

PARENT CARER BULLETIN

Week Commencing 8 June 2026



Uniform Expectations Reminder

Reinforcing standards for the final weeks of term:

As we move through the final weeks of term, we are maintaining a focus on high standards of uniform across the school. We are asking students to ensure that shirts are tucked in, jewellery is not worn, skirts are not rolled, and blazers are either worn or carried at all times. We are grateful to parents and carers for their support in reinforcing these expectations. As part of this focus, we have also become aware that a significant number of girls' skirts, even when fully unrolled, are considerably shorter than our uniform policy permits. Our policy requires skirts to be knee length, and we ask parents and carers to ensure that any skirts purchased for September meet this expectation.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain the high standards of presentation that contribute so positively to our school community.

Trust Update: Mobile Phones in School

Anglian Learning outlines new approach in line with government guidance:

Please use the link below to view the letter from Anglian Learning regarding mobile phone expectations across the Trust. We encourage all parents and carers to read this important update carefully. [Secondary Mobile Letter](#).



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Free School Meals - Important Update

Suffolk County Council have provided a letter for parents and carers detailing an important update and guidance:

[Important Update - Free School Meals](#)

Bringing History to Life

A powerful virtual learning experience:

Last week, an organisation called 'Testimony 360' came into school and provided virtual reality workshops for Year 9 students wanting to study GCSE History. Two of the Testimony team guided students through workshops looking at the issues and legacy of the Holocaust.

Students interacted with Holocaust survivors online and completed a virtual tour of Auschwitz - Birkenau.

Thanks to the school's IT Team for their support in making this happen.



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Pride Month Reading

Celebrating stories, voices, and identities this June:

It's Pride Month and we're celebrating with a range of stories that reflect the diversity of our community and beyond. Explore the full reading guide here:

[Pride Month Reading](#)

You'll also find our top picks below – perfect for dipping into something new this June. Happy reading!

Top Picks Secondary

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The following selection of books are our Education Team's top selections - don't forget to check the full list from page 12!



Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating
Adiba Jaigirdar
• KS3
• Rom-com
• Contemporary
• Lesbian & Bisexuality
ISBN: 9781444962246



Pet
Akwaeke Emezi
• KS3
• Fantasy
• Adventure
• Transgender
ISBN: 9780571355112



Heartstopper
Alice Oseman
• KS3
• Graphic novel
• Contemporary
• Romance
• Range of LGBT+ identities
• Friendship
ISBN: 9781444968927



The Romantic Tragedies of a Drama King
Harry Trevaldwyn
• KS3
• Rom-com
• Contemporary
• Gay
ISBN: 9781035049202



The Tea Dragon Society
K O'Neill
• KS3
• Graphic novel
• Fantasy
• Range of LGBT+ identities
ISBN: 9781620107379



Queer Up
Alexis Caught
• KS3 / KS4
• Non-fiction
• Support & mental health
• Identity
• Sexuality & Gender
ISBN: 9781406399226



The Black Flamingo
Dean Atta & Anshika Khullar
• KS4
• Contemporary
• Identity
• Gay
ISBN: 9781444948608



Homebody
Theo Parish
• KS4
• Graphic novel
• Contemporary
• Trans & Non-binary
• Identity
• Chosen families
ISBN: 9781035017621



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Events this June

Keep track of important events this month:

- Monday 15 June – Food House Competition week 1 of 2.
- Tuesday 16 June – Year 9 Science trip to Suez Recycling Centre, 9am–2:30pm.
- Monday 22 June – Food House Competition week 2 of 2.
- Tuesday 23 June – Additional SEN Transition morning, 9–11am.
- Wednesday 24 June – GCSE Examinations National Contingency Day.
- Wednesday 24 June – Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip to Walton-on-the-Naze, 8:30am–3pm (approx.).
- Thursday 25 June – Year 8 trip to the Theatre Royal to view Hercules, 11am–7:30pm.
- Sports Council Training on school field with Mr Leppard, 2–3pm.
- Friday 26 June – Non-pupil Day.
- Friday 26 June – Year 11 Leavers Prom, 6:30–9pm.
- Monday 29 June – Abbeygate Sixth Form taster session, 10:30am–1:45pm.
- Monday 29 June – CEC House Competition week 1 of 2.

Summer Term Dates

This season's term dates at a glance:

- 13 April 2026 – Summer Term starts.
- 25 –29 May 2026 – Half Term.
- 26 June 2026 – Non-pupil Day.
- 17 July 2026 – Summer Term ends (closure at the earlier time of 12pm).



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