BILDESTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# End of Summer Term Newsletter 2026



# Note from the Headteacher

As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to take a moment to thank our entire school community for your continued support and partnership. Most importantly, I want to recognise and celebrate the exceptional staff team who work tirelessly every day to ensure that every child in our school learns, progresses, thrives and, just as importantly, enjoys their time with us.

Our staff consistently go above and beyond, showing unwavering dedication, professionalism and commitment to the children and families they serve. They bring not only expertise and talent to their roles, but also kindness, empathy and care. Whether in the classroom, around the school, on trips, at clubs, or providing support behind the scenes, they are united by a shared determination to give every child the very best opportunities to succeed. I feel incredibly fortunate and proud to lead such a remarkable team of talented, caring and compassionate individuals whose hard work makes a positive difference to children's lives every single day.

I would also like to thank our wonderful children. They are, and always will be, at the heart of everything we do. Throughout the year, they have shown enthusiasm, resilience, kindness and a willingness to embrace new challenges. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow in confidence and maturity, achieving so much both academically and personally. Our recent production of The Wizard of Oz was a perfect example of the incredible talent within our older children. The performances showcased not only the children's creativity, confidence and hard work, but also their unique personalities. It was truly heartwarming to see every child shine, support one another and perform with such pride and enthusiasm. We could not have been prouder of them.



# Note from the Headteacher

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to Mrs Stuchfield, who is returning to Ireland. Mrs Stuchfield has been a much-valued member of our team, and we are grateful for the care, commitment and positivity she has brought to our school. While we will miss her greatly, we wish her every happiness and success as she begins this exciting new chapter.

We also say farewell to Mr Chattaway, who is returning to higher education. Mr Chattaway has made a positive contribution to school life during his time with us, and we thank him for the enthusiasm, dedication and support he has shown to both children and colleagues. We wish him every success in his future studies and career.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the children and families who will be leaving our school this summer. While we are always saddened to say goodbye, we are immensely proud of the part you have played in our school community. Thank you for the support, friendship and memories you leave behind. We hope that your time with us has provided a strong foundation for the future. As you move on to the next stage of your educational journey and life beyond, we wish you every success, happiness and opportunity. You will always remain a valued part of our school family, and we hope you look back on your time here with great fondness. Good luck to each and every one of you.

Kind Regards
Mrs Shaw



# Future Dates

- Friday 17th July – Last day of term
- Monday 20th July – Monday 31st August – Summer Holidays
- Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September – PD Days
- Thursday 3rd September – Autumn Term Begins
- Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th September – New Reception Children 9.30am – 12.45pm (including lunch)
- Mon 21st Sept – Thurs 24th Sept – Year 5 Bike ability
- Tuesday 29th September – Carmel Jane Photography
- Monday 5thh October – Flu Vaccinations YR–Y6
- Wednesday 21st October – Christmas Project
- Monday 30th Nov – Friday 4th Dec – Yr 5 & 6 Residential



# CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4 September
9.30 – 12.45pm (including lunch)

To help our new Reception children settle into school and become familiar with their new environment and routines, the children will attend two morning sessions, including lunch, rather than full school days.

From Monday 7th September, all Reception children will begin attending full-time.
We appreciate your support during this important transition and look forward to helping the children settle happily into school life.

Only £5.00 a session

From 10th Sept. - 22nd Oct.

# Football Club at



Bildeston Primary School





## Thursdays

## Years 1-6

3:20pm - 4:20pm

Book online

Book-->
School Provision-->
Bildeston-->
Select club

SCAN ME

To book:
KICKSANDTRICKS.IPALBOOKINGS.COM

For more information visit:
www.kicksandtricks.co.uk

Call 07939501775

info@kicksandtricks.co.uk

# Manor Adventure - Norfolk Lakes

We would like to reinforce to parents that full balances must be paid by the end of October 2026.
To ensure that all bookings and arrangements can be confirmed, it is important that payments are kept up to date and that outstanding balances are reduced steadily over the next 3 months.

If you have not made recent payments, we strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Many families find it helpful to divide the remaining balance into monthly instalments to spread the cost and avoid a large payment being due closer to the deadline.

You can check your current balance at any time by logging into Arbor and selecting Trips.







# eats. Spring/Summer 2026 Menu

Allergen key:
May Contain in ( )

Peanuts P | Nuts N | Crustaceans (Shellfish) CR | Molluscs (Shellfish) MO | Fish F | Eggs E | Milk MI | Cereals containing Gluten G | Soya S | Sesame seeds SS | Celery CE | Mustard MU | Lupin L | Sulphur Dioxide SD

| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Week 1<br>13/04/2026<br>04/05/2026<br>01/06/2026<br>22/06/2026<br>13/07/2026<br>14/09/2026<br>05/10/2026 | Option 1<br>Main Dish | Margherita Pizza, Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetables G;MI;S;(E) | Lasagne with Garlic Bread, Seasonal Vegetables G;MI;(S) | Roast Chicken, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy G;MI;E | Breakfast Brunch E;MI;G;SD | Battered Fish & Chips with Baked Beans or Peas G;F |
| | Option 2<br>Alternative Dish | Vegetable Supreme Pizza, Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetables G;MI;S;(E) | Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread, Seasonal Vegetables G;MI;(S) | Roast Quorn, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy G;MI;E | Vegan Breakfast Brunch G;S | Vegetable Goujons & Chips with Baked Beans or Peas |
| | Dessert | Frozen Fruit Smoothie | Shortbread Cookie G | Ice Cream Sundae MI | Cheese & Biscuits G;MI;(SS);(E) | Chocolate Brownie G;E |
| Week 2<br>20/04/2026<br>11/05/2026<br>08/06/2026<br>29/06/2026<br>31/08/2026<br>21/09/2026<br>12/10/2026 | Option 1<br>Main Dish | Hot Margherita Wrap, Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetables G;MI | BBQ Chicken with Rice, Seasonal Vegetables | Roast Pork, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy G;MI;E | Sausage & Mash, Seasonal Vegetables G;SD;MI | Chicken Dippers & Chips with Baked Beans or Peas G;CE |
| | Option 2<br>Alternative Dish | Vegan Sausage Roll, Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetables G | Vegetable Enchilada, Seasonal Vegetables G;MU | Vegetarian Toad in the Hole, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy G;MI;E;S | Veggie Sausage & Mash, Seasonal Vegetables S;MI | Quorn Dippers & Chips with Baked Beans or Peas G |
| | Dessert | Mousse MI | Apple & Oat Cookie G;(MI) | Sticky Toffee Pudding with Ice Cream G;E;MI | Fruit Salad | Chocolate Crunch G;E |
| Week 3<br>27/04/2026<br>18/05/2026<br>15/06/2026<br>06/07/2026<br>07/09/2026<br>28/09/2026<br>19/10/2026 | Option 1<br>Main Dish | Margherita Pizza, Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetables G;MI;S;(E) | Pasta Bolognaise with Garlic Bread, Seasonal Vegetables G;(MI);(S) | Roast Chicken, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy G;MI;E | Hot Dog, Herby Diced Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables G;(SS);SD | Fish Fingers or [redacted] & Chips with Baked Beans or Peas G;F |
| | Option 2<br>Alternative Dish | Sweet Barbecue Cheese Pizza, Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetables G;MI;S;(E) | Veggie Pasta Bolognaise with Garlic Bread, Seasonal Vegetables G;S;(MI) | Cauliflower Cheese, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy G;MI;E | Veggie Hot Dog, Herby Diced Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables G;(SS);S | Fishless Fingers & Chips with Baked Beans or Peas G |
| | Dessert | Fruit Yoghurt MI | Flapjack G | Apple Crumble & Ice Cream G;MI | Iced Sponge G;E | Fruit Muffin G;E |
| | Option 3<br>Pasta | Tomato Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables G | Tomato Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables G | Tomato Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables G | Tomato Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables G | Tomato Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables G |
| | Option 4<br>Baked Potato | Baked Potato with Grated Cheese MI or Baked Beans & Salad. Dessert of the Day | Baked Potato with Grated Cheese MI or Baked Beans & Salad. Dessert of the Day | Baked Potato with Grated Cheese MI or Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo E;F & Salad. Dessert of the Day | Baked Potato with Grated Cheese MI or Baked Beans & Salad. Dessert of the Day | Baked Potato with Grated Cheese MI or Baked Beans & Salad. Dessert of the Day |
| | Option 5<br>Packed Lunch | Cheese Wrap MI;G or Ham Wrap G Sausage Roll G;MI;S;SD or Veg Sausage Roll G;S;(MI) Carrot Sticks & Apple Wedge. Dessert of the Day | Cheese Roll MI;G;(SS) or Ham Roll G;(SS) Popcorn; Cucumber Sticks & Satsuma. Dessert of the Day | Cheese Wrap MI;G or Ham Wrap G or Tuna Wrap E;F;G Nachos (S) Carrot Sticks & Apple Wedge. Dessert of the Day | Cheese Roll MI;G;(SS) or Ham Roll G;(SS) Chicken Bites G;CE or Quorn Bites G;, Cucumber Sticks & Satsuma. Dessert of the Day | Cheese Wrap MI;G or Ham Wrap G Pizza Finger G;MI;S;(E) Carrot Sticks & Apple Wedge. Dessert of the Day |

**Please Refer to Separate Menu for Gluten Free, Dairy Free and Vegan Options.**

Salad Options Available Daily.

