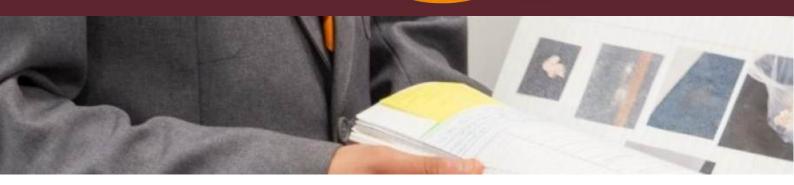
OLIVE AP ACADEMY SUFFOLK NEWSLETTER

Summer Term <mark>2024/25 Edition N</mark>o. 3



Update from the Head of Academy

Dear Families,

I am incredibly proud of the achievements of our pupils this year — not only in the formal qualifications they have worked hard to secure, such as GCSEs, BTECs, and Entry Level awards, but in the personal growth they have demonstrated each day.

Whether it has been applying to college, attending interviews with confidence, meeting with external professionals to share their views, being positive ambassadors of Olive, or raising money for charities, our pupils have shown that they are capable, thoughtful, and proud of who they are becoming. Perhaps most importantly, we have seen clear progress in self-regulation and reflective thinking. These are the foundations that will serve our young people long after they leave us. We are especially proud of how staff and pupils have worked together in a culture of trust and respect.

As we reflect on the year and look to the future, I want to acknowledge not only the academic achievements of our learners, but the courage, humour, creativity, and determination they bring to the academy everyday.

Like many of our pupils, I will be leaving the academy this week. I will be handing over to Kelly Emms who is one of our Deputy Headteachers and I know will continue to support and develop the academy in the best interests of our pupils.

For those pupils who are returning in September, there will be a Family Consultation day on Wednesday 3rd September and induction timetables will begin from **Thursday 4th September 2025.**

Wishing you and your families a wonderful, restful and safe summer break.

Ellen Watson Head of Academy

Key Dates For Your Diary TERM DATES 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025

TERM TIME	Monday 1 st September to Friday 19 th December 2025
INSET DAYS	Monday 1 st September 2025 (OA Trust Day) Tuesday 2 nd September 2025 Friday 28 th November 2025
FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
FIRST DAY IN THE ACADEMY FOR PUPILS	Thursday 4 th September 2025
HALF TERM	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025
FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY	Monday 3 rd November 2025
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026

TERM TIME	Monday 5 th January to Friday 27 th March 2026
INSET DAYS	Monday 5 th January 2026
FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
FIRST DAY IN THE ACADEMY FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 7 th January 2026
HALF TERM	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February 2026
FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY	Monday 23 rd February 2026
EASTER HOLIDAYS	Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

TERM TIME Monday 13 th April to Friday 17 th July 2026	
FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY Monday 13 th April 2026	
FIRST DAY IN THE ACADEMY FOR PUPILS	Tuesday 14 th April 2026
INSET DAY	Monday 20 th July 2026
HALF TERM	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2026
FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY	Monday 1st June 2026
LAST DAY FOR PUPILS AND STAFF	Friday 17 th July 2026



As the term draws to an end, we say farewell to those pupils who are transitioning to their new placements in September and we wish the Year 11 leavers well on the next stage of their journey.

We wish you all the very best as you take those next steps. You are all amazing!

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is going live for the Summer Holidays on 30 June 2025. All activities will be live for booking from this date. HAF provides activities for families who are eligible for means tested Free School Meals.

Families can book via the booking system:

https://eequ.org/suffolkhaf

All sessions include a healthy meal.

Suffolk Suffolk Libraries Blank Page holiday activities return for Summer 2025

brodies Please can we ask school leaders to share the below information with parents/carers:

Suffolk Community Libraries is pleased to again be offering a programme of creative activities for 10-16-year-olds at several of the county's libraries during the summer holidays.

Blank Page workshops will be running from 28 July to 29 August 2025 in the following libraries: Beccles, Bury St Edmunds, Chantry, Felixstowe, Gainsborough, Great Cornard, Haverhill, Ipswich County Library, Lowestoft, Sudbury and Stowmarket.

The workshops are aimed at 10-16 year olds. For full details, please visit the Suffolk Community Libraries website. You can then book a place via the Eequ website. (You can book a place at more than



BEACH Class News

Beach Summer Term

After the exciting Easter holidays Beach welcomed a new member to the class, he too enjoys playing football, watching football and learning about his favourite team. He has been an asset to the class, keen to learn and earn his gold and green points.

Each pupil has a tool box decorated with their passion.



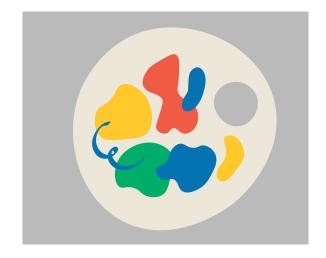








One of the class continues to paint - he calls this one 'Beach with a Rainbow'.







In Humanities we learnt about the Industrial Revolution. Near the school is a building which was built as the local workhouse, behind that are the paupers graves.

Our pupils were really interested in how old the paupers were when they died.



BEACH Class News cont.

Year 6 SATS

One of the class completed all of his SAT's papers at his dual school and Ms Crane had the privilege to be with him on the first day. He worked so hard and did his best. As a reward when he returned, we arranged a visit to Asda with a small budget get some treats.

It was one of the pupil's birthday so he decided to make him a birthday cake.











The sprinkles did get everywhere but he enjoyed the day and he has made more mini cupcakes since!



The pupils have been taught what to do in an emergency. Let's hope they don't need it and everyone stays safe.







BEACH Class News cont.

As part of the 'New Olive Way' introduced after our P.D day we had the chance to develop how and when we teach the Olive Way. 'Olive Around the World' was to be the key theme so knowing my pupils I thought about footballers from around the world, learning about their childhoods and how they didn't give up.

I started with a picture of Pele as a boy – we watched You Tube clips and read a newspaper report which they had to answer questions about.





One pupil asked if we could learn about Cristiano Ronaldo, this time the class did their research about him including watching some video clips. These lessons, which are no more than twenty minutes long, are are led by the pupils (with a bit of encouragement).

We learnt about Brazil and their claim to fame and the reason why the national team has lost its lead in the football world because they play for other countries club teams.

The final lesson of the week involved the class choosing their top 10 players then, on a world map mark where they came from. The more able came up with his top 15 players and used a colour code to mark the world map. Every pupil wrote their list without any support.



RIVER Class News









As part of The Olive Way, we were finding out about local history in Stowmarket.

First River Class and Ocean Class walked to the Stow Lodge Work House and looked at the building. Next we walked to the Pauper's Graves where residents were buried in simple cross graves.

We looked at the memorial stone with some of the known names of people buried there. We found out about the bath that was used to bathe the work house residents who were poorly just before they died and were buried. We walked around the gardens which had been tidied up 50 years ago by former pupils of our school, Oakwood.

Well done for learning about local history on our doorstep.





RIVER Class News Cont.

Community Links

As part of the Suffolk Recycling campaign, "Celebrate the Outdoors" River class created a River collage using recycled materials which was displayed at the Suffolk Show, spreading a love of nature and enriching biodiversity in Suffolk.



Outdoor Education

We have had a fun packed programme of activities, as part of Outdoor Education with East Coast Adventures this Summer Term. River Class went paddleboarding at Milton on the River Cam. We enjoyed the challenge of collecting rubbish from the River Cam as we paddled along.

It was surprising what rubbish ended up in the river and we collected a variety of rubbish such as different bottles, packets and even a paint bucket.









RIVER Class News Cont.

During the busy GCSE examinations season, River class went to different outdoor education venues.

In June we went to the Food Museum in Stowmarket where we saw different rare breed animals such as Suffolk Punch horses, Suffolk and Norfolk sheep, rare breed pigs, not forgetting the chickens and noisy turkey! We also looked at bygone farm machinery and buildings.

As part of our woodland and river walks we used an app to identify birdsong and also different tree species. We had a great day exploring the grounds of the museum.













