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct: Flu vaccinations (more information to follow)  
Theatre workshops Yrs 4-6  
Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Oct: Autumn term disco (more information to follow)  
**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov: Half-term break**  
Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: Deadline for Yr 6 parents/carers to apply for a secondary school place

### **November**

- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Vancols individual student photos (more information to follow)  
Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1ES library visit 9:30-10:30  
1ED library visit 1:30-2:30  
Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: 4RG library visit 9:30-10:30  
5JG library visit 1:30-2:30  
Thur 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: 3SA library visit 9:30-10:30

### **December**

- Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: 3KM library visit 9:30-10:30  
6SL library visit 1:30-2:30  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Flu vaccinations (more information to follow)  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Carol Concert at St Marys Church (more information to follow)  
Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: 2LP library visit 9:30-10:30  
2LA library visit 1:30-2:30  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas in a day (more information to follow)  
Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: School term ends**

## Parents Evening

Parents' evening bookings are live.

You are able to book an appointment with your child's class teacher on either Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October between 3:40pm until 7:10pm or Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October between 3:40pm until 5:20pm.

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## Celebration Assembly



some children receiving their PROUD certificates.

Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate in celebration assembly this week. We had lots of children receiving their coloured certificates today and



We also had pupils celebrated for achievements in swimming, gymnastics and dancing.



We are also continuing to celebrate maths achievements on tt rockstars. This term, we are presenting certificates to the child in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who achieved the most coins in their year group, as well as certificates for the three children who had the biggest increase in their times table recall speed. We also celebrated the problem-solvers of the week in Year 1 and Rainbow class.



Times table knowledge and fluency are so important in many areas of maths. Please continue to encourage your children to use tt rockstars at home. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

### **Attendance**



In celebration assembly each week, we also celebrate the classes with the best attendance of the previous week. Attendance is vitally important to a child's success both in school and in later life.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> place we had OAP with 97.3%  
In 2<sup>nd</sup> place we had OCS with 97.6%  
In 1<sup>st</sup> place we had 1ED with 98.6%

Our whole school attendance was 92.7%

## Cross-Country competition



A group of our year 5 and 6's took part in a cross-country competition on Wednesday. The team had great enthusiasm and showed great resilience in the weather conditions. Everyone ran a fantastic race and should be very proud of themselves!



## Maths at Place Farm



### EYFS

The children in Early Years have been working incredibly hard in their Maths learning this week. They have been looking at numbers 1-5 in depth and exploring these in different ways. The children have been using the bead strings to help them and they did a great job! Well done everyone! 😊



### Year One



Year One have been working super hard this week. They have been looking at and exploring different 2D shapes and 3D shapes and been using mathematical vocabulary to describe them. They enjoyed looking at these and even created their very own shape pictures. Well done Year One! 😊



### Year Two



In Year Two, the children have been looking at word problems and bar models. They had to work out if it they were addition or subtraction and they did really well with picking out the key information. They then added the information to the bar model to work out their final answer. Super work Year Two 😊

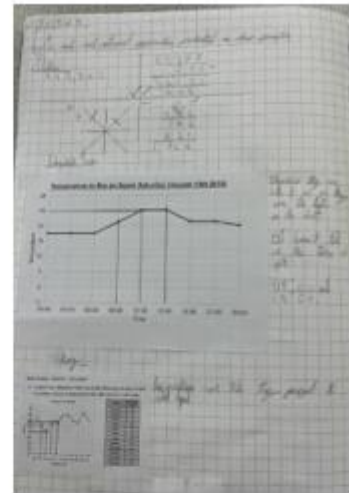




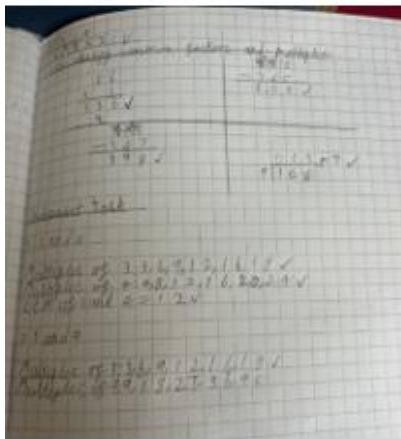
### Year Five



Year Five have been working incredibly hard this week. They have been reading and interpreting line graphs and data. They have been looking at the intervals between numbers to pinpoint the readings accurately. They finished the week by reading data and plotting their very own line graphs. Great work Year Five!



### Year Six



This week, the Year 6 children have moved on their multiplication and division unit. They started the week looking multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and then moved on to factors, multiples and prime numbers. The children completed their arithmetic assessment and all did so well - we are so proud of them! 😊



Best wishes 😊

Miss Lister

## Harvest Festival



We are supporting Reach Haverhill again this year with a food collection for their Harvest Festival in support of our local community

In preparation for our Harvest Festival Assembly, on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, we will be collecting donations for Reach Haverhill. Please see the poster below for the items that they require for this year. Please could any donations be handed to your child's class teacher between Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you in advance for your support of this cause.

A poster titled 'Harvest shopping list 2024' with a decorative border of autumn leaves. The text is as follows:

**Harvest shopping list 2024**

Just one or two items from the list would be greatly appreciated!

<input type="checkbox"/> Squash	<input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits
<input type="checkbox"/> Custard	<input type="checkbox"/> Tinned fruit
<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar 1kg	<input type="checkbox"/> Jam
<input type="checkbox"/> Pudding (rice or sponge longlife)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rice
<input type="checkbox"/> Crisps/crackers	<input type="checkbox"/> Noodles
<input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes (tinned/mashed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tea
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit juice (long-life)	<input type="checkbox"/> UHT milk
<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate treats	

**NOT needed:**

<del>Beans</del>	<del>Tinned fish</del>	<del>Deodorant</del>
<del>Pasta</del>	<del>Tinned meat</del>	<del>Shampoo</del>
<del>Cereal</del>	<del>Soup</del>	
<del>Dog / Cat food</del>	<del>Tinned tomatoes</del>	
<del>Washing up liquid</del>	<del>Shower Gel</del>	
<del>Pasta sauce</del>	<del>Toilet roll</del>	

[www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/harvest](http://www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/harvest)

**Reach** Community Projects

## **SEND Parent Padlet:**

<https://padlet.com/lkidd11/parenting-padlet-hgdrprcnhil3ene5>

Please use this link to have an explore of our new SEND Parent Padlet, which contains lots of information resources and links to provide you with support and advice. There are links to local groups, SEND resources and parenting tips.

## **Year 6 Parents**

Communication has been sent this week to all year 6 parents about applying for your child's secondary school placement with Suffolk Admissions. This was emailed earlier this week. This opened on 12/9/2024 and will close on 31/10/2024. Offers confirming placement allocations are sent on 03/03/2025.

If you need any help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via the admin email address – [admin@placefarm.co.uk](mailto:admin@placefarm.co.uk) or by phoning on 01440 702836.

## **Uniform**



It has been so lovely to see the children looking smart and professional in their Place Farm uniform. Just a reminder that children can wear the summer uniform until October half term. All uniform expectations are published on our school website (see link below).

PE uniform consists of:

- Either a plain white polo shirt/plain white t-shirt or **polo shirt with school logo** from supplier.
- Blue shorts
- Blue jogging bottoms (optional instead of shorts)
- Plain black or blue leggings
- Trainers
- Blue socks (optional)

<https://placefarm.org.uk/uniform>

## **Year 6 SATS week**

For reference – Year 6 SATs week this year will be week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May. This is the week that pupils in Year 6 across the country will be sitting these statutory assessments.



# October Half-Term External Activities

## Abbeycroft Leisure

### Free OCTOBER Holiday Activities 2024 -



#### Does your child receive free school meals?

If your child get means tested free school dinners, then you can apply for a range of free activities for your family and children.

These sessions are funded for the generous donations from our funding partners:

*Bury St Edmunds Town Council, Suffolk Community Foundation Bluebell Fund, Haverhill Town Council, Brandon Town Council, Suffolk Community Foundation Port of Felixstowe Fund, Mildenhall Town Council, Public Health Suffolk, Suffolk Community Foundation Private Giving Fund, Keith Welham Suffolk County Council, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council.*

We have 2 sessions available:

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| <b>Family Park Cooking</b> | - Every family will cook a hearty lunch and receive ingredients for the whole family. |
| <b>Adventure Days</b>      | - Action Packed Adventure Day including a breakfast, lunch and snacks.                |

To book an activity visit: [www.abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF](http://www.abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF) if you need any help booking speak to your school office or email [HAF@acleisure.com](mailto:HAF@acleisure.com)

Free sessions are primarily for children entitled to **Means Tested Free School Meals**

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#### Booking Process / Eequ

We will be continuing to use the Eequ booking platform this holiday. There are no longer voucher codes. All bookings will now go through the **Eequ** system and a verification check before they are confirmed.