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| | Gluten Free Dessert | Frozen Fruit Smoothie | Shortbread Cookie | Ice Cream Sundae MI | Yoghurt MI | Chocolate Sponge MI;E |
| | Dairy Free Main Dish | Pizza, Seasonal Vegetables | Tomato Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables G | Roast Chicken, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy | Vegan Breakfast Brunch G;S | Battered Fish & Chips with Beans or Peas G;F |
| | Dairy Free Dessert | Frozen Fruit Smoothie | Shortbread Cookie G | Ice Cream Sundae S | Fruit | Chocolate Brownie G;E |
| | Vegan Main Dish | Pizza, Seasonal Vegetables | Tomato Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables G | Roast Quorn, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy G | Vegan Breakfast Brunch G;S | Vegetable Goujons & Chips with Beans or Peas |
| | Vegan Dessert | Frozen Fruit Smoothie | Shortbread Cookie G | Ice Cream Sundae S | Fruit | Shortbread Cookie G |
| Week 2<br>20/04/2026<br>11/05/2026<br>08/06/2026<br>29/06/2026<br>31/08/2026<br>21/09/2026<br>12/10/2026 | Gluten Free Main Dish | Sausage, Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables S;SD | Caribbean Chicken with Rice, Seasonal Vegetables | Roast Pork, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy | Ham, New Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables | Fish & Chips with Baked Beans or Peas F |
| | Gluten Free Dessert | Mousse MI | Shortbread Cookie | Sponge Cake MI;E | Fruit Salad | Shortbread Biscuit |
| | Dairy Free Main Dish | Vegan Sausage Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables G | Caribbean Chicken with Rice, Seasonal Vegetables | Roast Pork, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy | Ham, New Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables | Chicken Dippers & Chips with Baked Beans or Peas G;CE |
| | Dairy Free Dessert | Jelly | Shortbread Cookie G | Sticky Toffee Pudding G;E | Fruit Salad | Chocolate Crunch G;E |
| | Vegan Main Dish | Vegan Sausage Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables G | Vegetable Enchilada, Seasonal Vegetables G;MU | Vegan Sausage, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy S | Tomato Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables G | Quorn Dippers & Chips with Baked Beans or Peas G |
| | Vegan Dessert | Jelly | Shortbread Cookie G | Fruity Jelly | Fruit Salad | Chocolate Crunch G |
| Week 3<br>27/04/2026<br>18/05/2026<br>15/06/2026<br>06/07/2026<br>07/09/2026<br>28/09/2026<br>19/10/2026 | Gluten Free Main Dish | Margherita Pizza, Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetables MI | Pasta Bolognaise, Seasonal Vegetables | Chicken, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy | Sausages, Diced Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables (S);SD | Fish & Chips with Baked Beans or Peas F |
| | Gluten Free Dessert | Fruit Yoghurt MI | Sponge Cake E;MI | Apple Crumble | Sponge Cake E;MI | Muffin E;MI |
| | Dairy Free Main Dish | Margherita Pizza, Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetables G | Pasta Bolognaise, Seasonal Vegetables G | Chicken, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy | Hot Dog, Herby Diced Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables G;(SS);SD | Fish fingers & Chips with Baked Beans or Peas G;F |
| | Dairy Free Dessert | Jelly or Fruit | Flapjack G | Apple Crumble G | Iced Sponge G;E | Fruit Muffin G;E |
| | Vegan Main Dish | Margherita Pizza, Potato Wedges, Seasonal Vegetables G | Veggie Pasta Bolognaise, Seasonal Vegetables G;S | Oven Baked Vegan Sausages, Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Gravy S | Vegan Hot Dog, Herby Diced Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables G;(SS);SD | Fishless Fingers with Chips Beans or Peas G |
| | Vegan Dessert | Jelly or Fruit | Flapjack G | Apple Crumble G | Jelly or Fruit | Shortbread Biscuit G |

Packed Lunch

Gluten Free Ham Sandwich or Gluten Free Vegan Cheese Sandwich with Veggie Sticks, Apple Wedge or Satsuma, Popcorn or Nachos (S) and Special Menu Dessert of the Day

Baked Potato

Baked Potato with Cheese MI or Vegan Cheese or Baked Beans & Salad
Dessert of the day

**Salad Options Available Daily.**

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# YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY

**Monday 21st September - Thursday 24th September**

**Details to follow**



# SEND Passport Reviews

We have set aside dedicated dates across the next academic year to meet with families to review their child's SEND Passport together. These sessions will give us time to discuss individual needs, update key information, and ensure that support strategies remain fully aligned between home and school. If you have any questions ahead of these meetings, please let us know. Otherwise, ensure you note the dates down in your diary as individual slots will be emailed out nearer the time.

## EUROPE CLASS

Wednesday 30th September
Wednesday 13th January
Wednesday 28th April

## AFRICA CLASS

Tuesday 29th September
Tuesday 12th January
Tuesday 27th April

## ASIA CLASS

Thursday 1st October
Thursday 14th January
Thursday 29th April

## NORTH AMERICA CLASS

Mon 28th & Weds 30th September
Mon 11th & Weds 13th January
Mon 26th & Weds 28th April

# SCHOOL UNIFORM



As we prepare for the new school year, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of wearing the correct school uniform every day.

Our school uniform helps to create a sense of belonging, pride, and identity within our school community. It promotes equality, reduces distractions, and ensures that all pupils are dressed appropriately for learning.

Wearing the correct uniform also helps pupils feel part of the school and represents our high expectations for behaviour, attendance, and achievement.

