

13th March 2026



This Week in School

- Children who attended **Adastral Park** received fantastic feedback for their excellent behaviour—well done to every-one involved!
- We were delighted to welcome so many mums and special ladies to our **Mother's Day Afternoon Tea** after school. Thank you to Sam for baking the delicious cakes.

Next week

- **Oak Class** will be visiting the Recycling Centre at Great Blakenham.

Breakfast & After School Club – Places Available!

These clubs provide a **safe, friendly and supportive environment** where children can start the morning calmly and end the day happily, with activities, games and time with friends.

If you would like your child to attend, **please book through Arbor**. We would especially encourage families to give it a try – even one or two sessions a week can make busy mornings and afternoons much easier.

We have space available, so this is a great time to sign up. We look forward to seeing more children enjoying the clubs!

Supporting children at different ages with their use of Technology

Advice for parents of children under 10 years old

- **Enable access to devices with limited features**—Device usage at this age is best kept to devices with limited capability. This could include tablets without data and non-smart phones that only allow calls and texts.
- **Keep tech use visible in the home**—Try to keep tech use in shared family spaces or used with bedroom doors open. This will allow you to support your child and be more aware of what they are doing online.
- **Follow age ratings**—Apps, sites and games come with age ratings which are important to follow. You can find out the age rating on the website for the platform or by visiting [Common Sense Media's reviews](#).
- **Use safety settings**—Explore the in-app and device safety settings with your child and check them regularly to make sure they are still in place.
- **Revisit parental controls**—as children grow up and need the internet more for schoolwork you may want to adjust your [parental controls](#). Keep checking these regularly to make sure they are in place
- **Have regular conversations**—at this age online safety conversations should be happening regularly. Visit [advice on talking to your child about online safety](#).
- **Build healthy habits**—acknowledge the positives it brings as part of your safety conversations and agree rules and boundaries together as a family.

Cleaner—Mendlesham Primary School

We are looking for a professional, friendly and motivated individual to undertake a range of cleaning duties at **Mendlesham Primary School**.

If you are interested please see information on the Oxlip website, link below.

Click [here](#) for details.

Playground Safety Reminder

We kindly ask that **dogs are not brought into the playground** at drop-off or pick-up times.

For the safety and wellbeing of all children, and in line with **Oxlip policy**, dogs must remain **outside the school grounds**.

Thank you for helping us keep the playground a safe space for everyone.

Diary Dates

19th March — Oak Class to SUEZ recycling plant
20th March — Dental Epidemiology in School @ 1:30pm

Easter Holidays

30th March to 10th April 2026

13th April—PD Day

16th April — Year 3 & 4 to Suffolk Farm Fair @ Trinity Park
21st April—Elm & Holly to Museum of Zoological Life
23rd April — Bags to School Day
28th April—Willow Class to Banham Zoo

4th May—Bank Holiday

25th to 29th May—Half Term

Golden Certificates

Willow—Christopher
Elm— Raffy
Oak— Rocky
Chestnut— Noah
Holly—Harper, Alfie
Cherry— Reya

Super Stars

Willow— Arthur
Elm— Delilah, Isla
Oak— Sophie
Chestnut—Abi
Holly— Noah, Joey
Cherry— Amelia

Attendance This Week

Willow - 84.69%
Elm - 86.24%
Oak - 98.74%
Chestnut – 99.6%
Holly - 87.5%
Cherry - 93.24%

Dinner Menu

Week Commencing 16th March

Monday	16.03.26 Meat Free Ravioli
Tuesday	Spaghetti Bolognese Veggie Bolognese
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Roast Quorn Fillet
Thursday	Hawaiian Pizza Margherita Pizza
Friday	Fish Finger Waffle Fries

Also Available Daily

School Packed Lunch:- Baguettes/Sandwiches/Wraps
with Cheese/Ham/Tuna Mayo

Jacket Potato:- Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Selection Changed Daily:- Pasta, Homemade Bread,
Seasonal Vegetables
Salad Bar

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Platter, Fruit Kebabs, Fresh Fruit Salad,
Yoghurt, Jelly

Sam's Special Desserts

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday