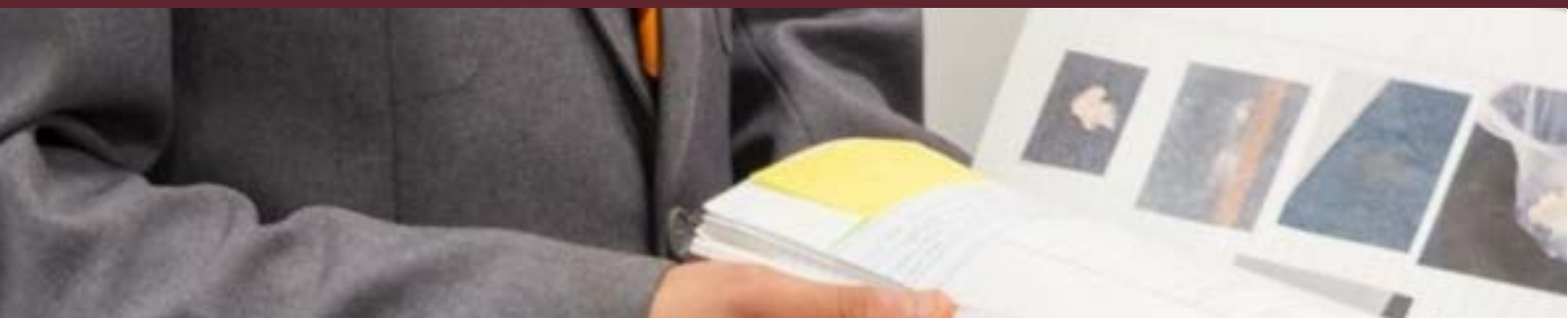


OA-SUFFOLK NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2025/26

Edition No. 3



Update from the Head of Academy

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another school year, it is hard to believe just how quickly the time has passed. It has truly been an amazing year, filled with so many firsts, exciting opportunities, and memorable achievements for our pupils.

One of the highlights has been introducing Construction to our curriculum for the very first time. It has been wonderful to see pupils learning practical skills, developing their confidence, and creating projects they can be proud of and use in their own lives, including building their own terrariums and other fantastic creations.

This year also saw our pupils take part in a football match against the highly skilled OA-Cambridge footballers. Despite facing a team of older pupils, our pupils conducted themselves impeccably, showing determination, resilience, and outstanding sportsmanship throughout. They were a credit to the school and demonstrated exactly what it means to be part of the Olive community.

Our Year 11 pupils approached their GCSE examinations with an excellent mindset and attitude. We are incredibly proud of the commitment, perseverance, and maturity they showed throughout this important period, and we wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their journey.

There have also been exciting new experiences for our younger pupils. For the first time, Key Stage 2 pupils have taken part in swimming lessons and, this term, Outdoor Ed activities alongside opportunities similar to those enjoyed by our older pupils, including mountain biking, water sports, and archery. Seeing them embrace new challenges with enthusiasm and courage has been a real pleasure.

A very special thank you goes to all of our pupils. Whether they have been with us for the year or a shorter time, each and every one leaves a legacy behind and helps shape the school we are today. Every pupil who attends Olive contributes to our community and influences the way we work, learn, and grow together. We wish all those moving on every success and happiness in their new settings.

Thank you also to our families for your unwavering support throughout the year. Your attendance at family consultations, your open communication with staff, and your partnership with us make a tremendous difference. We simply could not do our work without you.

Finally, I would like to thank our incredible staff team for everything they do. Their dedication, professionalism, and genuine care for every pupil and for one another make Olive a very special place. They go above and beyond every day, and I am immensely grateful for all they contribute.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer break and look forward to welcoming many of you back in September for another exciting year ahead.

Kelly Emms
Head of Academy



Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn Term 2026

TERM TIME	Tuesday 1 st September to Friday 18 th December 2026
INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1 st September 2026 (OA Trust Day) Wednesday 2 nd September 2026 (Academy Training) Friday 27 th November 2026 (Disaggregated)
FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY AU1	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
FIRST DAY IN THE ACADEMY FOR PUPILS	Friday 4 th September 2026
HALF TERM	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026
FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY AU2	Monday 2 nd November 2026
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

TERM TIME	Monday 4 th January to Thursday 25 th March 2027
INSET DAYS	Monday 4 th January 2027
FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY SP1	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
FIRST DAY IN THE ACADEMY FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 6 th January 2027
HALF TERM	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February 2027
FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY SP2	Monday 22 nd February 2027
EASTER HOLIDAYS	Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

TERM TIME	Monday 12 th April to Wednesday 21 st July 2027
INSET DAY	Monday 12 th April 2027
FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY SU1	Tuesday 13 th April 2027
FIRST DAY IN THE ACADEMY FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 14 th April 2027
HALF TERM	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2027
FAMILY CONSULTATION DAY SU2	Monday 7 th June 2027
LAST DAY FOR PUPILS AND STAFF	Wednesday 21 st July 2027

BEACH Class News

Summer Term in Beach

After a very successful term of swimming lessons Beach class were excited to begin Outdoor learning with East Coast Adventures. Whether playing games in the woodland area, exploring the vast turf fields or taking part in activities on the lake nothing was going to stop the class from enjoying themselves, building confidence and developing new skills.



