

# Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Dear families,

What a half term we have had at Place Farm! It has been action packed, rounding off this week with our autumn term disco, which was incredibly popular. It was lovely to see the children (and staff) letting their hair down.

We enjoyed a very busy Celebration Assembly this morning - it was great to welcome families and to celebrate all the hard work and wonderful achievements of our pupils this half term - please see photographs enclosed.



Please can I also take the opportunity to ask that if your child needs time off school for exceptional circumstances, that you complete a Leave of Absence Request for Exceptional Circumstances form. These are available from the school office. Each case will be assessed on an individual basis.

Just a final reminder that after half term we are back to our winter uniform - including shirts and ties (except EYFS). Please see our website for further information if needed.



Wishing you all a lovely half term!

Kind regards,

Mrs McConnell  
Head of School

## **Upcoming dates:**

### **October**

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov: Half-term break**

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

### **November**

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Vancols individual student photos (more information to follow)  
EYFS Prospective parent tours, 5.00-6.00

Thur 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1ES library visit 9:30-10:30  
1ED library visit 1:30-2:30

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: EYFS Prospective parent tours, 5.00-6.00

Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: 4RG library visit 9:30-10:30  
5JG library visit 1:30-2:30  
2LA Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov: EYFS Prospective parent tours, 9.00-10.00

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: 3SA library visit 9:30-10:30  
2LP Reading Café 9:00-9:30

### **December**

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS Prospective parent tours, 9.00-10.00

Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: 3KM library visit 9:30-10:30  
6SL library visit 1:30-2:30  
1ED Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Flu vaccinations (more information to follow)

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Carol Concert at St Marys Church (more information to follow)

Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: 2LP library visit 9:30-10:30  
2LA library visit 1:30-2:30  
1ES Reading Café 9:00-9:30

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas in a day (more information to follow)

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: School term ends**

## 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](mailto:admin@placefarm.co.uk) or by phoning on 01440 702836.

## 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 a pupil celebrated for her outside of school achievements in dancing. We had two pupils who received their pen licenses today.

The AR Word count champions for this week were 6EJ, the AR Quiz champions for this week

were 3KM and the most improved readers were 3KM.



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 3<sup>rd</sup> place we had 6SL with 97.5%  
In 2<sup>nd</sup> place we had 1ES with 97.9%  
In 1<sup>st</sup> place we had 1ED with 98.2%  
Whole school attendance was 93.9%



## **Enrichment Clubs at Place Farm**

### **Wildlife Club**

The Wildlife Club has had a super term, getting into the spirit of the autumn season with a range of activities taking place including an autumn treasure hunt, making bird feeders and autumn planting. Below are some photos of the children involved in making a hedgehog house and investigating mushrooms. We really like the scientific detail in the fantastic drawings!



## Music Clubs

This term we have run a music club and the members have really enjoyed using the keyboards.

We have learnt to play a few melodies and work together to create a Halloween piece of music.

Some members have attended this club every term whilst some have enjoyed coming along for the five weeks.

I hope to combine learning to play the handbells after half term as part of this club. We will also be learning to play Christmas carols on glockenspiels and keyboards.

The club will run after-school on Wednesdays after half-term.



If your child is in year 4, 5 or 6 they have the opportunity to learn the recorder. I am running an after-school recorder club next term. Each child will receive a recorder and some music to practice with at home after each weekly session.

Learning the recorder is a great start to a musical journey. Many children mastering the recorder go onto learn other instruments when attending secondary school. Studies have shown, by learning an instrument can help children become more confident, build their self-esteem, able to work as a team, make new friends and develop creativity.

# Be Unique Performing Arts

Book in a FREE taster class by following the link below !

[https://app.classmanager.com/trials/be-unique-performing-arts?season\\_id=35](https://app.classmanager.com/trials/be-unique-performing-arts?season_id=35)

☆ Performing Arts Classes dedicated to inspiring confidence and encouraging individuality. Promising skills for life!

#Creativity #TeamWork  
#PublicSpeaking  
#Expression #Dedication  
#Speech #Confidence  
☆ Ages 3-18  
☆ We are now accepting new students for September!  
☆ Sibling Discounts  
☆ Performance Opportunities  
☆ Make new friends and enjoy a fun filled class on a weekly basis term time.  
⌚ Limited spaces in every class - 15 max (Christmas)



**CHALKSTONE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
HAVERHILL  
CB9 0JB**

Every TUESDAY Term Time

Ages 3-5 3.45-4.30pm  
Ages 6-9 4.30-5.30pm  
Ages 10+ 5.30-6.45pm

Fabulous classes designed to increase confidence and encourage individuality through singing, acting and dance. In a world where confidence is more important than ever, our classes promise skills for life!

