

Newsletter



Friday 11th October 2024

Dear families,

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Parents' evenings this week. It was lovely to welcome you all into school. We hope that you enjoyed meeting with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group. Thank you also to those who completed our parent questionnaire available during the evenings. We very much value your feedback and will analyse this closely, sharing the successes and also our next steps in due course.

This week we were invited by Cleves Place Care Home, where a group of pupils performed some harvest songs. It was so lovely to see our pupils take part in this event - bringing the generations together to enjoy a sing along and spread some happiness. The pupils represented our school brilliantly! A huge well done to all involved.



Sincere apologies for the disruption we have experienced this week with regard to Caterlink school meals. This was due to significant technical issues in the kitchen, which have hopefully now been temporarily fixed. We are working closely with the trust to find a more permanent solution to the issue and will resolve this as quickly as possible. If further problems arise, we will continue to work hard with Caterlink to secure hot meals for the children in the interim, with as much variety as possible. Thank you for your patience with this - we are doing our best and will keep you updated!



We have our first school disco of the year quickly approaching in the final week of this half term (Thursday 24th October). We know this is always a popular event with pupils and we very much look forward to seeing pupils and staff alike showcasing their moves on the dancefloor! Please see further information enclosed. Pupils will arrive through the front entrance and into the hall, but will need collecting from the rear entrance on Crowland Road.

We also have our upcoming Harvest Festival on Thursday, 17th October, where we will be collecting donations for the Haverhill Food Bank. If you are able to donate any items, these would be hugely appreciated. Please see enclosed a list of items that would be welcomed.

I would also like to draw your attention to our newly scheduled EYFS Parent Tours, for prospective parents who are looking for a school place in September 2025. Please see enclosed information - we welcome you sharing this information with friends and family!

If you have any questions relating to your child, or key messages for your class teacher, please do contact them via a message on Class Dojo, or using admin@placefarm.org.uk.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone,

Kind regards,
Mrs McConnell
Head of School

Upcoming dates:

October

Mon 14th Oct: Theatre workshops Yrs 4-6
Thur 17th Oct: Harvest Festival Assembly for children (further information below)
Mon 21st Oct: Flu vaccinations (more information to follow)
Theatre workshops Yrs 4-6
Thur 24th Oct: Autumn term disco (more information below)

Mon 28th Oct – Fri 8th Nov: Half-term break

Thurs 31st Oct: Deadline for Yr 6 parents/carers to apply for a secondary school place

November

Tues 12th Nov: Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Wed 13th Nov: Vancols individual student photos (more information to follow)
EYFS Prospective parent tours, 5.00-6.00
Thur 14th Nov: 1ES library visit 9:30-10:30
1ED library visit 1:30-2:30
Wed 20th Nov: EYFS Prospective parent tours, 5.00-6.00
Thur 21st Nov: 4RG library visit 9:30-10:30
5JG library visit 1:30-2:30
Wed 27th Nov: EYFS Prospective parent tours, 9.00-10.00
Thur 28th Nov: 3SA library visit 9:30-10:30







December

Wed 4th Dec: EYFS Prospective parent tours, 9.00-10.00
Thur 5th Dec: 3KM library visit 9:30-10:30
6SL library visit 1:30-2:30
Fri 6th Dec: Flu vaccinations (more information to follow)
Mon 9th Dec: Carol Concert at St Marys Church (more information to follow)
Thur 12th Dec: 2LP library visit 9:30-10:30
2LA library visit 1:30-2:30
Fri 13th Dec: Christmas in a day (more information to follow)
Tue 17th Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)
Wed 18th Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)

Fri 20th Dec: School term ends

Safeguarding Team at Place Farm Primary Academy

We are committed to safeguarding being a huge priority at Place Farm and as a result we have a large team of trained staff who make up our safeguarding team:

					
Mrs Lisa McConnell	Mrs Jane Sendall	Mrs Lucy Kidd	Mr Daniel Gudgeon	Mr Mike Lewis	Mrs Abbey Payne
Head of School/ Designated Safeguarding Lead	Executive Headteacher/ Deputy DSL	SENDCo/ Designated Teacher for looked-after and previously looked-after children/DDSL	Deputy Headteacher / Deputy DSL	Deputy Headteacher/ Deputy DSL	Associate AHT/Deputy DSL

	
Mrs Sue Bavester	Mrs Sarah Franks
Children and Family Support Manager/ Deputy DSL	PA to Executive Headteacher/ Deputy DSL

You will see many of these staff around school, and on the school gate. If you have any concerns, questions, or require any support, please do not hesitate to make contact with us – we are here to help.