BEACH Class News cont.

Preparation for Adulthood

As part of our preparation for adulthood, the class created a fruit and vegetable patch. The ground was hard and full of weeds. First, we had to pour water on the ground to make it easier to dig and remove the weeds. Next, we brought new soil to add to the area. Finally, we planted the french beans, blackcurrants, raspberries and tayberries - with the hope we will get to eat them before the end of term. The pupils also created posters to ask the rest of the school to respect our garden.



Suffolk Show Artwork

Once again, we created a piece of artwork for the Suffolk Show which everyone helped to create. Our aim was to remind people that recycling at home was about to change.



World Music Day

As part of 'World Music Day' we listened to a variety of music tracks from around the world and played our own tunes.

BEACH Class News cont.



June marks Pride Month and Sunday 21st June was World Music Day. For Pride month we enjoyed making lots of colourful creations from designing a T-shirt to making a cube.



Pupils were given miniature ducks for good attendance, one pupil made a duck palace for all of his special ducks

Throughout the year we have seen our pupils become more confident and able to share their feelings in a more positive way. We wish those who are moving on every success and happiness in the future. To those returning, we hope you have a wonderful, relaxing summer break and come back refreshed, ready to learn and embrace new opportunities in September.

OCEAN Class News

Construction

This term Ocean Class have continued working with Pathway Skills Academy for construction lessons. Pupils have been working on personal projects and developing/learning new skills to support their project development.



Outdoor Education

Ocean Class have continued to participate and enjoy a range of different outdoor education activities during the summer term. Activities include paddle boarding, kayaking, raft building, climbing and team building activities. They have especially enjoyed water sports in the warmer weather.



OCEAN Class News

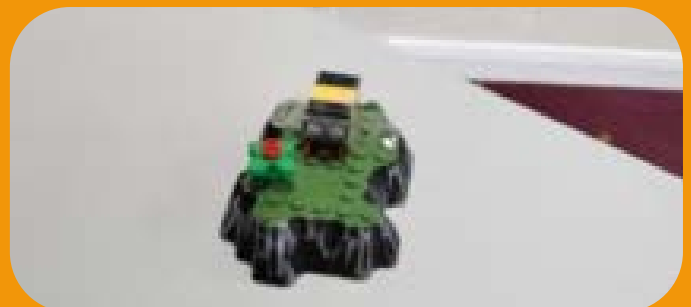
Art

This term in the studio with Mr Millerchip pupils have been focusing on portraits. Practicing how to draw a variety of people including favourite football players. Learning about the different skills needed to be able to draw portraits.



Regulation Activities

As well as following our Zones of Regulation and Language for Behaviour & Emotion Curriculum, Ocean pupils have been accessing a variety of regulation activities in the classroom. This includes colouring, playing group games of scrabble and having Lego projects. Pupils have been able to use these activities to regulate within the classroom but also secure team building skills as a class.



OCEAN Class News

Preparation for Adulthood Day

During this term Ocean pupils participated in Preparation for Adulthood.

This day is about preparing pupils for their future lives; throughout the day pupils were completing 30 things to do before they leave Olive.

Ocean class took part in a workshop with visitors Leaders Unlocked, they enable young people to have a stronger voice and influence over the issues that affect their lives. Pupils also participated in Ready Steady Cook in the kitchen, and to support them with being able to make healthy meals with limited ingredients.



Progressive Masculinity Workshop

This term Ocean Class had the opportunity to work with Jeff from Progressive Masculinity. Ocean Class took part in a two-day workshop where they explored what it can mean to be 'a man' in today's world and the potential of their gender. The workshop provides a safe and nonjudgemental spaces where males can explore their masculinity and it's potential.



FOREST Class

A Message from Your Forest Class Tutor

This is always a bittersweet time of year. As the saying goes, one door closes and another opens, and it is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to our Year 11 Forest Class.

Each of you has brought your own unique personality, character and sense of humour to our classroom. We've shared challenges, celebrated successes and watched every single one of you grow into confident young adults.