We kindly ask parents to ensure that children arrive at school in the correct uniform each day, including appropriate footwear and any required PE kit.
School uniform can be ordered from school trends using the following link:

BILDESTON

**Bildeston Primary School**

Shop Bildeston Primary School uniform online. Quality embroidered schoolwear. Free delivery...

schooltrends.co.uk

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS
## CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

**Three entitlements. Different support.**
**ONE SIMPLE STEP – APPLY NOW!**



### THREE CATEGORIES OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

| | UNIVERSAL INFANT FSM (UIFSM) | TARGETED FSM (Means-tested) | EXPANDED FSM (Means-tested) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **WHO IS IT FOR?** | All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils | Universal Credit with earnings of £7,400 or less*, or certain other qualifying benefits | Universal Credit with earnings above £7,400* |
| **FREE SCHOOL MEALS?** | ✓ YES | ✓ YES | ✓ YES |
| **PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS** | ✗ NO (pupils separately eligible) | ✓ YES | ✗ NO |
| **OTHER FSM-LINKED BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES** | ✗ NO | ✓ YES (see examples below) | ✗ NO (free meals only) |

### FAMILIES WHO QUALIFY FOR TARGETED FSM MAY ALSO RECEIVE:

- Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) eligibility
- Extra funding for your child's school (Pupil Premium)
- Help with home to school transport (where applicable)
- Access to other local support schemes

### RECEIVING UNIVERSAL CREDIT?
**APPLY EVEN IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY RECEIVES A FREE MEAL.**
An application could unlock additional support for your child AND extra funding for the school.

### APPLY TODAY – IT'S QUICK, EASY AND CONFIDENTIAL

Apply online at:
**www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals**

### NEED HELP?

Contact your school office or email
freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk

**APPLY NOW!**

TOGETHER, WE CAN GIVE EVERY CHILD THE BEST START IN LIFE

*£7,400 is the annual earnings threshold after tax, not including benefits. The rules may change – please check the website for the latest information.

Suffolk County Council

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS – IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR FAMILIES**

- ALL CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS THROUGH THE UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME.

FROM SEPTEMBER 2026, FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY WILL BE EXPANDED TO ALL CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING UNIVERSAL CREDIT, REGARDLESS OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME.

**FAMILIES MAY ALSO BE ELIGIBLE IF THEY RECEIVE:**

- SUPPORT UNDER PART VI OF THE IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACT 1999
- INCOME-RELATED EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE (ESA)
- THE GUARANTEE CREDIT ELEMENT OF PENSION CREDIT
- SUPPORT AS A FAMILY WITH NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS (NRPF), WHERE ELIGIBLE. [SUFFOLK.GOV.UK], [GOV.UK]

TO RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS, AN APPLICATION MUST BE MADE AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFIED BY THE SCHOOL OR LOCAL AUTHORITY. [SUFFOLK.GOV.UK]

**WHY APPLYING STILL MATTERS**

FAMILIES RECEIVING UNIVERSAL CREDIT WITH ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD EARNINGS OF £7,400 OR LESS CURRENTLY QUALIFY FOR TARGETED FREE SCHOOL MEALS. THIS HELPS SCHOOLS RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING THROUGH THE PUPIL PREMIUM, SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S LEARNING AND WELLBEING.

ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER SUPPORT PROGRAMMES, SUCH AS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) CLUBS AND SOME SCHOOL TRAVEL ASSISTANCE, MAY ALSO BE LINKED TO FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY.

**TRANSITIONAL PROTECTION ENDING**

CURRENT TRANSITIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS END AT THE END OF THE 2025–26 ACADEMIC YEAR.

FROM SEPTEMBER 2026, ELIGIBILITY WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE NEW CRITERIA.

