

10th July 2026



This week:

We were delighted to welcome more work experience students from local schools. Thank you to them for their enthusiasm and support throughout their placements.

Children (and staff) from **Kestrel, Oak and Cherry Classes** enjoyed a fantastic day at **Knettishall Heath**, where they explored their science topics in a practical way. The children loved paddling in the water, investigating the natural environment and learning outdoors.

Our Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to **Thurston** and **Debenham High Schools** have also enjoyed induction visits to their new schools and are looking forward to the next stage of their educational journey.

On Thursday, **Lindsey from Diss Swim Centre** visited to teach the children about **water safety**, sharing valuable information and practical advice to help keep everyone safe around water during the summer months.

Staff enjoyed spending time together at the recent **Trust BBQ**, held at Stowupland and Copleston after school, celebrating another successful year across the Trust.

A huge thank you to all the parents and families who attended our **end-of-term Music Assembly**. The children were proud to showcase their talents and it was wonderful to celebrate their achievements together. Thanks to Mrs Gridley for organising.

Our final **Stay and Play** session took place this week, and it was lovely to see the new Willow Class children enjoying their time in school and becoming familiar with their new environment.

Last Friday's **Summer Party** was a great success. Children enjoyed music, bubbles, face painting and snacks whilst spending time with their friends.

We were also treated to a wonderful performance from the **Brass Ensemble**, who showcased their musical talents beautifully. Thank you to **Mr Courtney** for his support and encouragement

Next Week

- **Mendlesham:** Year 6 Film Festival.
- **Tuesday:** Year 6 Leavers' Assembly.
- **Wednesday to Friday:** Residential trip to Derbyshire – excitement levels are already building!

School reports will also be shared with families next week.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating the final events of the academic year together.

Free School Meals – Important Information for All Families

On the 4th June we emailed an important letter about changes to income-related Free School Meals, these will take effect from 1st September 2026.

Please take a few minutes to read this, even if your child does not currently receive Free School Meals, as it may still apply to you.

If you're not sure whether you are eligible, we encourage you to apply and Suffolk County Council will check this for you.

These changes will also affect the extra funding the school receives (Pupil Premium), as not all children who qualify for Free School Meals will be included in this.

If you have any questions or need support with applying, please don't hesitate to get in touch—we're happy to help.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

On 14 July, we will be holding our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly to celebrate the achievements and memories of our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. Doors will open at 9:00am, with the assembly beginning promptly at 9:15am.

We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

Diary Dates

13th July—Year 5/6 Film Festival @5:30pm
14th July—Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 9:00am
15th to 17th July—Year 6 Residential

20th July—PD Day

21st July to 1st September Summer Holidays

1st / 2nd September—PD Day

3rd September—Children Return to School

26th to 30th October—Half Term

27th November—PD Day

21st December 26 to 4th January 27 Christmas Holidays

4th January PD Day

5th January—Children Return to School

Golden Certificates

Willow— Zoe
Elm— Toby
Oak— Alexa
Chestnut— Harley
Holly— Noah
Cherry— Numair

Super Stars

Willow— Oscar
Elm— Libby
Oak— Violet
Chestnut— Tom
Holly— Whole Class
Cherry— Reya

Attendance This Week

Willow - 98%
Elm - 98.18%
Oak - 96%
Chestnut - 97.6%
Holly - 95.56%
Cherry - 97.5%

GUIDE TO ALLERGENS

ALLERGENS

GLUTEN

W- Wheat
O- Oats
B- Barley
R- Rye
SP- Spelt
GF- Gluten Free

ALLERGENS

P- Peanuts
TN- Tree Nuts
E- Eggs
SE- Sesame
S- Soya
Mi- Milk
CE- Celery
MU- Mustard
F- Fish
Mo- Molluscs
CR- Crustacea
L- Lupin

JACKET POTATO

Cheese (Mi)
Beans
Philadelphia
Cheese (Mi)
Butter (Vegan)

SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH

Bagels/Sandwiches/Wraps (W)

FILLINGS

Cheese (Mi)/Ham/Philly
Cream Cheese (Mi)

SERVED WITH

Tortilla Crisps (W) or
Lentil Rings with
unlimited Sides, Salads &
Fruit & Dessert

Dinner Menu

Week Commencing

13th July

Monday	13/07/26 Meat Free Sausage Roll (W, Mu)
Tuesday	Meatballs Pasta & Tomato Sauce No Meat Balls & Pasta (W, B)
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Vegetarian Option Stuffing (W) or Yorkshire Pudding (W, E, Mi)
Thursday	3 Cheese Pizza (W, Mi)
Friday	Chicken Nuggets Chips (W)

HELP YOURSELF TO

Pasta (W),
Bread (W)(Mi),
Cheese (Mi),
Crackers (W),
Tortilla Crisps (W),
Wedges, New Potatoes,
Garlic Bread (W) (Mi),
Salad, Coleslaw, Mango
Salsa, Veg Sticks,
Seasonal Vegetables

SELECTION CHANGES DAILY

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Platter, Yoghurt,
Jelly
Daily where available

Homemade Dessert of the Day
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Friday—Real Fruit Lollies, Ice
Cream Tubs