

# Newsletter



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear families,

This week has been an eventful one with school discos; library visits; a clarinet concert; celebration assembly and Year 6 Graduation! What a week!

Next week we have our transition week, which is always a fantastic opportunity for children to settle in to their new year groups, get to know their new teachers and begin to develop their independence ahead of the new school year.

As we think ahead to transition week next week, I just want to share some key messages so that you can help prepare your child for the week ahead:

- Information about your child's new teacher has been shared on Class Dojo - please do share these with your child.
- Next week we ask that all parents drop off children at the school gates and allow your child to walk in independently. Our staff will be on hand to support if children need guiding in the right direction. Class teachers will also meet and greet children on the playground so that they know where to go.
- Teachers will aim to start the school day promptly - if you need to communicate with your child's new class teacher - please do so via Class Dojo or the admin email.

Developing these routines will then allow us to hit the ground running in September, with children being able to walk themselves straight into class once the gates open. Thank you for your support with this.

**Staffing News:** It is with great sadness that I write to let you know that Mr Hunter will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Mr Hunter has been with us for six years at Place Farm and has played a huge role in maintaining our site to a high standard. We will miss him hugely and thank him for all that he has done for the school. I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the very best for the future.

As of September, Mr Jones will be spending the autumn term working at our partner school, Coupals Primary Academy, before the excitement of going travelling in the spring. Working so closely together with Coupals, it is likely that the children will see him back in school at various points! He will be back in school next Friday for the final day with the children.

Today you will receive your child's school report - a wonderful celebration of all that they have achieved this year. We hope you enjoy the comments written. If you wish to discuss your child's report at all, please do contact your child's class teachers or make contact through [admin@placefarm.org.uk](mailto:admin@placefarm.org.uk).

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,  
Mrs McConnell  
Head of School

## Upcoming dates:

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July: Later start time of 9:30 due to the football match on Sunday (more information below)  
Transition week for all year groups (children spending time in their new classes)  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July: No school crossing patrol all day  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 transition days 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July (Castle Manor and Samuel Ward Academy)  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July: **Last day of term**

### September

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: **PD day** (school closed to all pupils)  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept: First day of school for all pupils.

## Monday Morning Start time change

Due to the European Championships Final match between England and Spain on Sunday evening, we have taken the decision to have a later start time to the school day.

Please see the message below that was shared on ClassDojo:



Dear Parents/Carers,

We know that there is an important football match being played on Sunday evening. To this end, we are allowing some flexibility for children arriving at school on Monday - a slightly later start time of **9.30**, if this is helpful to families.

Please note that after 8:45, children will need to be brought into school via the back gate only and not the front gate.

We are opening school at the usual time for those families where the later start time is not needed.

Best wishes,

Coupals and Place Farm SLT

## New Pupil Leadership



Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Girl, James and Grace, and to our new Deputy Head Boy and Girl, Daniel and Poppy. To be successful in being awarded these positions, these pupils had to write an application, have an interview with Mrs McConnell and then prepare a speech to deliver in an assembly to years 4, 5 and 6.

Congratulations to our new school librarians. These pupils had to complete an application form and then were selected to be interviewed by Mrs Brassington.



Well done to our Junior Road Safety Officers for their work this year. This was celebrated in assembly today as they were awarded their certificates.



## Celebration Assembly

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



We also had several pupils celebrated for their achievements outside of school.

One pupil also received their pen license today.



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.



**Schoolcomms**

Bookings for Breakfast  
and Afterschool Club  
will continue to be made  
via the Schoolcomms  
App until Summer 2025

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and  
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### **Drum Kit Lessons with Martin Everett**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to be able to offer extra curricular drum kit lessons to all year groups at Place Farm. Lessons are £18 per 30 minute lesson and are booked on a termly basis. Lessons will be given on an electronic drum kit and will be held during the school day. A 20 minute trial lesson can be arranged for your child, to help decide if this is something that they would enjoy. To register your interest please complete the form below and further information will follow:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=flzQy2QFTEapyFTpF1Os7pTle-9KdYVOsDBCBoniyE9UNVM0SVIKT0pJTUZFOFJXMFJZVINWMVE2Qy4u>

Kind regards,  
Mr Everett

## **Arbor Reminder**

As you should now be aware we have now rolled out the release of Arbor. All parents/carers should have received an email detailing your specific login details. Please do ensure that you are signed up to the Portal. If you do experience any difficulties with your login, please contact the office on 01440 702836 or at [admin@placefarm.org.uk](mailto:admin@placefarm.org.uk)

## **Caterlink Survey – regarding school lunches**

This term, Caterlink are conducting a parent/guardian survey on the meal provision that they provide. The survey closes on 31<sup>st</sup> of July. Please use the link below or the QR code to take part in the survey. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ>





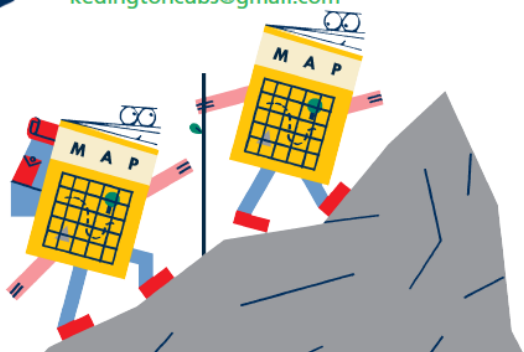
## Clubs outside of school

# JOIN OUR PACK cubs



At 1st Kedington Cub Pack we; sleep in tents, light fires, hike for chips, make new friends, gaze at the stars, sew on buttons, help our community, sing silly songs, earn badges, giggle, eat marshmallows.... the list goes on! For #SkillsForLife and lots of fun, contact us now!  
Spaces Now Available for 8 yrs - 10.5 yrs olds!