**APPLY ONLINE**

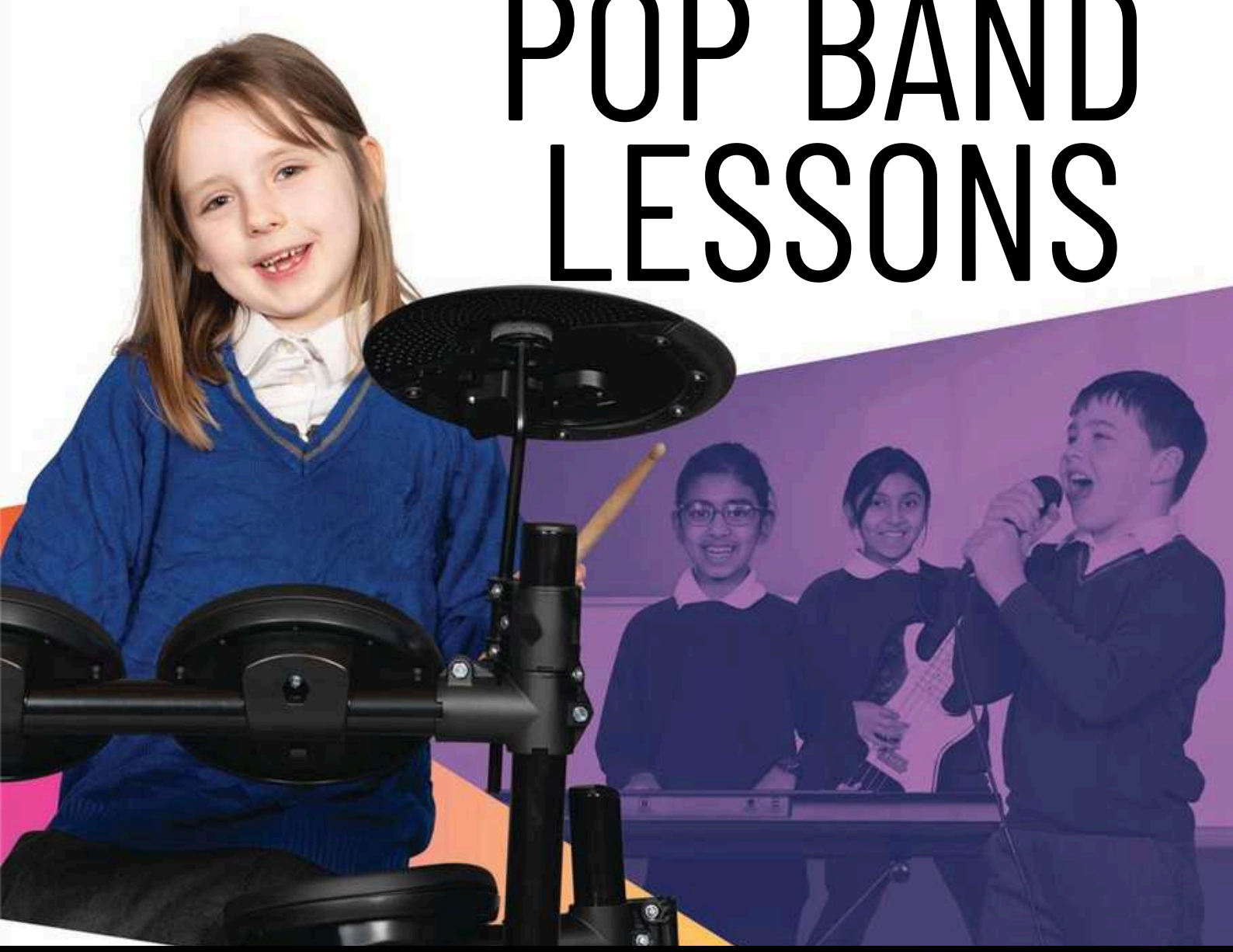
IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD MAY BE ELIGIBLE, PLEASE APPLY EVEN IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY RECEIVES UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS, AS THIS CAN UNLOCK ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL.

👉 APPLY THROUGH SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

HTTPS://WWW.SUFFOLK.GOV.UK/CHILDREN-FAMILIES-AND-LEARNING/SCHOOLS/SCHOOL-MEALS-UNIFORMS-AND-TRIPS/APPLY-FOR-FREE-SCHOOL-MEALS

ROCK STEADY

# ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS



## IGNITE THEIR INNER SPARK

- *Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.*
- *Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.*
- *Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.*
- *Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.*
- *Instruments provided and no experience necessary.*

***BOOK TO START LESSONS IN SEPTEMBER!***

***0330 113 0330*** *(Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)*

***rocksteadymusicschool.com***

# LEARN TO PLAY MUSIC IN A BAND THAT'S FOR EVERYONE.

**Choose from:** Drums, guitar, bass, keyboard or vocals.

**Inclusive and hassle-free!**
Takes place in school, instruments provided and no experience necessary!

**Have fun and learn by playing**
Children work their way through a curriculum of up to 300 musical skills.

**Taught by professional musicians**
Rocksteady band leaders are highly trained musicians who make learning music fun.

**Much more than music**
Improves wellbeing, confidence, social skills and academic achievement.

**Progress at their own pace**
Your child can achieve an exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification!

**End every term on a high note**
Watch your child shine as they perform in their end of term concerts.

*98%* *of parents say their*

*Insights from 3,737 parents*

*"Rocksteady has given Campbell a true love of music. It has improved his life dramatically."*
Georgia

**92%**

*Insights from 1,736 children*

For details on availability and cost, visit **rocksteadymusicschool.com** and find your school on the sign up page. **Money back guarantee** for the first month. **No payment in August**. **Cancel at any time**.



***BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE!***

*0330 113 0330*
*(Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)*
*info@rocksteadymusicschool.com*

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# PTFA

PTFA thanks everyone for supporting our events this year from after school sales, to family breakfasts, family Halloween and inflatable evenings and everything in between.

For the school year 2025/26 the PTFA have been pleased to gift to the children;

- Goalposts
- Whole school science day
- Christmas crackers
- Easter hunt including Easter Eggs
- Leavers mugs for Year 6 pupils
- Ice lollies on Friday 17th July

We are always looking for new volunteers to join the PTFA.

Many people think they need to commit to organising a whole event, but that is simply not the case. Every little bit of help makes a difference.

Whether it's:

- Helping for an hour at an event,
- Selling raffle tickets,
- Setting up or tidying away,
- Donating a cake,
- Or simply lending a hand when you can.

