



Yox Valley Newsletter

Summer Term 2 – July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the many achievements and celebrations that have marked the final weeks of term.

It has been a pleasure to watch our Key Stage 2 pupils shine in their summer productions. Their confidence, enthusiasm and commitment have been evident in every performance, and they should be extremely proud of what they have accomplished. The productions have been a wonderful showcase of their talents and hard work.

We are especially proud of our Year 6 pupils as they complete their primary school journey. Throughout their final year, they have demonstrated resilience, maturity and determination, achieving far more than can be measured through end-of-Key Stage 2 assessments alone. They leave us with many happy memories and are well prepared for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We wish all our Year 6 leavers every success and happiness as they move on to high school.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all our families for their continued support throughout the year. Our three PTAs have worked tirelessly to organise events and raise valuable funds for our schools. We are incredibly grateful to the committee members, volunteers and everyone who has supported these events throughout the year.

Looking ahead to September, pupils will return to school on Thursday 3rd September. Breakfast clubs and enrichment/after-school clubs will resume during the week beginning 7th September. Please remember that all clubs must be booked through Arbor at least 24 hours in advance. Details of our enrichment club timetable will be shared when we return to school.



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As we prepare for the new academic year, we would like to remind families about our uniform expectations, particularly regarding PE kit. School uniform plays an important role in fostering a sense of belonging, pride and identity within our school community.

PE kit should consist of:

- A plain white or school-coloured T-shirt
- Plain dark-coloured shorts
- Plain dark-coloured tracksuit bottoms and top during colder weather

Please note that branded sportswear, football shirts and fashion clothing are not part of our PE uniform requirements. We appreciate your support in ensuring pupils arrive dressed appropriately for school activities. On your child's day of PE, they are allowed to wear their PE kit all day to avoid time wasted changing.

Families are also reminded that a selection of previously loved uniform is available for purchase at each school. Please contact the school office for further information.

Finally, all stationery required for learning is provided by the school, and there is no need for pupils to bring pencil cases from home.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support throughout the year. We wish all our pupils and families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours sincerely,

Katy Last
Academy Head

OUR SCHOOLS END OF YEAR ATTENDANCE

Southwold	94.17%
Middleton	93.94%
Yoxford & Peasenhall	95.18%
National Attendance	94.9%



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Academic Calendar 2026/27

Last Day of summer term - 17th July

Back to school - 3rd September

Half term - 26th - 30th October

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PD Days							
1/9/2026 - School directed /statutory training							
2/9/2026 - School directed							
4/1/2027 - School directed							
12/4/2027 - School directed							
28/5/2027 - Wellbeing focus							



Middleton Primary School News

ASH

This half term got off to an exciting start with a fun-filled trip to Sizewell, where the children learnt all about nuclear energy and how it is used to generate electricity.

In DT, the children have been exploring moving vehicles, designing and investigating how different mechanisms work. In RSHE, they have been learning about healthy lifestyles and the importance of looking after both their physical and mental wellbeing.

Our budding journalists have been busy in Literacy, writing their own newspaper reports and developing their reporting skills. In Science, the children have enjoyed learning all about plants, including how they grow and what they need to thrive. Meanwhile, in Geography, they have been discovering the fascinating country of Kenya, exploring its landscapes, climate, wildlife, and culture.

It has been a busy and engaging half term, with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum.





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SPRUCE

What a busy half term it has been in Spruce Class. One of the highlights was taking part in the 'Some Clouds are Rainbows' art project. The children enjoyed exploring their creativity and producing artwork to be proud of.

We also had a brilliant time working with Jane from Groundwork East to improve our outdoor area for local wildlife. The children carefully discussed and chose features they wanted to include, deciding on a hedgehog house, a bat box, a beetle bucket and a pond. They loved being involved in making decisions and helping to create a welcoming habitat for nature.

We are all looking forward to watching our wildlife areas develop and seeing which creatures come to visit over the coming months.



OAK

Oak class enjoyed learning about how electricity is made on their school trip to Sizewell Visitor Centre. We had lots of activities to challenge ourselves, such as moving dry and oily jelly to different trays, building circuits, learning about how much electricity items use in the house, and VR headsets on the reactor.

We have also enjoyed collaborating as a Consortium with an art project, 'Some rainbows are circles', where the children were learning different mediums of producing art; using a spinning wheel and paint, mirrors, collage and voice recordings to create abstract images.

During are normal curriculum lessons, Oak class has been learning about how to design and build their own vehicle with moving wheels and a chassis during DT. In PE, we have been putting lots of effort into sports day practice. During English the children have innovated 'Jack and the Beanstalk and are enjoying interviewing each other for a newspaper report.

Oak class have worked with strategies to support their learning with fractions and at the present we are learning all about time. Some great discussions have happened in RE, listening to different Bible stories and RSHE with looking after yourself and how to recognise dangers around us. In Geography, we have learnt about what is human and physical geographical features. During Science we have enjoyed learning about seeds and bulbs and deciduous and evergreen plants.



ELM

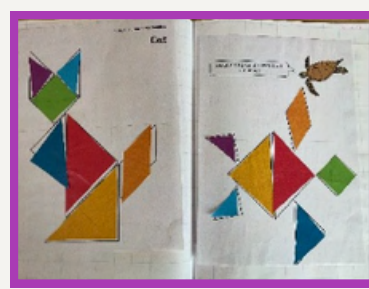
This half term we had great fun on our school trip to Green Farm. We learnt about how crops grow in the fields and had fun finding out about and sitting in some of the farm machinery. Our favourite machine was the combine harvester! We got to groom the horses and cuddle the goslings and later in the afternoon we went into the woods to do some den building. The children worked well together to build the dens.