RIVER Class News Cont.

This term we have had great fun finding out about different countries in 'Olive Goes Around the World in 80 Days'.

One of our focus weeks was exploring Thailand and its unique culture. This was initiated by a request from a pupil to share her Thai culture with her peers.

We would like to thank her mother, Mrs Malone for providing her authentic Thai Massaman Chicken Curry family recipe. We enjoyed cooking an authentic Thai curry and coconut rice with our pupil's favourite family recipe. This was cooked by several classes within the school as well as River Class. We would love to share this delicious recipe with you too as a celebration of our culture and heritage.



















Thai Massaman Curry Recipe

Ingredients:

1 x chicken breast

1 tin Coconut milk

1 Chicken stock cube

Pinch Sugar

Pinch Salt

1/2 tin potatoes

1 Sweet potato

1 Carrot

1 tablespoon Massaman Curry mix



Cooking Method:

- Cut 1 Sweet potato and 1 carrot into chunks then cook them in boiling water for 5-10 until cooked.
- Cut 1 chicken breast into chunks.
- Pour coconut milk in saucepan and heat till coconut milk bubble up then put 1 -2 tablespoons of massaman curry in coconut milk. Stir then add chicken chunk and chicken stock. Cook over medium/ high heat till the meat is cooked. (15 minutes)
- Add a pinch of salt and sugar. And then put ½ tin new potatoes, the cooked sweet potato and carrot and cook till all vegetables are heated.

Coconut Rice

Ingredients:

1 x 400 g tin of light coconut milk Boiling water to fill the empty tin Basmati rice to fill the empty tin (300 g)



Cooking Method:

- Pour the coconut milk, 1 empty tin's worth of basmati rice and 1 tin of boiling water (use a tea towel) into the medium pan.
- Add a pinch of salt, stir well, cover and cook for roughly 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, then turn the heat off.

Enjoy!

OCEAN Class News cont.

BTEC Sport Assessment

This Summer term, Ocean Class have completed various BTEC qualifications including careers, cooking and BTEC sport.

A Year 11 pupil in Ocean Class completed their BTEC sport practical assessment with the support of one of their Year 10 peers. The Year 11 pupil worked with a member of staff to complete their BTEC booklet and also to create a practical session to deliver to their peer.

The practical session was delivered in the Sports Barn and the Year 10 session was able to follow the training plan delivered by the year 11 pupil.



English

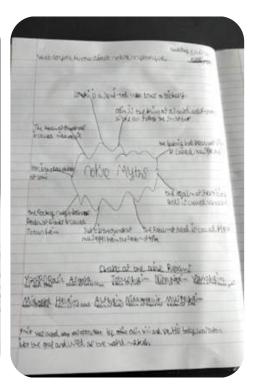
This summer term Ocean Class pupils read the Norse Myths; the book was retold by Alex Frith and Louie Stowell.

Pupils learned about the Norse characters such as Odin, Thor, Loki and also about the nine magical realms.

Ocean Class pupils have completed some fantastic pieces of writing about the Norse Myths after listening/reading chapters of the book.







Rainbow Bridge Updates

As most of our cohort in Rainbow this year were year 11's it has been a busy term with exams and leavers events.

All 9 of our Year 11's sat English and Maths GCSE this year, after sitting Functional Skills exams throughout the year. Some also completed Combined Science with one sitting Statistics GCSE as well. Most of the exams this year took place in the morning, which meant lots of coffee for all involved!

We are so proud of all our Year 11's and to celebrate their achievements as well as having some fun before the end of their time at Olive, we loaded up the minibus and went out to the driving range and the bowling alley, which ended up being fiercely competitive! One group stayed on site for games, crafts and a movie day, which was enjoyed by pupils and staff.











Our KS2 class, Meadow have still been attending 2 days a week. On Monday's they attend Forest School down the road at the Food Museum, doing lots of outdoor activities, such as making fire and using natural dyes on fabrics.

On Fridays they are back on site with interventions from the ELSA's and WeDrum, as well as lots of creative play. As the year has progressed the group has been able to create and play together as a team which has been lovely to watch.