# READING QUEST SUMMER 2026

Suffolk Community Libraries is launching its popular summer reading programme this July with the new, exciting theme of Curious Creatures. Children of all ages and reading abilities are welcome to join in the fun when the Reading Quest runs from 18 July - 31 August 2026.

All libraries in Suffolk will be offering the programme aimed at getting children reading across the six-week summer holiday. Activities are library based, with staff and volunteers on hand to help children join in, choose books to read and discover something new over the summer.



# GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS

Helping families enjoy more for less this summer!

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the **Great British Summer Savings** scheme.

## FROM 25 JUNE TO 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

**the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on:**



children's meals in restaurants




children and family tickets to cinemas,




theatres, concerts and exhibitions



admission to a wide range of attractions

EXTRA GOOD NEWS!




Combined **FREE BUS TRAVEL** during August for children aged **5 to 15** in England.

Families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make **summer special**, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that **enrich children's lives** outside the classroom.



*Let's make this a summer to remember – for less!*




Choosing your child's first phone has become one of the trickiest parenting decisions there is.

It's why, over the two years since this movement began, we've been asked one question more than any other:

"If I'm not getting my child a smartphone, what should I get instead?"

So we built the SFC Phone Finder.

It's a free, completely independent tool that helps parents find the right child-friendly phone for their family.

We've researched dozens of phones, tested the best options, and turned everything we've learned into one simple tool.

✔️ No sponsorships or affiliate links

✔️ No paid placements

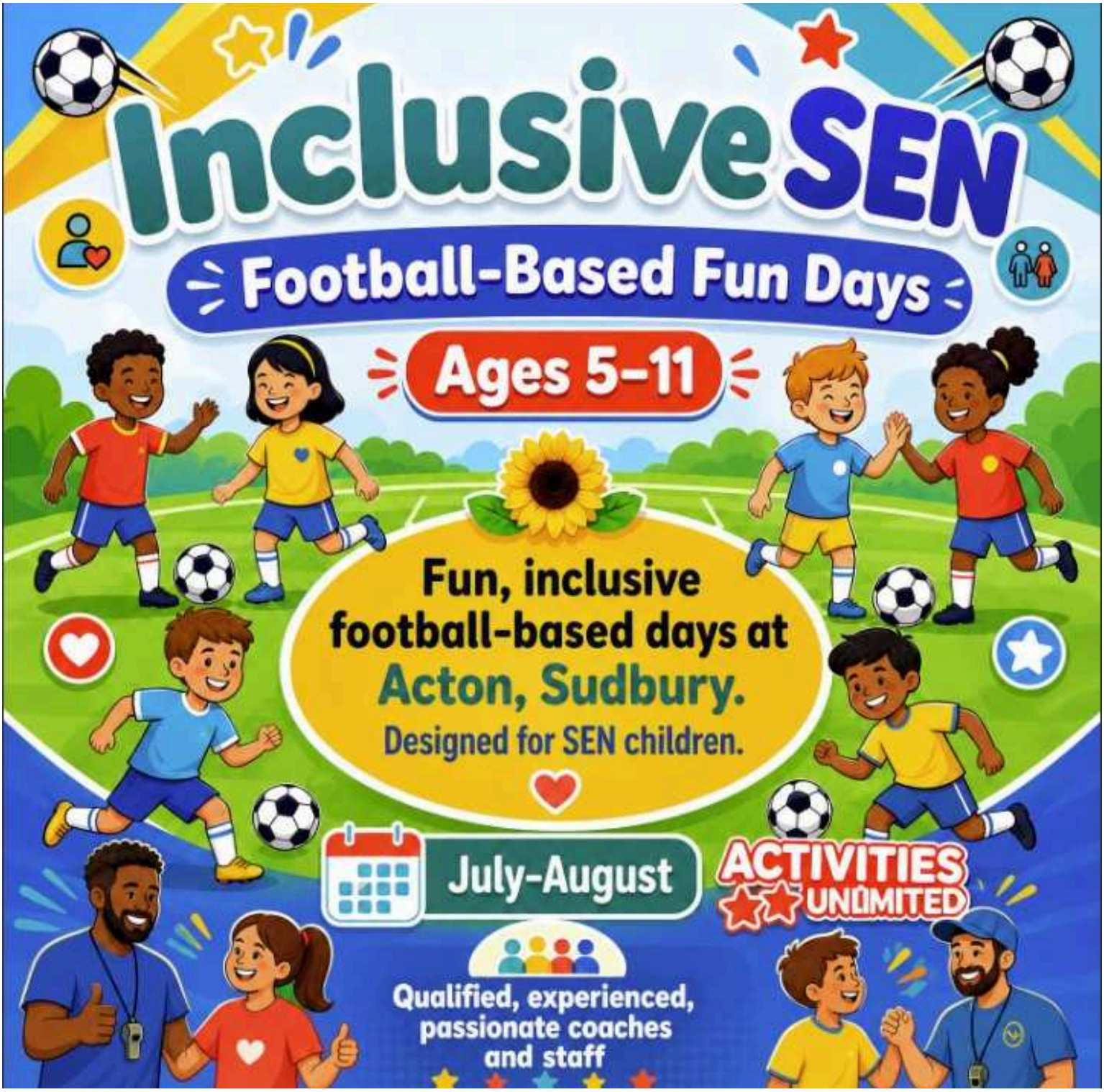
✔️ Every phone independently reviewed and recommended by SFC

Next week, more than 600,000 children across the UK finish primary school. For many families, it's the moment these questions first come into focus as they prepare for the move to secondary school.

