



April 2025: Newsletter

Welcome to the Oxlip Learning Partnership newsletter.

Since our last Newsletter, Mendlesham and Rose Hill Primary schools have received their fantastic Ofsted reports, confirming that both schools are securely Good across all categories. Congratulations to both schools, staff, pupils and governors.

The reports have been published and can be found following the links on each school website.

Rose Hill: "Warm and respectful relationships are aplenty at Rose Hill Primary. Staff care deeply for pupils and know them as individuals. Pupils are valued, listened to, and seen as individuals. "Staff expect pupils to work hard and try their best. Pupils listen carefully to adults and each other. Pupils know they have an adult to speak with if they have a problem.

"The school ensures pupils understand that everyone is different. Pupils learn in depth about people's different beliefs and backgrounds, helping them to treat everyone as individuals. Pupils learn to value the opportunities to make friends with those from other countries and backgrounds. Those who join the school part way through the year are welcomed with open arms by their soon-to-be friends.

"Children in the Reception classes quickly learn the rules and routines. They delight in learning, while playing alongside their peers. Children understand the importance of sharing, turn taking and being kind."

Mendlesham: "Pupils enjoy attending school. They are very enthusiastic about what they have learned and the different ways that learning is brought to life. Pupils love reading, choosing from the wide and varied selection of books on offer.

"The school is highly ambitious for what pupils can achieve. Most make good progress through the curriculum as a result. The school keeps a close eye on what each cohort learns over time, so that

everyone has the same wide experiences and knowledge. The school is highly inclusive. Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) who attend 'Mulberry', the special education needs (SEN) unit, are fully part of the school. Pupils are polite, welcoming and well behaved.

"Pupils in the older years take their responsibilities seriously, for example as road safety officers. They take pride in helping the youngest children go to and from playtimes. Those youngest children quickly develop strong understanding of school routines and expectations. They are independent, organising themselves and their belongings at the start and end of each day."

Wellbeing for parents – new online resources

Inourplace is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships.

As part of Suffolk County Council's sponsorship of **inourplace**, all of the courses and content is free to local parents. The courses available are split into the following groups:

- Antenatal
- Post-natal (0-6months)
- Children and Young People
 - 6 months – 19 years and
 - pre-teen to teenager
- For teenagers
- For adults

To access the resources please use the link:

<https://inourplace.co.uk/>

News from our Schools:



Local Artist

This term at Britannia we have had a number of visitors come to the

school to talk to our children about their work. A local artist named Lily came and visited all twelve KS2 classes to talk through her design processes when planning artwork including local street art on display around the Ipswich area. Lily also spoke about the decisions she makes when planning the design for a children's book cover once she has been offered a commission by a publisher.

Separate to this, some incredibly enthusiastic staff from the Wolsey Foundation spent a day with our

Year 3 pupils working upon some Design Technology projects including building a free standing marble run from a variety of different materials which tested pupils' ingenuity and creativity whilst working together and brain storming ideas with strong cooperation and negotiation.

Easter Egg Competition

The term ended with the most incredible response we have EVER had to a school competition run within the school. All year groups were given the opportunity to design an Easter egg inspired by an artist or an art movement which was both eye catching and original and drew upon pupils' growing confidence in working with different disciplines: drawing, mechanisms, painting, structures and textiles. We had over 200 entries which is on a scale we have never had before and we were totally blown away by the quality and ingenuity shown by so many of our pupils. Here are the overall winners in the five different categories:



Drawing



Mechanism



Painting



Structures



Textiles



Cedars Park Primary School

It is great to see our children's continued love of reading and this was no better demonstrated than in the money raised from our recent book fair. We sold an amazing £1609 worth of books, meaning that the school now has £965 of Scholastic points to spend on new titles for our library and classrooms. Thank you to our parents and carers for their investment in reading for the children; we love being able to expand the broad selection of books on offer in the library and your generosity is allowing us to do that!

