



Message from the CEO

What an extremely busy Summer Term it has been!

Well done to our Year Six pupils for completing their SATs and to all our pupils for their continued hard work and enthusiasm for learning! The best part of my job is getting to visit our amazing schools, talking to the pupils and getting to see some great events. This term our schools have had SIAMs inspections, 150th birthday celebrations, lots of educational visits and some interesting events- this is a packed newsletter so read on! As we come to the end of the Summer Term can I wish all of our families a happy Summer holiday. We will see you all in September for another academic year. We also send our Year 6 pupils transferring to their new schools our very best wishes and happiness for the future.

Mrs Melanie Barrow- CEO

All Saints, Laxfield

Wrens class had a fantastic time at Africa Alive as part of their geography work. They have been learning about Kenya and were particularly fascinated by the animals so seeing them up close was incredible. We are in regular contact with a school in Kenya and have had some wonderful photographs and letters from them detailing their lives and their school.



Benhall St Mary

Pupils from Woodlands recently spent a rewarding day in London, exploring key landmarks and deepening their understanding of British history and government. The day began with a train journey into the capital, followed by a visit to the Houses of Parliament. Students had the chance to see the House of Commons and the House of Lords in action, gaining a clearer picture of how decisions are made at the national level. We're very grateful to Jenny Riddell-Carpenter for taking the time to speak with our group. In the afternoon, we visited Westminster Abbey. Walking through its historic spaces offered students a chance to reflect on the

Abbey's role in the cultural and spiritual life of the UK.

Charsfield

As part of our pirate topic, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 set sail (boarded the minibus) for a brilliant day out at Southwold Lighthouse. After climbing all the way to the top, the children were amazed by the views out to sea – a perfect chance to spot ships like real pirate lookouts! We learnt about how the lighthouse works today to help keep ships safe, as well as her fascinating history guiding sailors long before modern technology. Having recently built our own lighthouse in DT, it was especially exciting to explore a real one and see how it works. To top off the day, we enjoyed chips on the beach and played in the sand – a perfect end to a memorable day.



Cockfield

Pupils from all years at Cockfield have been sharing their love of art and creativity at an afternoon tea event. Families were invited in and every child had artwork to share and to talk about. There was a real buzz in the school hall! The artwork included individual examples of work, a wonderful collaborative painting and some work produced as a result of working with a local artist. At the end of the day some of the artwork was displayed in the village art show.

Dennington

Dennington Primary School first opened its doors on 10th May 1875, and 150 years later, the school celebrated its special anniversary in style. The festivities began with a service of thanksgiving at the church, where past and present pupils and staff shared fond memories of their time at Dennington. Back at school, the fun continued with a themed Victorian fairground on the field, complete with a carousel, steam train and Punch and Judy. There was also a fascinating exhibition of school memorabilia and plenty of excitement as pupils took part in traditional maypole dancing, followed by a variety of classic games enjoyed by all. It was a day to remember!



Fressingfield



The children in Zambezi and Amazon Classes took part in the Whole Class Ensemble Teaching Music Festival at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday. Our two classes joined with some 300 pupils from ten other schools to rehearse and then perform a series of pieces learnt over the previous term. The children had worked so hard to learn four pieces, including the *Wicked (WCET) Festival Song*, the *Monkey's I'm a Believer* and *Beethoven's Ode To Joy*. It was a real thrill to perform with so many other children and to hear how each learnt part contributed to the greater whole: it was an energy-filled, uplifting day. Well done to our musicians.

Great Whelnetham

As part of our PHSE learning on lifecycles, Larks Class have been observing over time the magic of the Butterfly lifecycle! An amazing 'awe and wonder' moment occurred when our butterflies hatched out of their chrysalis, and we had the perfect opportunity to release them into their natural habitat.



Hardwick

What a fabulous Sports Day we had last week! The children were absolutely brilliant – showing great enthusiasm, determination, and team spirit throughout the day. It was wonderful to see them cheering each other on and celebrating everyone's efforts and achievements. A particular highlight for many was watching the adults join in the fun during the races – the children loved seeing the grown-ups in action! It truly added to the lively and joyful atmosphere. Thank you so much to all the families who came along, supported the event so enthusiastically, and joined us for the family picnic. Your involvement helped make the day extra special. It really was a fantastic day for everyone involved!

Ickworth Park

It's been a busy and exciting term at Ickworth Park! Our adventurous Year 5 and 6 children had a brilliant time on their residential trip last week. From paddleboarding and caving to scaling climbing walls, they embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and teamwork, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Reception class were delighted to welcome the local fire service into school. The children learned all about fire safety, explored the fire engine and even had a go at using the hose. A fantastic, and rather soggy, time was had by all! Children in Years 3 to 6 took part in the WCET Festival this week, showcasing their musical talents and representing the school with pride. They were excellent role models and we're sure their confidence and enthusiasm will shine again at our whole school music concert coming up in July. As part of Arts Week, we welcomed local artist Jessica Pearce into school to work with the children on a special creative project. With a focus on French artists, the children explored the vibrant styles of Cubism and the work of Henri Matisse. Their finished pieces will soon be proudly displayed in the gallery at Ickworth Park House.