Email us at:  
kedingtoncubs@gmail.com





## COMETS

### Disability & SEN Football

- Tuesdays
- 5:00pm-6:00pm
- For ages 5-11 years
- Coaches: Rhys & Lois
- The New Croft, CB9 0BW

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDS INTEREST PLEASE EMAIL:  
**INFO@THENEWCROFTFOUNDATION.COM**



Please use the link below to register a free two-week trial:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdthetAvVNrjkKDAsvzj4wbjnwxLcPcRZneVXkNegjgch-p1w/viewform>

## Summer Holiday Activities

### Prestige Sports

Prestige Sports will be running their Mega Sports & Activity & Football Camps at Samuel Ward Sports Dome, Haverhill this summer! They will be on Monday 22nd July to Friday 30th August. We are open 9am-3.30pm with early drop off from 8.15am and late pick up until 5.30pm as optional extras. You can book online using the link below:

Mega Sports & Activity Camps - <https://prestige-sports-camps.classforkids.io/camp/148>

Football Camps - <https://prestige-sports-camps.classforkids.io/camp/149>



# PRESTIGE SPORTS SUMMER MEGA SPORTS CAMPS

- Great Bardfeild
- Great Easton
- Great Yeldham
- Haverhill
- Ickworth
- Linton
- Radwinter
- Stetchworth

AGE 5 - 12 year olds

Our camps run 9am - 3.30pm. All camps offer an early drop off from 8.30am and some venues can offer a late pick up until 5.30pm.

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

bookings@prestigesportsdevelopment.co.uk

SCAN TO BOOK!



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



# SUMMER MEGA ACTIVITY CAMPS



## SUFFOLK VENUES

venues	DATES	TIMES	PRICING
<b>SAMUEL WARD SPORTS DOME, HAVERHILL</b> <b>MEGA ACTIVITY CAMP</b>	22ND JULY - 26TH JULY 29TH JULY - 2ND AUG 5TH AUG - 9TH AUG 12TH AUG - 16TH AUG 19TH AUG - 23RD AUG 27TH AUG - 30TH AUG	EARLY DROP 8:15AM 9:00AM - 3:30PM LATE PICK UP - 5:30PM	£2.50 £22.50 £7.00
<b>SAMUEL WARD SPORTS DOME, HAVERHILL</b> <b>FOOTBALL CAMP</b>	22ND JULY - 23RD JULY 29TH JULY - 30TH JUL 5TH AUG - 6TH AUG 12TH AUG - 13TH AUG 19TH AUG - 20TH AUG 27TH AUG	EARLY DROP 8:15AM 9:00AM - 3:30PM LATE PICK UP - 5:30PM	£2.50 £22.50 £7.00
<b>ELLESMERE CENTRE, STETCHWORTH</b> <b>MEGA ACTIVITY CAMP</b>	22ND JULY - 26TH JULY 29TH JULY - 2ND AUG 5TH AUG - 9TH AUG 12TH AUG - 16TH AUG 19TH AUG - 23RD AUG 27TH AUG - 30TH AUG	9:00AM - 3:30PM EARLY DROP OFF - 8:15AM LATE PICK UP - 5:30PM	£2.50 £22.50 £7.00
<b>ICKWORTH PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> <b>MEGA ACTIVITY CAMP</b>	22ND JULY - 25TH JULY	EARLY DROP OFF - 8:15AM 9:00AM - 3:30PM	£2.50 £22.50







## **Abbeycroft Leisure**

Please find attached a poster for Abbeycroft's summer holidays 'Holiday Activity and Food (HAF)' offer – Free Swim and Lunch.

This is for those eligible for free school meals or experiencing other hardships (eligibility is decided by Suffolk County Council).

Haverhill Leisure Centre's sessions will be running every Tuesday from 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August and can be booked through the Eequ website.

Any enquiries directly to us can email [HAF@acleisure.com](mailto:HAF@acleisure.com)

# SPLASH YOUR WAY TO HAPPINESS

## THIS SUMMER

**Monday 22nd July - Saturday 31st August**  
\*subject dates apply

Come along this Summer and take part in our **FREE** swim & lunch offer.  
\*free for those eligible for free school meals and other hardships

**Available at:**  
Hadleigh Pool & Leisure  
Kingfisher Leisure Centre  
Haverhill Leisure Centre  
Newmarket Leisure Centre  
Bury Leisure Centre  
Mildenhall Hub

For more info:  
[haf@acleisure.com](mailto:haf@acleisure.com)  
[abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF](http://abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF)

**Abbeycroft**  
Let's Love Life

West Suffolk Council  
 Department for Education  
 Suffolk County Council

## Premier Holiday Camps

<https://eequ.org/experience/8895> - Based at Clements Primary Academy in Haverhill.

### FREE HAF SUMMER HOLIDAY MULTI SPORTS COURSES

For qualifying families - available locally to  
book now



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HOLIDAY  
CAMPS**

 **Premier Education** | **INSPIRING ACTIVITY**

 **HAF**

 **Suffolk County Council**

 **Trustpilot**

 **SCAN HERE FOR  
MORE INFORMATION**

or visit [premier-education.com/holiday-camps/HAF](https://premier-education.com/holiday-camps/HAF)

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*Sports available.....*  
Basketball, Football, Dodgeball,  
Rounders, Cricket, Athletics,  
Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Soft Archery  
and many more



*Come & join the fun*  
A variety of sports on offer and  
something for everyone to enjoy.  
Children are encouraged to try new  
skills everyday and develop social  
skills.