In addition to our school staff, we also have governors and trust personnel who support our work. These are listed on our Child Protection Procedures on our website.

For more information relating to our safeguarding procedures and our early help offer, please see our website: <https://placefarm.org.uk/safeguarding>

Flu Vaccines

All parents should now have received an email regarding upcoming flu vaccinations in school. Please do take a look – there is a link within the email providing further information about the vaccine, and how to give your consent.



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate in celebration assembly this week. We had lots of children receiving their coloured certificates today and some children receiving their PROUD certificates.



We also had pupils celebrated for achievements in dancing and Beavers. We had two Y6 children who achieved their pen licenses.



The AR Word count champions for this week were 6EJ and the AR Quiz champions for this week was also 6EJ!

We are also continuing to celebrate maths achievements on tt rockstars. This term, we are presenting certificates to the child in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who achieved the most coins in their year group, as well as certificates for the three children who had the biggest increase in their times table recall speed. We also celebrated the problem-solvers of the week in Year 1 and Rainbow class.

Times table knowledge and fluency are so important in many areas of maths. Please continue to encourage your children to use tt rockstars at home. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Attendance



In celebration assembly each week, we also celebrate the classes with the best attendance of the previous week. Attendance is vitally important to a child's success both in school and in later life.

In 3rd place we had 1ES and 3SA with 96.9%

In 2nd place we had 5JG with 97%

In 1st place we had 6SL with 98.2%

Our whole school attendance was 94.5%

Year 5 and 6 choir visit to Cleves Place Care Home



The Place Farm Year 5 & 6 choir visited Cleves Place Care Home as part of their week of Harvest Festival celebrations.

The Year 5 & 6 Choir have been practising songs in preparation for our school's Harvest Festival Assembly which is taking place on

Thursday 17th October. The songs that they performed were a selection of what the whole school sings in our weekly singing assembly.



Science at Place Farm



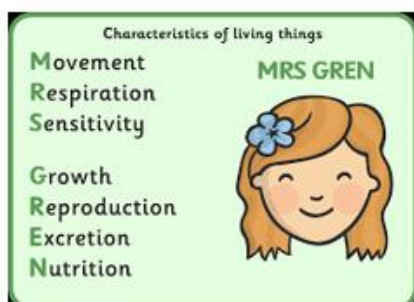
In Early Years they have been focusing on 'Ourselves', they have been comparing the human body to animals and looking at similarities and differences. The book they focused on was 'The Same but different too'.

In Rainbow Class they have been focussing on living things: How do you know if it's alive? What a plant/animal needs to live. (MRS GREN) They have been on nature walks around school to find habitats and micro habitats and taken photos to evidence this, and drawn their own minibeasts in the deadwood habitat.

In Year One they have been looking at different types of plants: wild plants and will soon be moving on to garden plants. They went out and explored the outdoor area to see what they could find.



In Year Two they have been focusing on MRS GREN – movement, respiration, sensitivity, growth, reproduction, excretion and nutrition



In Year Three they have been learning about Rocks and the different types.

They have enjoyed carrying out different experiments to test to see if the rock is limestone using an acid and they have explored different soils too.



In Year Four they have been learning about Living thing and their habitats and they have been using classification in their work.



In Year five they have been focusing on Properties and changes of materials. Looking at separating materials from one another. Most recently, looking at reversible changes such as, melting and freezing and evaporating and condensation.



In Year Six, they have just started a new unit on 'Animal including humans - The Circulatory System'.

The first lesson was all about what is blood made up of. The children discussed the different components and what their role is. They will be moving on to looking at what makes up the circulatory system and how blood is transported around the body!



Harvest Festival



We are supporting Reach Haverhill again this year with a food collection for their Harvest Festival in support of our local community

In preparation for our Harvest Festival Assembly, on Thursday 17th October, we will be collecting donations for Reach Haverhill. Please see the poster below for the items that they require for this year. Please could any donations be handed to your child's class teacher between Monday 14th October and Wednesday 16th October.

Thank you in advance for your support of this cause.

A poster titled 'Harvest shopping list 2024' with a decorative border of autumn leaves. The title is in a bold, orange font. Below the title, it says 'Just one or two items from the list would be greatly appreciated!'. The list of items is organized into two columns, each with a small green square icon next to the item name. The items are: Squash, Custard, Sugar 1kg, Pudding (rice or sponge longlife), Crisps/crackers, Potatoes (tinned/mashed), Fruit juice (long-life), Coffee, Chocolate treats, Biscuits, Tinned fruit, Jam, Rice, Noodles, Tea, and UHT milk. Below the list, there is a section titled 'NOT needed:' in a bold, orange font. This section contains a list of items that are not needed, each with a small red square icon next to the item name. The items are: Beans, Pasta, Cereal, Dog / Cat food, Washing up liquid, Pasta sauce, Tinned fish, Tinned meat, Soup, Tinned tomatoes, Shower Gel, Toilet roll, Deodorant, and Shampoo. At the bottom of the poster, there is a website address: www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/harvest and the Reach Community Projects logo.