Looking back to September and comparing that to where you are today, the transformation has been incredible. Every one of you should be immensely proud of what you have achieved.

Throughout your time with us you have worked hard to gain qualifications in Sport, Cooking, Business and Public Services before even completing your GCSEs. Beyond the classroom you embraced Outdoor Education through kayaking, paddleboarding, bushcraft, orienteering and adventures on the rivers and lakes. These experiences built confidence, resilience and lifelong memories.

The relationships you have built with staff have been one of the greatest successes of this year. Whether you are moving on to college, apprenticeships or employment, we know you have the potential to achieve amazing things.

A Few Personal Words for the Class

TF: Your creativity, confidence and passion for hair and beauty have always shone through. Your unique style and caring personality will take you far.

TM: Your artistic flair and vibrant personality have brightened our classroom. Keep believing in yourself as you begin your next chapter.

ZF: Your determination, passion for MMA and interest in mechanics have always stood out. Keep chasing your ambitions and never stop learning.

AM: Your enthusiasm, humour and love of football have been a pleasure to watch. We wish you every success with your course and future career.

Thank You

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey. Every member of staff at OA-Suffolk is incredibly proud of how far you have come.

This is not goodbye — it is simply 'see you later'.

Dream big, work hard, be kind and never stop believing in yourselves.

Mr Liam Joyce
Forest Class Tutor

FOREST Class



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FOREST CLASS LEAVERS 2026



A CHAPTER ENDS, BUT THE BEST OF YOUR STORY IS STILL TO COME. ❤️



CELEBRATING
YOUR JOURNEY



REMEMBERING
THE MEMORIES



THANK YOU
TO OUR LEAVERS



LOOKING AHEAD
TO THE FUTURE

BE PROUD. STAY KIND. DREAM BIG. ❤️

RIVER CLASS News

Rivers on the River

Outdoor Education has been a fantastic experience for River Class, with pupils quite literally testing the water! Throughout the programme they have challenged themselves, faced their fears, worked brilliantly as a team, and had fun while learning new skills.

In the classroom, every pupil has made great progress. They have produced beautiful descriptive writing, excelled in maths, created impressive competition artwork, engaged in reading and successfully used regulation techniques to support their learning and wellbeing.



We are incredibly proud of everything River Class has achieved this year and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

DAFFODIL Class News

SummerTerm News

As part of The Olive Way we have been finding out about Fair Trade and how farmers are paid a better price for their goods and consequently how they can improve the opportunities for their families and communities by providing improvements in sanitation and education. Daffodil class walked to Asda to look for Fair Trade logo products which we found on a variety of chocolates, chocolate bars, coffee, cocoa, drinking chocolate, tea and bananas and the pupils photographed the products themselves. We compared Fair Trade and Rainforest Alliance, as prompted by a pupil's curiosity, as several products we found were Rainforest Alliance rather than Fair Trade products.



As part of The Olive Way, Fair Trade Week, we looked at cocoa beans and how Fair Trade helps the farmers. Daffodil class designed their own fair trade chocolate bar, using different crushed biscuits, a variety of milk, white and dark chocolate and chocolate chips to customise their design.



As part of The Olive Way, World Health Week in April, Daffodil class visited NRG Gym in Stowmarket. We were taken on a tour of the different studios before finding out about the different work stations and exercise machines.



DAFFODIL Class News Cont.

Suffolk Recycling Art Show

This year Daffodil Class took part in the Suffolk Recycling Art Show held at The Suffolk Show during May half term. The theme was 'Eco Heros', which was used to launch the new recycling bins in Suffolk homes. One of our pupils created a bin design, using a Captain America theme. The pedal bin mechanism when pressed made his shield lift up.



The bin design was displayed at The Suffolk Show where 85,000 visitors saw her creation, over two days in May half term.

Cookery

This term we have enjoyed sampling pupil recipes from home. During a Family Consultation Day one family gave us an interesting Rolo Tatties recipe which we later made in class. Also, pupil suggestions included Acai Bowls, Smashed Burgers, Mozzarella Fries, Tacos and other home dishes which were shared with their peers.



DAFFODIL Class News Cont.

PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD

Aspire Black Suffolk

As part of Preparation For Adulthood Day, Franstein our visitor from Aspire Black Suffolk, spoke about feelings and empathy. We looked at different questions that some black children had been asked and some pupils thought that they might be hurtful. Fran said that we need to "*Grow together with kindness and respect.*" Next she shared a story about the Windrush Generation and Vincent and his Mum. Together we unpacked a suitcase and Fran explained the importance of each item. The pupils held the artefacts and asked questions so get a deeper understanding of The Windrush Generation.