Contact us to secure your place!

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**FREE TASTER CLASS**



**WITHERSFIELD  
VILLAGE HALL  
TURNPIKE HILL  
CB9**

Every FRIDAY Term Time

Ages 3-5 3.45-4.30pm  
Ages 6-9 4.30-5.30pm  
Ages 10+ 5.30-7.00pm

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## The Mindful Life Group

### Mindfulness for Parents who Care

Our free six week course starts **Wednesday  
6th November 2024, 1-pm online**

Some feedback from one of our previous parents:

*'It appealed because it was something that I could do at home, something for me, you know, I realised there was help out there'*



Find out more at  
<https://the-mindful-life.com/mindfulness-for-peoplewhocare>



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## **PSHE at Place Farm**

### **Autumn – Celebrating Differences**

PSHE at Place Farm is taught on a weekly basis. There are six puzzle pieces which are split across the year. This term's puzzle piece is all about Celebrating Differences. In this Puzzle, the children will learn about how everyone is different and how to include others when working and playing together. They also will explore ways to help someone if they are being bullied and how to solve problems when they arise. By the end of the unit, they will know how to give and receive compliments and explore why we use kind words.

Below is a link to a parent version of our PSHE sessions that we teach at Place Farm. You will need to click on the link and type in the code for the year group that your child is in. Then it should take you to the resources we use in our lessons.

Year 1 – 28707-01816

Year 2 – 28707-07439

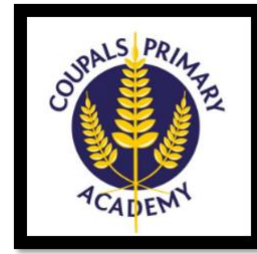
Year 3 – 28707-05765

Year 4 – 28707-05733

Year 5 – 28707-07403

Year 6 – 28707-07269

<https://jigsawpshe.online/parent>



We are going to be holding a Talent Show for all Year Groups and we will be working with Coupals Primary Academy too!

You will find more information on Class Dojo on the school story and please complete the forms link if your child/ren wants to audition.

<https://forms.office.com/e/3ndawhdPfD>



# 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 to know more about our school, please visit our school website.

[www.placefarm.org.uk](http://www.placefarm.org.uk)



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

**01440 702836**

**[admin@placefarm.org.uk](mailto: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.



# **HAPPY HAMPER DONATIONS**

**OPEN FOR DONATIONS FROM  
11TH NOVEMBER - 12TH DECEMBER  
AT UNITY SCHOOLS  
AND HOMEFIELD ROAD OFFICE**

**What do we need?**

★ UNOPENED  
★ IN DATE  
★ NO NEED FOR  
REFRIGERATION

★ CAKES  
★ CRACKERS  
★ TABLEWARE  
★ SELECTION BOXES  
★ MINCE PIES  
★ NIBBLES  
★ CRISPS  
★ LONG LIFE DRINKS  
(NO ALCOHOL)





# 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!

07494 002352

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



**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.  
£2.50 Early Drop Off & £7.00 Late Pick Up  
25% Sibling Discount

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**UNITY WEEK HALF TERM MEGA SPORTS CAMPS**

Samuel Ward Sports Dome, Haverhill

Monday 4th Nov - Friday 8th Nov  
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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# Abbeycroft Leisure

## Free OCTOBER Holiday Activities 2024 -



### Does your child receive free school meals?

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

These sessions are funded for 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](http://www.abbeycroft.org.uk/HAF) if you need any help booking speak to your school office or email [HAF@acleisure.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:haf@acleisure.com)**

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# 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\***

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# 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!

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# HALLOWEEN AT ABBEYCROFT



Get ready for a frightfully fantastic time with our Halloween activities!

From petting zoo's to ghostly pool parties, there's something for every little monster.



- ⦿ Soft Play
- ⦿ XHeight Climbing
- ⦿ Swimming^
- ⦿ Petting Zoo
- ⦿ Climbing Wall
- ⦿ Explore Outdoor
- ⦿ Racquet Sports
- ⦿ Junior Gym
- ⦿ Mermaid/Merman Course
- ⦿ Halloween Pool Party

**[abbeycroft.org.uk](http://abbeycroft.org.uk)**

^Please note Kingfisher Pool is closed

\*Not all activities are available at every site



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