Parents will need to select their eligibility criteria when booking.

- Parents will book their children through the online links using **Eequ** – if their child meets the criteria, they will get approval and will receive a confirmation email.
- If they are rejected, they will receive a cancellation and explanation of why – encourage families to log into Eequ regularly to check their messages as well as their junk email folder
- Parents need to understand their booking is not confirmed and they are not eligible for a place until they have received their booking confirmation email.
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Free sessions are primarily for children entitled to **Free School Meals** – Approval will also be considered for young people in the following categories:

- Eligible for means tested free school meals - Pupil Premium (Not KS1 universal free school meals)
- Looked after child (LAC)
- Child protection plan in place
- Refugees

To book visit: [www.abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF](http://www.abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF)

Below is a list of our activities and locations:

Session	Age	Town	Venue	Dates	Dates with Additional SEND Support
Adventure Days	8-12 yrs.	Bury	Bury Leisure Centre	28th, 29th, 30th & 31st Oct	29th Oct
Adventure Days	8-12 yrs.	Newmarket	Newmarket Leisure Centre	28th, 29th Oct	n/a
Adventure Days	8-12 yrs.	Haverhill	Haverhill Leisure Centre	28th, 29th Oct	n/a
Adventure Days	8-12 yrs.	Sudbury	Sudbury Scout Hut	31st Oct	31st Oct
Adventure Days	8-12 yrs.	Stowmarket	1st Combs scouts	30th Oct	n/a
Adventure Days	8-12 yrs.	Hadleigh	Hadleigh Scout Hut	1st Nov	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Bury	Bury Scout Hut	28th, 29th, 30th & 31st Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Newmarket	Jarman Centre	28th, 29th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Haverhill	East Town Park	31st Oct, 1st Nov	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Scouts	30th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Brandon	Brandon Country Park	29th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Felixstowe	Ferry Centre	1st Nov	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Hadleigh	Hadleigh Scout Hut	31st Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Ipswich	IP1	28th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Ipswich	IP2	29th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Ipswich	IP3 / IP10	31st Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Ipswich	IP4	30th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Stowmarket	1st Combs Scouts	1st Nov	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Sudbury	Stevenson Centre	28th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Sudbury	Sudbury Scout Hut	29th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Saxmundham	Knodishall	28th Oct	n/a

**SEND SUPPORT:**

There is **ONLY** Additional SEND support on the dates listed above:

On these days we provide an extra instructor increasing our ratio from 1:10 to 1:5 to provide a little extra support to those that need it. Children will still be expected to be independent and manage their own behaviour and interactions with other children as set out in our behavioural policy.

**Please note bookings are made on a first come first served basis. Spaces are limited! Contact us if your chosen venue or date has been booked, and we might be able to provide an alternative venue or we can add you to our waiting list as we often have cancellations. [haf@acleisure.com](mailto:haf@acleisure.com)**

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# FAMILY PARK COOKING

28th October – 1st November  
Across Suffolk  
10:00–15:00  
\*subject dates apply

**FREE\***

Parents and children take part in an amazing family day out with a wide range of activities including an outdoor cooking master class where you will cook a delicious lunch together.

Every family that attend will take home all of the ingredients and recipe cards for a weeks' worth of meals.

**BOOK NOW**

\*free for those eligible for free school meals or meet the eligibility criteria  
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**EXPLORE OUTDOOR**

# ADVENTURE DAYS

AGES 8-12 YEARS

28th October – 1st November  
\*subject dates apply  
08:30–16:30

Join us this October Half Term for a range of exciting activities. Take part in activities including fire lighting, archery, axe throwing, swimming and more

With our Adventure Days happening across Babergh, Mid and west Suffolk, your child has the chance to unlock their inner explorer whilst fitting around your working hours.

Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided!

**FREE\***  
**BOOK NOW**

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## **Prestige Sports**

Please see below for a selection of sports camps that Prestige Sports are running over half-term.

Below you can find links to the booking pages:

Activity Camp - [Mega Activity Holiday Camps \(5 - 12yrs\) at Samuel Ward Sports Barn, Haverhill | Prestige Sport Camps | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

Football Camp - [Football Fun Camp \(5 - 12yrs\) at Samuel Ward Sports Barn, Haverhill | Prestige Sport Camps | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

Unity Week - [UNITY SCHOOLS - Mega Sports Camps \(5 - 12yrs\) at Samuel Ward Sports Barn, Haverhill | Prestige Sport Camps | Powered by ClassForKids](#)