



## Year 2 Lackford Lakes trip

Year 2 visited Lackford Lakes for an action packed day, finding out about animals and their habitats. Children took part in pond dipping in a raised pond. They identified Ramshorn snails, pond skaters, backswimmers and many damselfly nymphs. Other activities included invertebrate hunting in the meadow (catching and observing crickets) and bird watching in a double decker hide using binoculars.



## Blank Page Workshops—Suffolk Community Library—Creative activities for 10-16yr olds

The Blank Page Project is an exciting programme providing high-quality creative activities run by professional local artists in libraries during the school holidays. Creative activities, funded by the Department for Education's Holiday Activity Fund, give 10-16 year olds the chance to express their creativity through a range of mediums. From clay pottery to mural painting, movie makeup to computer coding, there's something for everyone to enjoy! You can book onto as many workshops as you'd like – all workshops are designed to offer something different. Workshops run from 28 July to 29 August in the following libraries: Beccles, Bury St Edmunds, Chantry, Felixstowe, Gainsborough, Great Cornard, Haverhill, Ipswich County Library, Lowestoft, Sudbury and Stowmarket. To find out more and book onto a workshop, use the following link <https://suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk/children-and-teens/the-blank-page-project>

## Year 5 Cornet exams

Four of our Year 5 pupils who, after enjoying their experience of learning to play the cornet in year 4 and have continued with cornet tuition this year, took their Grade 1 exam last week. They had all worked so hard to prepare and their exam results demonstrated this. The rest of Year 5 and the children in Year 4 enjoyed listening to the four children perform each of their exam pieces and we then all had the pleasure of listening to them play in today's assembly.



## Year 6 Activity week

Last week the children in Year 6 enjoyed a fun-filled activity week. Over half the year group joined together with Year 6 children from St Josephs to enjoy a residential trip to Aylmerton. The trip was an adventure with many discoveries awaiting us. It was a ton of fun with amazing beaches and activities such as rock pooling, shell collecting and learning about coastal erosion. We became pirates for a day and became mud warriors too! We explored the marshes for sea



creatures and certainly got plenty of exercise whilst away! We enjoyed a walk from West Runton to Cromer on one of the days. We successfully completed spiderweb challenges, high ropes courses and even a Monster



challenge! We had a great disco at night too. The food was super yummy and I think we would all agree, we had the best time!

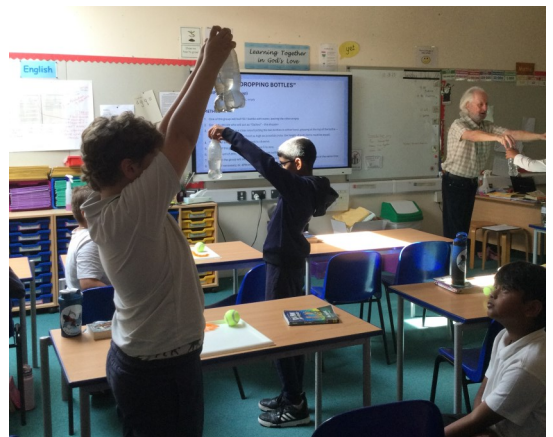
Written by: Olivia M, Tilly and Malachy



The children who were school based for the week also enjoyed a jam-packed 5 days of fun. Axe throwing, fire building with hot chocolate and combat archery with instructors from Explore Outdoor was one highlight. Well done to Zara and Ishaan who drew in the axe throwing competition.



The children also enjoyed investigating Galileo's and Aristotle's theories of how objects fall with Mr Gregory from St Benedict's.



Thank you to Mr Hammett who came into class to talk to the Year 6s about the USAF deployment in the local area in WW2 and his current job. He answered questions the children had raised about the

USAF and WW2. It was great to bring some local context to an earlier history topic.

## Summer Term Diary Dates

Sat 12th July	Summer Fayre 12-3pm
Mon 14th July	EY/KS1 Sports Day 2pm
Mon 14th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 6pm
Tue 15th July	Robins class Welcome morning 9:30am
Thur 17th July	Early Years RE celebration with parents - 2:30pm
Fri 18th July	Whole school Mass 9am
Friday 18th July	Transition day (Children meet their new teacher)
Tue 22nd July	Last day of term

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

### SAVE THE DATE!

Mon 22nd Sept	OPAL Parent Play day for <u>KS2</u> 1:30-3pm
Mon 29th Sept	OPAL Parent Play day for <u>EYs/KS1</u> 1:30-3pm

(Parents invited to come and play and experience OPAL in action with their child)

### Year 6 Crucial Crew

Year 6 have recently attended a Crucial Crew event. It was designed to teach us essential life skills and raise awareness of safety issues. Crucial Crew gave us help to understand the seriousness of criminal behaviour. They helped us learn about fire and water safety too. Crucial Crew were very helpful and clear, giving explanations about criminal actions. They taught us what to do if you were to be in a criminal situation and needed to get out of it. Importantly, Crucial Crew gave us awareness of actions that we do which could be related to criminal activity.

Written by: Alex and Ishaan

### Year 5 visit the library

Last week Year 5 visited the public library and were greeted by Tracey, the library manager. She talked to them about the library, discussed their favourite books, and sent them off on a treasure hunt looking for many beloved children's book icons such as Elmer, the Gruffalo, and the Very Hungry Caterpillar. Many children also went home with brand new library cards they had ordered before the visit. The children seem eager to join the Summer Reading Quest, which they can sign up at any library from Saturday 19th July.