All three pupils are moving on to different settings next year and we are proud of the progress they have made over their year at Olive.







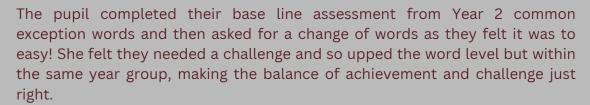
Precision Teaching Intervention

For the summer term at Olive Academy, various members of staff have been trained to deliver 'Precision Teaching Intervention'. Precision teaching is a 12 week structured teaching method that is designed to improve the accuracy and fluency of reading, spelling and maths. The main goal of precision teaching is to target and improve specific skills within an intervention. Results from the intervention are recorded on a fluency chart to track progress and results.



Key Stage 2

In Key Stage 2 Ms Bowers has been trained to carry out the intervention with pupils. Precision teaching has gone really well; Ms Bowers selected reading for the intervention to support her pupil's confidence, boost self-esteem and adjust teaching strategies to meet their learning abilities. With achieving 10 minutes a day Ms Bowers has seen such a difference within their class work recognising words more often and feeling comfortable to given it a go.



To help develop common exception words, Ms Bowers made flash cards - this was resourceful for pairing match games, snap. The pupil also played games such as dice game, using roll/write mats and creating sentences with each word. They then read the words out loud using a probe sheet, timing to see how many they achieved during each session. Making the activity fun helps the pupil engage and to create their own learning strategies e.g., guessing the word while flash cards were upside down.

After each intervention Ms Bowers would ask for feedback and see what worked well, and what did not, to help build their confidence and engage in future interventions. Ms Bowers is very proud of how well her pupil has accepted the intervention and of his progress.







Key Stage 3

In Key Stage 3 Ms K has been working with two pupils; one Year 8 pupil focusing on high frequency spelling words and Year 10 pupil focusing on multiplication. The sessions started off with a baseline assessment and then doing a maintenance probe. Pupils have then completed daily sessions with activities and are working towards meeting an aim rate.



Activities included multiplication bingo and fill in the gaps spelling activities; linking the activities also to specific interests, for example roller coasters, to support the pupil's engagement in the intervention. Once the activity was completed Ms K would ask the pupils to mark their probe sheets to see the improvement and to understand if they met their aim rate.

Pupils in KS3 have worked very hard and have shown improvement in both spelling and multiplication.





Important Update: Free School Meals

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently updated its guidance on Free School Meals (FSM), with important changes coming into effect from **September 2026**. Please read the following carefully to understand how this may affect your child.

What's Staying the Same – until August 2026

- If your child has been eligible for Free School Meals at any time between April 2018 and August 2026, they will continue to receive FSM.
- You do not need to reapply, even if your household income or circumstances have changed.

Protections were introduced to support families and ensure children receive a free school meal regardless of any financial change in circumstances during the rollout of Universal Credit and this will remain in place until the end of the 2025/2026 school year.

What This Means for You

 If your child is moving from primary to secondary school in September 2025, you do not need to reapply for FSM at that point.

What's Changing – From September 2026

- From the 2026/2027 school year, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals, regardless of income.
- The current £7,400 income threshold will be removed.
- Transitional protections will end.
- To qualify for FSM from September 2026 onward, your household must be receiving Universal Credit at the time of eligibility assessment.
- From September 2026, schools and local authorities will check FSM eligibility once a year, to avoid any sudden changes for families during the school year.

Need More Information?

If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please email the Free School Meals Team: freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk.

We'll continue to share any further updates from the Department for Education as soon as they are available.



