



Olive AP Academy  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As another very busy term ends at Olive AP Academy Suffolk, I wanted to write to families to thank you for your continued support. I would like to praise our pupils for their great efforts throughout the term, particularly in the work they have completed in their books and their efforts in reading. I also want to use this letter as an opportunity to acknowledge some of the highlights and key achievements of this half term. These are all detailed in our newsletter. I also wish to update you on developments as we continue to improve the academy for all pupils.

The Trust is making a change in the leadership structure of the academy. Mr Kelsall who is currently working in two of the other Olive Academies, will be joining us from April as the new Executive Headteacher. Helena Boast, the Director of Academies has held this position on a temporary basis and will continue to be working in the academy alongside Mr Kelsall and myself to continue to work on academy improvement and development.

I am delighted this term that we have appointed the ever positive and cheerful Mrs Emms to the Senior Team where she will be overseeing our new reading strategy, which is such important work. We say farewell to Mr Thurston who leaves us after three years supporting Maple class, and we wish him the very best of luck in the big smoke of London. We also wish Mrs Crane well on her road to recovery from a recent operation, and thank Mrs Spencer for agreeing to organise and run the hub of our school, the Olive Teaching Kitchen.

We have been fortunate to have received many visitors this term, including our local MP Jo Churchill, who was impressed by Maple class and their understanding of this term's book 'There's a Boy in The Girls' Bathroom'. I am really very proud of the way our pupils represented us in front of our guests. This is really becoming a proud part of our Olive culture.

In February we had our first monitoring visit from HMI Paul Wilson. We were very pleased with the feedback we received, and we will continue to strive to implement his recommendations together with the improvements to the academy we know will benefit pupils. This has included significant work with our partners at Suffolk County Council. During this visit our pupils represented us well and the report has recently been published and a link is available on the academy's website <https://apsuffolk.oliveacademies.org.uk/our-curriculum/our-ofsted-reports>

I want to take this opportunity to thank all families for the feedback they provided to Mr Wilson, HMI.

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Other highlights and developments this term have included;

- An inspiring Red Nose Day
- Painting, decorating and vocational success
- The academy's rewards shop
- Improvements in reading
- The development of friendships across the academy
- Pupils learning to embroider
- The development of the Academy council

Since Christmas we have focused on developing our curriculum, particularly Mathematics and English; we have benefited from new staff arriving to support us in our SEND processes, particularly around EHCPs and we have also reviewed our rules, expectations, rewards and consequences which we hope you will support us with. These are available to view in the newsletter.

Finally, I would like to update you about important term dates for the remainder of the year. In the previous newsletter there was an error about a non-pupil day taking place on the 24th June; pupils should attend school on that day and I apologise for any inconvenience caused. The last school day of the summer term is Tuesday 19th July.

We look forward to the new term, where we hope for sunny weather to aid outdoor learning. I am looking forward to us all reading 'Journey to Jo'burg' or 'Noughts and Crosses'. We will be helping Year 11 move towards their new destinations for next year and there will of course be lots of cooking.

In the meantime, I hope all families enjoy a peaceful and restful Easter break.

With best wishes,



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