Leader's Unlocked Workshop

Romaine and Dajon from Leader's Unlocked came to talk about their lives and how they had changed. They spoke about how they had both been in prison and now they work as Youth Workers. They spoke about how you need to take your opportunities. You need to stop and think, it's so important. They spoke about how one decision that could completely change your life.

Romaine asked the pupils if school prepares you for real life - we discussed our future and our career pathways ahead Romaine asked if your environment shapes your future more. After some discussions listening to different views, he added that you have to get comfortable being uncomfortable otherwise fear and anxiety can dictate your choices in life. Dajon said that people are judged before they are understood. Leader's Unlocked were able to tell their stories to Daffodil Class pupils and encourage them to think about the impact of our actions.



Ready Steady Cook

We discussed the skill of being able to cook a family meal on a budget. We played '**Ready Steady Cook**' where the pupils were given a range of different ingredients and were asked to devise a meal using them. One pupil created a chicken sandwich and other pupils created a cheesy chicken dish. Lots of skills were practiced such as marinating chicken, frying chicken and making a roux cheese sauce. At the end of the fun session, one pupil said that it was the first pasta dish she had ever cooked.

DAFFODIL Class News Cont.

Fire Service Visit

Daffodil class pupils enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service. All pupils used the powerful hose to squirt water. One pupil climbed into the Fire Engine cab and spoke with the fire officers about a possible career pathway as an Incident Photographer with the Fire Service. One pupil enjoyed seeing the different cutting equipment and finding out about the different role of the Fire Service. He reflected that *"it was nice just talking to the firefighters and looking at the equipment."*



'It was a wonderful day filled with different activities and workshops, supporting Daffodil pupils as their prepare for adulthood'.

Personal Targets - Reading and Handwriting Targets

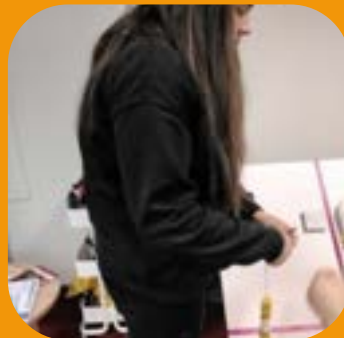
During the Summer Term, our pupils have been gaining character points through their personal targets of reading and handwriting. Sometimes, reading activities were incorporated into lessons such as reading recipes in cookery classes.

As part of reading activities in Daffodil class, a selection of different reading materials were provided, linked to each pupil's interests. Pupils enjoyed looking at a cookery books, talking about different recipes which they would like to try. They were able to express their likes and dislikes. At lunchtime some pupils looked at Health and Beauty magazines, talking about different products and whether they had used them before.



Busy Board

One of our pupils has been redesigning the classroom to support the needs of the pupils by designing a Busy Board. The board created by the pupil displays a range of different activities to support self regulation.



Well done Daffodil Class, you have worked so hard this Summer Term.
Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back in Year 11.

SUNFLOWER Class News

This Summer Term Sunflower class pupils have been busy preparing for their GCSEs as well as finishing BTech options and completing Functional Skills English and Maths exams. We are so proud of the great commitment they showed actually sitting their exams. They have shown courage and determination, giving it their best.

As well as exams, they have still enjoyed a varied curriculum with cooking and art as particular highlights. Much fun was had in Tutor Time, playing 'Would you Rather' and Trivia Quizzes! Not to mention the dreadful jokes!!!!



SUNFLOWER Class News Cont.

This term Sunflower Class pupils have been busy applying for a variety of college places and apprenticeships, as well as attending interviews, as they take exciting steps towards their chosen career pathways.

We want to wish each and every one of you 'Good Luck' in your future. You will all be greatly missed.



Remember To Always Walk Tall. Walk Proud.... You will go far.



On Thursday 9th July staff and pupils at OA-Suffolk took part in the Olive Walk 2026. We donned our hats and sun cream and stepped out in the summer sunshine to join colleagues across the trust to take part in a sponsored walk over various locations to raise money for Olive Academies Foundation.

We planned our own local route and fun extra activities on the day, creating an exciting and meaningful challenge for everyone. Staff and pupils were rewarded with a visit from a local ice cream van at the academy at the end of the day and a picnic lunch.

There was also some friendly competition, with the academy that raises the most money set to win the Olive Walk trophy - it's not too late to donate if you would like to! Visit our website for more details of the Just Giving page: [Donate to OA-Suffolk](#)

Every donation will help the foundation continue to provide opportunities and support beyond the scope of the curriculum for children and young people across the trust. From enrichment activities and residential trips to wellbeing support and life skills development, these funds help our pupils engage in learning, broaden their horizons and build confidence for the future.



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