Summer Holiday Immunisation Clinics 2025 Suffolk

(Outstanding HPV, MenACWY, DTP, MMR, Under 5s)

To book your appointment Please call 0300 555 5055 option 3 or email <u>hct.csaissnee@nhs.net</u>		
Wednesday 23 July	Castle Manor Academy - HAVERHILL Main Hall, 48 Eastern Avenue, CB9 9JE MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR / U5s	09:45 - 14:00
Thursday 24 July	Hadleigh High School - HADLEIGH High Lands Road, IP7 5HU MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 14:00
Friday 25 July	New Bury Community Centre - BSE Charles Place, IP32 6RW MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 13:30
Monday 28 July	The Oaks Family Hub - FELIXSTOWE Grange Road, IP11 2LA MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 14:30
Tuesday 29 July	New Bury Community Centre - BSE Charles Place, IP32 6RW MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 15:00
Wednesday 30 July	Mildenhall College Academy - MILDENHALL Main Hall, Bury Road, IP28 7HT MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR / U5s	09:45 - 14:30

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Wednesday 13 August	Foley House Family Hub - NEWMARKET Wellington Street, CB8 0HY MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR / U5s	09:30 - 14:30
Thursday 14 August	Sudbury House - IPSWICH Denora Business Centre, 36 White House Road, IP1 5LU MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:00 - 12:30
Friday 15 August	Thomas Mills High School - FRAMLINGHAM Saxtead Road, IP13 9HE MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30- 15:00
Monday 18 August	Leiston Family Hub - LEISTON Waterloo Avenue, IP16 4HF MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 12:00
Tuesday 19 August	New Bury Community Centre - BURY Charles Place, IP32 6RW MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR / U5s	09:30 - 15:00
Wednesday 20 August	Castle Hill Community Centre - IPSWICH 76 Highfield Road, IP1 6DG MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR Walk-in & Bookable	08:45 - 15:00
Thursday 21 August	Ravenswood Family Hub – IPSWICH 103 Hening Avenue IP3 9QJ MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 14:30
Friday 22 August	Sudbury House - IPSWICH Dencora Business Centre, 36 White House Road, IP1 SLU MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR / USs	08:30 - 15:30

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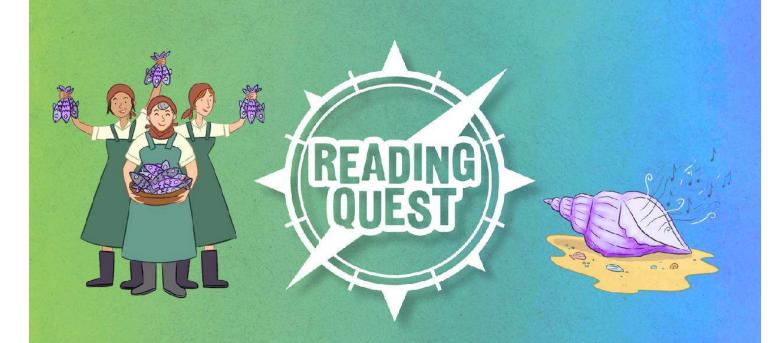
Thursday 31 July	Sudbury House - IPSWICH Dencora Business Centre, 36 White House Road, IP1 5LU MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR / U5s	08:30 - 15:30
Friday 1 August	Phoenix Family Hub - SUDBURY 27 Tudor Road, CO10 1NP MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 15:00
Monday 4 August	Leiston Family Hub - LEISTON Waterloo Avenue, IP16 4HF MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 12:00
Tuesday 5 August	New Bury Community Centre - BSE Charles Place, IP32 6RW MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 15:00
Wednesday 6 August	Sunshine Family Hub - STOWMARKET Stowmarket Community Centre, IP14 2BD MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 15:00
Thursday 7 August	High Suffolk Family Hub DEBENHAM Gracechurch Street, IP14 6BL MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 14:30
Friday 8 August	New Bury Community Centre - BSE Charles Place, IP32 6RW MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 13:30
Monday 11 August	Sudbury House - IPSWICH Dencora Business Centre, 36 White House Road, IP1 5LU MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:00 - 12:30

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Tuesday 26 August	New Bury Community Centre - BURY Charles Place, IP32 6RW MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	14:30 - 16:30
Wednesday 27 August	Phoenix Family Hub - SUDBURY 27 Tudor Road, CO10 1NP MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:30 - 15:00
Thursday 28 August	Castle Manor Academy - HAVERHILL Main Hall, 48 Eastern Avenue, CB9 9JE MenACWY / DTP / HPV / MMR	09:45 - 14:00
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