We hope this helps make those decisions a little easier.

If you know a parent who's having this conversation, please send them this post.

The more parents who discover there's another way, the more childhoods we protect.


Inclusive SEN
Football-Based Fun Days
Ages 5-11
Fun, inclusive football-based days at Acton, Sudbury.
Designed for SEN children.
July-August
ACTIVITIES UNLIMITED
Qualified, experienced, passionate coaches and staff

# Flatford Nature Day

## Tuesday 11th August 2026

## Tuesday 25th August 2026

Join in at Flatford for our summer Nature Days!

Lots of free, nature-theme and crafts including:

- Bug hunting
- Garden trails
- Tree detectives
- Fun quizzes and nature cra
- Boat trips on the River Stour




[redacted] Drop in activities 11am – 4pm

Enjoy the outdoors around Flatford on either of our Nature Days.

There will be something for all the family!



River Stour Trust boat trips are free for children under 14 when accompanied by £8.00 fare paying adult.

There is a charge of £6.00 for use of the National Trust car park for non-members.

Call Field Studies Council Flatford Mill on 01206 297110 for more details.

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River Stour Trust

Dedham Vale National Landscape

RSPB

National Trust

Dedham Vale National Landscape – Dark Skies Campaign

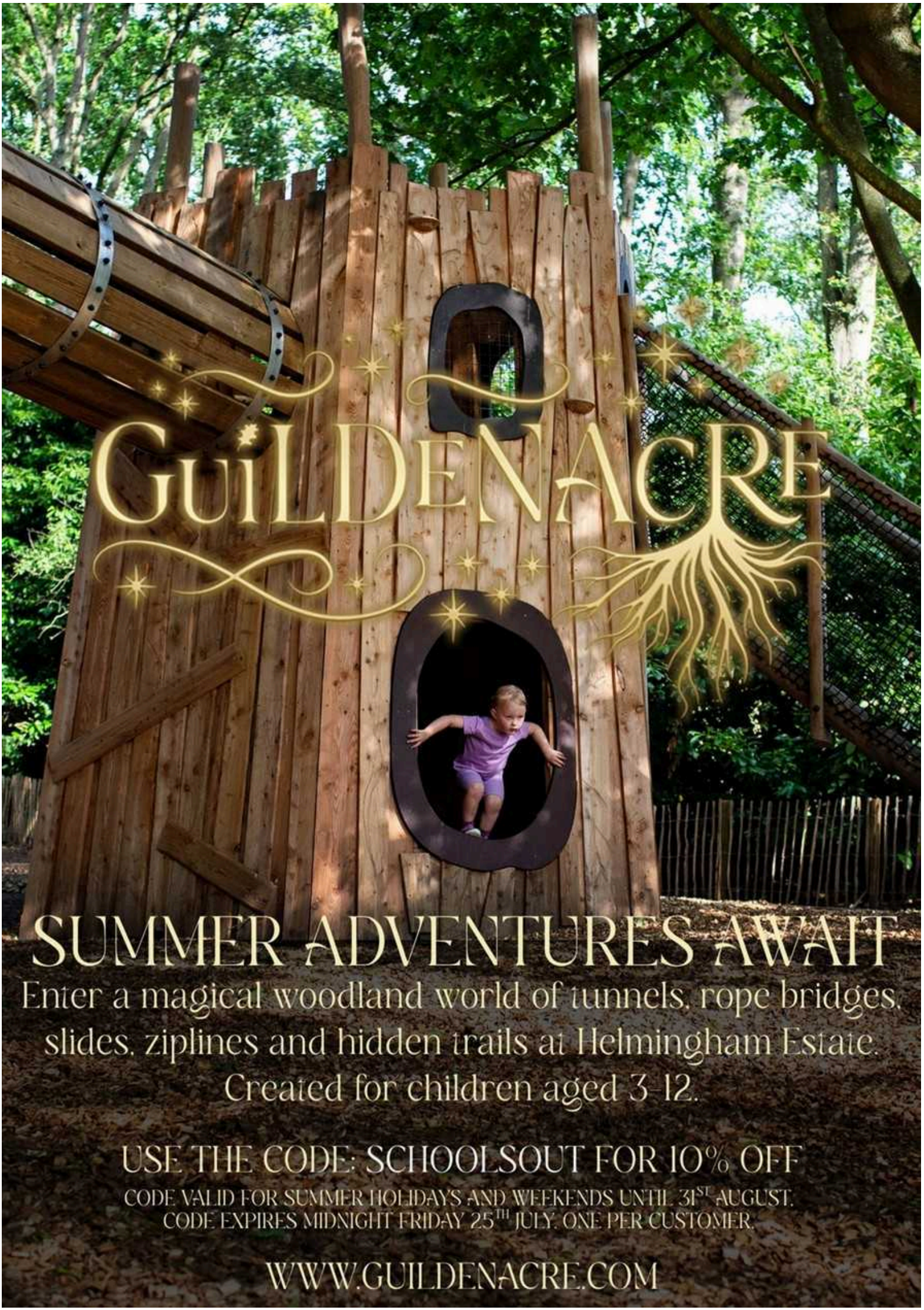
# BRYFC U9s

Our brand new under 9s team are still on the lookout for 2-3 more enthusiastic footballers to join the squad. All coaches are FA qualified and the team will be playing Saturday mornings at the Bildeston sports pavilion (home matches)