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Bacton Primary School



Mendlesham Primary School

St. Elizabeth Hospice "Hop to It" Trail

We've delivered the hares for the St. Elizabeth Hospice "Hop to It" trail! The winning designs came from Lottie for Mendlesham and Layla for Bacton, and they are absolutely stunning. Mrs Puricelli from the central team collaborated with both schools to bring these creative visions to life, turning them into true masterpieces. St. Elizabeth Hospice also held an assembly to share the meaningful impact of their work, inspiring everyone involved. We look forward to seeing them on display.



St. Elizabeth Hospice "Hop to It" Hare: L-R Bacton and Mendlesham

World Book Day

During World Book Day week, the schools were alive with creativity as children arrived dressed as their favourite book characters, bringing stories to life in vibrant fashion. To make the week even more special, both schools welcomed author Steve Clifford, who captivated the children with expert writing tips and entertaining excerpts from his own favourite tales. What an inspiring celebration of books and storytelling!

Rose Hill Primary School

Springtime Celebrations at Rose Hill Primary!

We have had a fantastic time celebrating the arrival of spring with a series of exciting events and special guests!

Our annual **Easter Bonnet Parade** was a colourful success, with pupils showcasing their creative flair and festive spirit. The school was buzzing with excitement as each class paraded their beautifully decorated bonnets.

We were also honoured to welcome **Rich Potter, an Invictus Games athlete**, who inspired our pupils with his incredible story of resilience and perseverance. His visit was a powerful reminder of the importance of determination and the spirit of overcoming challenges.

Finally, our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) was filled with joy as we welcomed adorable **baby chicks**. Watching them hatch has been a delightful experience for our youngest learners, offering a wonderful opportunity to learn about life cycles and caring for living things.



Inclusion Quality Mark

We were delighted to have been awarded the Inclusion Quality mark this

term, demonstrating our commitment to ensuring that all students can learn and thrive at Copleston. We are also a Centre of Excellence which will give us the privilege of supporting other schools with inclusion.

National Champions

In a very successful term for sport, our Basketball Academy women's team are now WEABL national champions after narrowly missing out in the final last year. We are incredibly proud of the girls and the coaching staff for such an incredible achievement!

Other News

Our school production of Mary Poppins Jr was a huge success and the result of many weeks of preparation and dedication from staff and students. We also held a very successful Creative Careers Takeover for National Careers Week with Thomas Wolsey 550, with lunchtime talks and workshops each day. A group of Sixth Form students recently returned from an incredible visit to Iceland to learn about the unique geography of the area and another group are off to New York during the Easter holiday. Revision and exam preparation is well underway with students attending sessions after school and a comprehensive programme planned for the Easter holiday.



This has been another very busy term at Stowupland High School, with our GCSE and A-Level students continuing their preparation for the Summer examinations, and a host of other activities taking place in and out of school.

Year 9 students have chosen their Key Stage 4 options. A packed and very enjoyable evening took place in March for the students and their families to find out about the huge range of courses on offer and to think about how they might shape their future based on their choices.

Thirty different trips and out-of-school activities have taken place this term. Students have participated in a wide range of sports including rugby, football, futsal, handball, indoor athletics and cross country. There have also been trips to the first world war battlefields of Belgium, the Doctors Show (for GCSE Historians) and a visit from Dance East. Students have been to the theatre and braved the cold and rain on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition in North Norfolk. Our thanks to all the staff who have worked hard to plan and provide these opportunities.

On 10th March, 30 Year 10 students took part in the *Speak Out* Challenge. They spent the day developing their confidence in public speaking and discussing topics of importance to them. They took part in interactive workshops led by an expert trainer, learning how to structure a speech, present with impact, and overcome nerves. At the end of the day, they delivered their own speeches, showcasing their new skills. Six of these students have been selected to progress to the semi-finals, where a winner will be chosen. The winner will go on to compete against other schools in Suffolk at an evening event in Ipswich this June.

The Student Council continues to grow and flourish, with members leading the debate on a range of issues affecting their peers - in lessons and beyond. The Council have also been meeting with parents at school events, guiding visitors around the school and interviewing prospective staff. We thank our student team for their tireless work in helping us develop and promote our culture - they are wonderful ambassadors for the school and a real credit to their families.

We are always striving for success at Stowupland.

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