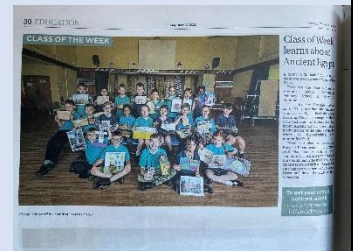


Occold Primary

Occold Primary School's annual Book Festival was a great success! We welcomed some amazing visitors into our school including author and illustrator Kate Read, storyteller Dave Tong and local poet Julie Hare. We enjoyed seeing lots of families in the Village Hall for our bookmark making workshop and were even joined by Diss Publishing's Travelling Bookshop. Wednesday saw several KS2 children participating in the Book Mastermind Final.

Sexton's Manor

Congratulations to Mrs Ballam and Year 3, who featured as Class of the Week in the Bury Free Press. The children were showcasing their wonderful projects on Ancient Egypt, which included models of the Nile river, pyramids and mummified fruit. These busy children are also doing brilliantly with their swimming lessons, creating artwork for a local community project and sprucing up the school grounds for Bury in Bloom. Well done, year 3!



St Peter and St Paul, Eye

Mini Marathon Success!

Recently, all of our children took part in a Mini Marathon, running, jogging, or walking their way through the afternoon in support of local charity 'Eye Opportunity Group'. Our KS2 children took on the challenge at The Pennings, while EYFS and KS1 completed their routes around the school grounds. We were so proud to witness incredible determination, perseverance, and team spirit from every pupil involved! Eye opportunity group is a local

charity that supports families with young children (0-5) who have specific additional needs. We were delighted to raise over £1000 to donate to this fantastic cause.

Stradbroke

The Year 6s had a brilliant day in London! We visited the Imperial War Museum, took a long walk past lots of landmarks, (ticking them off on our eye spy sheets on the way) and watched Oliver in the west end! We finished the day with a McDonalds before boarding our train home! We were so proud of how sensible Jupiter were - a credit to our school! Saturn and Neptune also recently had an educational visit, having great time at Norwich Castle! They learnt about Ancient Egyptian life by trying on robes and tunics, exploring mummification, making Egyptian jewelled collars and looking at artefacts. On a very hot day, they did so well - we are very proud of them!



Thorndon

Design and Technology at Thorndon.

Holly Class demonstrated great initiative by creating shopping lists for their own salads. After placing their orders, the ingredients were delivered to school. Once the groceries were unpacked, the children carefully followed their recipes to prepare their individual dishes. The results were impressive—both delicious and a healthy choice!

Oak Class began constructing their greenhouses, making full use of hot glue guns, wood, and saws. We are excited to see the finished creations. Despite the weather, the children thoroughly enjoyed their time in the forest, where they engaged in foraging and cooking with the ingredients they collected—a truly enriching experience. Willow Class had a fantastic time during their DT lessons, where they created 3D models. In science, they explored solubility by investigating various soluble materials, sparking curiosity and engagement.



Wortham

This term, every child from Reception to Year 6 at Wortham Primary School has had the fantastic opportunity to visit Wortham Tennis Courts and enjoy professional tennis coaching from Coach Maisie. Over a number of weeks, the children have enjoyed learning new skills, developing their coordination, rallying, and playing mini games on real tennis courts. In addition, the whole school proudly took part in the London 2025 Mini Marathon, demonstrating incredible determination, teamwork, and resilience as they completed 2.6 miles around the school grounds. Together, they

raised an amazing £3,000 for their chosen charity, the Guide Dogs Society.

Trust News

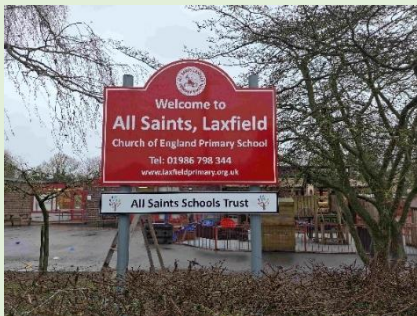
We are very excited to be welcoming Honington CEVC Primary to the Trust. The school has received their academy order, and we are expecting it to become our 16th school in the Trust in the Autumn.

We say goodbye to some of our Senior Leaders this term. Can we please say a huge thank you to Mrs Zara Cowling, Mrs Hannah Hunt and Miss Emily Rowe for all the hard work and dedication they have given the schools in our Trust. We wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Wortham Primary will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hayley Clarke- but she is staying in the Trust as she joins Hardwick Primary as Headteacher in September.

We also welcome Mrs Michelle Boyd as new Headteacher of Honington Primary and Mrs Samantha Barlow as the new Head of School of Stradbroke Primary. Mrs Magda Metcalfe is going to be Deputy Head at Hardwick from September.

We say congratulations to Mr Gilbert and his wife who are expecting a baby at the end of the Summer Term.



Congratulations also to St Peter and St Paul, Eye Primary who have had a very successful SIAMS inspection.

Finally..... all of our schools are getting updated signage. Watch out for this! The first schools have been completed but the plan is that all schools will have new signs soon. Thank you to our Estate Manager Mr Golson for arranging this!

Have wonderful Summer holidays and we look forward to sharing more news in the Autumn Term.