Come and join our fast growing and ambitious club. The players will need to be in school year 3 or 4 from September.

If you are interested please contact us at bildestonrangersyouth@outlook.com

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# Attendance Letters




At the end of each term, all parents will receive a general attendance letter showing their child's attendance statistics. **Our school's expected attendance is 96% or above**, as regular attendance is essential for your child's learning and progress.

If your child's attendance falls below this level and needs improvement, we will send a separate letter to offer support and work together to help them get back on track.

If you have any concerns or need advice about attendance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office—we're here to help.

Thank you for your continued efforts in making sure your child attends school every day—it really makes a big difference!

## Example reports that you will see when you receive your letters:

So far this school year, has attended 100.0% of sessions (a session is a half day). Therefore has missed 0 days of school.
has been late to school on 0 occasion(s).

Here are some additional attendance statistics for authority and national values. They cover the curren

**Attendance percentage**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2025-2026 (Y5) | 100.0% |
| This time last year | 100.0% |
| School | 95.6% |
| National | 95.4% |
| Local Authority | 95.5% |

So far this school year, has attended 73.0% of sessions (a session is a half day). Therefore has missed 13.5 days of school.
has been late to school on 2 occasion(s).

| | |
|---|---|
| 99% | Excellent attendance |
| 96% | Good attendance |
| 91% | Room for improvement |
| 90% or lower | Cause for concern |

Here are some additional attendance statistics for and some comparisons with the school, local authority and national values. They cover the current academic year so far (03/09/2025 to 24/11/2025).

**Attendance percentage**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2025-2026 (Y6) | 73.0% |
| School | 95.6% |
| National | 95.4% |
| Local Authority | 95.5% |

**Days missed**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2025-2026 (Y6) | 13.5 |
| School | 2.3 |
| National | 1.8 |
| Local Authority | 1.8 |

**Absences**

- 13 school days since last absence
- 26 authorised absences
- 1 unauthorised absence
- 13.5 days missed
- 1 session late before register closed
- 3 periods of absence due to illness
- 4 broken weeks

Even a seemingly high percentage of attendance can result in missing a great deal of learning over time.

| Attendance % | Impact over 1 school year | Impact over 5 school years |
|---|---|---|
| 100% | 0 days missed | 0 days missed |
| 96% | 8 days missed | ¼ year learning lost |
| 90% | 19 days missed | ½ year learning lost |
| 85% | 28 days missed | ¾ year learning lost |
| 80% | 38 days missed | 1 year learning lost |
| 75% | 47 days missed | 1 ¼ years learning lost |




## Portfolios

Why not make the most of your child's Do jo account?

You can use your child's account to send us photographs of achievements or events that have taken place out of school so they can be shared with their class teachers and school friends.

We wanted to remind you about our main communication tool and some important guidelines to ensure effective and appropriate communication.

Our primary platform for basic communication is Class Dojo. This tool is in place for routine updates, announcements, and general enquiries. We encourage you to use this platform for day-to-day communication.

For any communication that involves sensitive information, personal matters, or detailed discussions, please use our school email to reach us directly. Office@bildeston.suffolk.sch.uk This ensures privacy and allows us to address your concerns more effectively.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in using the appropriate channels for different types of communication. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to contact us.

# Safeguarding

If a child ever feels unsafe it is important that they let an adult know so that appropriate help can be provided. Should a concern come out at home then we can only help if you tell us at school. Equally, we will do everything we can to help if a child chooses to share their concern in school.

Every school is required to have a member of staff known as the Designated Lead for Safeguarding, Deputy Safeguarding Lead and Safeguarding Governor. In our school the persons concerned are currently:

- Mrs Healy (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Shaw (Alternate Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Woodfield (Alternate Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Searle (Named Safeguarding Governor)

Bullying

Even in a small friendly school like ours bullying can occur. Please encourage your child to tell an adult if they have any difficulties, since pupil behaviour is logged carefully in order for us to identify bullying at its earliest stage. "Banter" and teasing are taken seriously, as they can lead to the emotional distress of others.

Online Safety

This is a reminder that you should ensure that your children stay safe on the internet and when playing games within their age limit, they are being kind to one another. Please ensure that you are checking what your child is playing, that it is age appropriate, and that you are aware of 'friends' your child might be playing online with. Most age limits are 13, so in fact none of our pupils should be members of Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram or TikTok. Some unpleasant film content has circulated on these platforms, so please check what your child is seeing online.