Early Years Tours



We would be delighted to welcome you to our school and take you on a tour of our Early Years setting and school! You will also have a chance to meet the EYFS teachers. We are holding tours for prospective parents with children starting school in September 2025.

These will be held on...

Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 5.00pm

Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 5:00pm

Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 9:00am

Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 9.00am

If you wish wish to know more about our school, please visit our school website.
www.placefarm.org.uk



**To attend and
book your spot
please contact us!**

[01440 702836](tel:01440702836)

admin@placefarm.org.uk

SEND Parent Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/lkidd11/parenting-padlet-hgdrprcnhl3ene5>

Please use this link to have an explore of our new SEND Parent Padlet, which contains lots of information resources and links to provide you with support and advice. There are links to local groups, SEND resources and parenting tips.

Year 6 Parents

Communication has been sent this week to all year 6 parents about applying for your child's secondary school placement with Suffolk Admissions. This was emailed earlier this week. This opened on 12/9/2024 and will close on 31/10/2024. Offers confirming placement allocations are sent on 03/03/2025.

If you need any help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via the admin email address – admin@placefarm.co.uk or by phoning on 01440 702836.



Autumn Disco



Thursday 24th October



Please pay for the disco via Arbor

EYFS disco will run during the school day from 2:30pm until 3:00pm. EYFS pupils can wear non-uniform for this day. Tickets cost £2 and will include a glow stick and light ring.

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 disco will run from 3:30pm-4:45pm. Pupils can bring party clothes to school to change into before the disco. Tickets will cost £3.50 and will include a snack. Please collect your child from the playground at 4:45pm. They will exit from their usual classrooms.

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 disco will run from 5:00pm- 6:15pm. Tickets cost £3.50 and will include a snack. Pupils will enter the disco via the front gate near the office and exit from their classrooms onto the playground on Crowland Road. Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 who can walk home alone will need to let the class teacher know in advance that they have permission.

Children can also bring up to £3 with them to purchase small items. Pupils will need to look after any change during the disco so please try to give them the correct amount of money.

Glow sticks= 50p each

Ring lights = £1 each

October Half-Term External Activities

Prestige Sports

Please see below for a selection of sports camps that Prestige Sports are running over half-term.

Below you can find links to the booking pages:

Activity Camp - [Mega Activity Holiday Camps \(5 - 12yrs\) at Samuel Ward Sports Barn, Haverhill | Prestige Sport Camps | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

Football Camp - [Football Fun Camp \(5 - 12yrs\) at Samuel Ward Sports Barn, Haverhill | Prestige Sport Camps | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

Unity Week - [UNITY SCHOOLS - Mega Sports Camps \(5 - 12yrs\) at Samuel Ward Sports Barn, Haverhill | Prestige Sport Camps | Powered by ClassForKids](#)



OCTOBER HALF TERM MEGA SPORTS CAMPS

Samuel Ward Sports Dome, Haverhill

Monday 28th Oct - Friday 1st Nov
Our camps run 9am - 3.30pm.
Early drop off from 8.15am
Late Pick until 5.30pm

£22.50 per day.
£2.50 Early Drop Off & £7.00 Late Pick Up
25% Sibling Discount

AGE 5 - 12 year olds

Children will need to bring a water bottle, packed lunch, suitable clothing, their biggest smile and lots of energy!

Our Prestige Holiday Camps feature an awesome selection of Games, Sports, Activities & Arts & Crafts with the aim to cater for a variety of interests!

07494 002352
BOOKINGS@PRESTIGESPORTSDEVELOPMENT.CO.UK
WWW.PRESTIGESPORTSDEVELOPMENT.COM

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OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS

Samuel Ward Sports Dome, Haverhill

Mon 28th Oct & Tue 29th Oct
Our camps run 9am - 3.30pm.
Early drop off from 8.15am
Late Pick until 5.30pm

£22.50 per day.
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UNITY WEEK HALF TERM MEGA SPORTS CAMPS

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Our camps run 9am - 3.30pm.
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Abbeycroft Leisure

Free OCTOBER Holiday Activities 2024 -



Does your child receive free school meals?

If your child gets means tested free school dinners, then you can apply for a range of free activities for your family and children.