We had visitors in to do an art project called 'Some rainbows are circles'. The children had a lovely time and produced some fantastic artwork.



In maths, we have been learning all about shapes. We have learnt how some shapes can be put together to make other shapes, just like numbers. We have also learnt about a Tangram, which is a set of 7 shapes that can be put together in a range of different ways to represent different things in the world such as animals and objects. The children have had fun twisting and turning the pieces to try and make different things.



We have been finding out about different types of beaches and things that are on the beach. We looked at rock pools and made our own. The children were very curious about some of the creatures that lived in rock pools.



We have been having fun making up our own beach adventure in Talk for Writing. Our story is all about a mermaid and merman who are playing hide and seek on the beach and find a treasure map. They then go on an adventure following the treasure map to get to the treasure. The children had lots of ideas about what the treasure might be!

SILVER BIRCH

Silver Birch have had an extremely busy few weeks learning lines and practising for our end of term production. Year 6 also enjoyed a three-day visit to Winterton where they enjoyed visiting the beach, Clip'n'Climb and Bewilderwood. Year 5 enjoyed some practical maths lessons. They challenged themselves to estimate capacity and enjoyed measuring to check the accuracy of their estimate.



WILLOW

Where did the summer go? Willow Class have been so busy that we hadn't realised how fast time has been flying! In maths we have learned about telling the time (using analogue clocks was a bit tricky), 2D and 3D shapes, lines of symmetry and we just have a little bit of statistics left to go. In English we have been writing explanations about Saxon Houses and then we will finish by re-writing part of 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' the book we have been reading in class.

Last week we were lucky enough (along with the rest of the school) to work on the 'Some rainbows are circles' art project and we have also had the exciting task of working with the WildEd project.





Southwold Primary School News

ASTRONAUTS

Astronauts Class have been learning about life under the sea this half term. We enjoyed reading *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson and exploring the different ocean environments featured in the story. Inspired by the characters' adventures, the children were keen to learn more about the ocean. We have been developing our creative skills by creating colourful collages and drawings of underwater scenes, showcasing a variety of sea creatures and habitats. The children have thoroughly enjoyed expressing their ideas through art and sharing what they have learned about the ocean.





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APOLLO

Congratulations to every member of Key Stage Two for a fantastic year of learning! You should all be very proud of what we have achieved together and the memories for life we have made. The class have been reflecting on the academic year we have had and our treasured times together. Our favourite trip was to Christchurch Mansion because we loved finding out about the Victorians and playing in the beautiful park. We have loved our knowledge of a range of songs from traditional hymns to modern classics. Our overall favourite song to learn and perform has been Revolting Children. There has been an immense amount of studying since September, but the overall best learning experience has been making our USB animation films. The class voted for swimming as their standout sporting event. They have loved learning to push and glide, float and stay safe in the water too.

We wish everyone a very well-deserved summer break. Please keep the reading and times tables going so we are all ready for another year of fantastic learning together.





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MERCURY

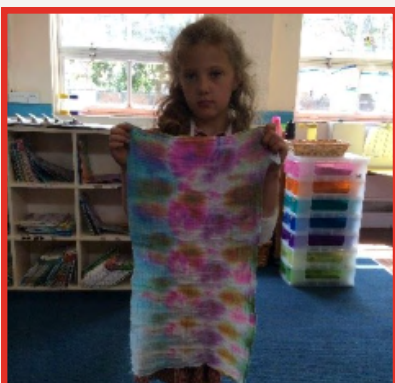
Mercury Class have had an incredibly busy and exciting term, packed with hands-on learning and memorable experiences. In Science, the children have been carefully growing their own bean plants and observing how they change over time. As part of our R.E. learning about Jesus feeding the 5000, the class enjoyed making their own bread and exploring the meaning behind the story.

In Art, the children experimented with tie-dye techniques, creating bright and colourful patterns. Maths has also been full of practical fun-while learning about time, the children followed a sequence of steps to make delicious cupcakes.

Alongside all these activities, Mercury Class had a fantastic trip to Sizewell, where they learned more about renewable energy.

In RSHE, the children practised washing dolls to understand the importance of hygiene and keeping ourselves clean.

It has been a wonderful term full of creativity, curiosity and teamwork.



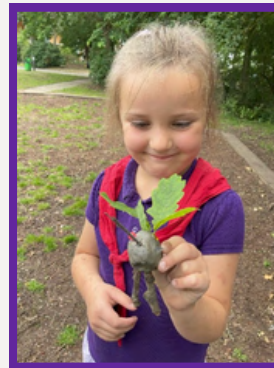


School Scouting Sessions at Yoxford & Peasonhall Primary School

The Beavers have been engaging with many activities this term. They have been building links in science by identifying deciduous and evergreen trees. Using clay to find patterns on the field and create art.



The Beavers have also been leaf printing. This involves collecting leaves and arranging them in a pattern, placing them in-between fabric. The children then use a rubber mallet to press the leaf's pattern into the fabric making a pattern. The children enjoyed customizing each design to take home.



In Cubs we have been playing lots of games to help us develop our listening, observation, communication, teamwork and memory skills. Alongside this we went on a local walk through Yoxford where we had a variety of things to look out for. We spotted an old fashioned car, stenciled flowers, the old butchers shop and many other interesting things. When we got to the outskirts of the village we had a lot of fun in the play area.