These sessions are funded by the generous donations from our funding partners:

Bury St Edmunds Town Council, Suffolk Community Foundation Bluebell Fund, Haverhill Town Council, Brandon Town Council, Suffolk Community Foundation Port of Felixstowe Fund, Mildenhall Town Council, Public Health Suffolk, Suffolk Community Foundation Private Giving Fund, Keith Welham Suffolk County Council, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council.

We have 2 sessions available:

Family Park Cooking Adventure Days

- Every family will cook a hearty lunch and receive ingredients for the whole family.
- Action Packed Adventure Day including a breakfast, lunch and snacks.

To book an activity visit: www.abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF if you need any help booking speak to your school office or email HAF@acleisure.com

Free sessions are primarily for children entitled to **Means Tested Free School Meals**

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Booking Process / Eequ

We will be continuing to use the Eequ booking platform this holiday. There are no longer voucher codes. All bookings will now go through the **Eequ** system and a verification check before they are confirmed.

Parents will need to select their eligibility criteria when booking.

- Parents will book their children through the online links using **Eequ** – if their child meets the criteria, they will get approval and will receive a confirmation email.
- If they are rejected, they will receive a cancellation and explanation of why – encourage families to log into Eequ regularly to check their messages as well as their junk email folder
- Parents need to understand their booking is not confirmed and they are not eligible for a place until they have received their booking confirmation email.
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Free sessions are primarily for children entitled to **Free School Meals** – Approval will also be considered for young people in the following categories:

- Eligible for means tested free school meals - Pupil Premium (Not KS1 universal free school meals)
- Looked after child (LAC)
- Child protection plan in place
- Refugees

To book visit: www.abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF

Below is a list of our activities and locations:

Session	Age	Town	Venue	Dates	Dates with Additional SEND Support
Adventure Days	8-12 yrs.	Bury	Bury Leisure Centre	28th, 29th, 30th & 31st Oct	29th Oct
Adventure Days	8-12 yrs.	Newmarket	Newmarket Leisure Centre	28th, 29th Oct	n/a
Adventure Days	8-12 yrs.	Haverhill	Haverhill Leisure Centre	28th, 29th Oct	n/a
Adventure Days	8-12 yrs.	Sudbury	Sudbury Scout Hut	31st Oct	31st Oct
Adventure Days	8-12 yrs.	Stowmarket	1st Combs scouts	30th Oct	n/a
Adventure Days	8-12 yrs.	Hadleigh	Hadleigh Scout Hut	1st Nov	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Bury	Bury Scout Hut	28th, 29th, 30th & 31st Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Newmarket	Jarman Centre	28th, 29th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Haverhill	East Town Park	31st Oct, 1st Nov	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Mildenhall	Mildenhall Scouts	30th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Brandon	Brandon Country Park	29th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Felixstowe	Ferry Centre	1st Nov	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Hadleigh	Hadleigh Scout Hut	31st Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Ipswich	IP1	28th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Ipswich	IP2	29th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Ipswich	IP3 / IP10	31st Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Ipswich	IP4	30th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Stowmarket	1st Combs Scouts	1st Nov	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Sudbury	Stevenson Centre	28th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Sudbury	Sudbury Scout Hut	29th Oct	n/a
Family Park Cooking	5 +	Saxmundham	Knodishall	28th Oct	n/a

SEND SUPPORT:

There is **ONLY** Additional SEND support on the dates listed above:

On these days we provide an extra instructor increasing our ratio from 1:10 to 1:5 to provide a little extra support to those that need it. Children will still be expected to be independent and manage their own behaviour and interactions with other children as set out in our behavioural policy.

Please note bookings are made on a first come first served basis. Spaces are limited! Contact us if your chosen venue or date has been booked, and we might be able to provide an alternative venue or we can add you to our waiting list as we often have cancellations. haf@acleisure.com

EXPLORE OUTDOOR

FAMILY PARK COOKING

28th October – 1st November
Across Suffolk
10:00–15:00
*subject dates apply

Parents and children take part in an amazing family day out with a wide range of activities including an outdoor cooking master class where you will cook a delicious lunch together.

Every family that attend will take home all of the ingredients and recipe cards for a weeks' worth of meals.

BOOK NOW

*free for those eligible for free school meals or meet the eligibility criteria
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EXPLORE OUTDOOR

ADVENTURE DAYS

AGES 8–12 YEARS

28th October – 1st November
*subject dates apply
08:30–16:30

Join us this October Half Term for a range of exciting activities. Take part in activities including fire lighting, archery, axe throwing, swimming and more.

With our Adventure Days happening across Babergh, Mid and west Suffolk, your child has the chance to unlock their inner explorer whilst fitting around your working hours.

Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided!

FREE*
BOOK NOW

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