

Bulletin

13th July 2026



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OLD BUCKENHAM
HIGH SCHOOL

	Mon 13 th July	Tues 14 th July	Weds 15 th July	Thurs 16 th July	Fri 17 th July
Assembly	Celebration Assemblies				End of Year Assemblies
Events	Year 10 on Work Experience Interhouse Sports Event	Year 10 on Work Experience Activity Day	Year 10 on Work Experience Activity Day	Year 10 on Work Experience Activity Day	Year 10 on Work Experience Last Day of Term

Summer Holidays:

The School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 17th July and reopens to students on Thursday 3rd September.

Please refer to the Term Dates on the school website as they can differ from the Norfolk County Council Term Dates.

[Term Dates and the School Calendar - Old Buckenham High School](#)

KS3 Art:

Please find attached an end of year overview of the projects KS3 students have completed in Art.

Online Safety:

Please find attached the Online Safety Newsletter for July.

Science Department:

Hi everyone!

We know the summer holidays is coming up but we want to make sure that on the odd occasion that you find yourselves with nothing to do, you have a bit of science to help keep you up to date ready for the new academic year.

Year 9 and 10 (going into year 10 and 11) have GCSE level work booklets set and advice on G4S. NOTE: you may not know all the answers yet! That is okay, you may not have been taught all of the topics, but you can try your best! Getting ahead now will help you in the long-term!

Year 7 and 8 (going into year 8 and 9) have a KS3 level work booklet set and advice on G4S. Please work through this!

Any student who brings back evidence of completed work or talks to one of the science teachers about what they have been doing to support their learning in science over the summer holidays will earn extra positives when they return to school in September – getting you one step closer to those certificates and rewards given for achieving a high number of positives across the year!

Email r.lee@obhs.org.uk if you have any questions.

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Reading Challenge:

Don't know what to do this summer? Engage in some wonderful text via the 'Fonetti Read Aloud Challenge'.

Compete for our school and individually for certificates and prizes. Simply go to this site using our unique code and start reading '<https://www.readaloudchallenge.co.uk/join/60M4-AVHF-oZEX>'

Enrol Now



Old Buckenham High School

Register your child for FREE at:

<https://readaloudchallenge.co.uk/join/60M4-AVHF-oZEX>

National
**Read-Aloud
Challenge 2026**
Powered by **Fonetti**



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HIGH SCHOOL



- ★ **FREE** for children from July 1st - August 31st
- ★ Safe and easy for every child to **use without supervision**
- ★ Encourages a child's love for reading and helps **maintain and improve** reading skills
- ★ Uses gamification, competition, leaderboards and prizes as a proven method to further **engage children in a fun and competitive way**
- ★ Encourages a love for reading, fires up their imagination and improves their reading skills
- ★ Winning schools get 4 places to a fully-funded day trip to London to the awards event hosted by **Clare Balding CBE**.

Follow along for updates

-  [read_aloud_challenge](#)
-  [National Read-Aloud Challenge](#)
-  [National Read-Aloud Challenge](#)

**"Reading is fuel for our imaginations
and reading aloud is all about
confidence... So let's get reading!"**

Clare Balding CBE, National Read-Aloud
Challenge & Fonetti Brand Ambassador



#BeProudReadAloud



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Careers:

We are always looking at improving what we do here at OBHS. As such we would be very grateful if you could complete this short questionnaire regarding our careers programme.

The link can be found here:

[Career programme evaluation for parents – Fill in form](#)

Active Norfolk:

This summer, Active Norfolk are spreading the word about **Safe To Play**.

Many children will be signed up to clubs and camps this summer, and we want to make sure parents are comfortable around asking welfare questions to these providers.

We are encouraging parents and carers to ask **five simple safeguarding and welfare questions** when choosing a sports club or activity for their child. These questions help families identify organisations that prioritise children's wellbeing and create opportunities for young people to learn, develop and enjoy being active in a safe environment.

A parent information pack is available here:

<https://email.activenorfolk.com/p/7L30-K19/safetoplay>

Positive Minds:



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Family Hubs:



Community Drop – In's for Parents, Carers & Young People

The Family Hub Community Workers from the family hub team will be available at these community venues to answer your questions, share information on a wide range of activities, groups and organisation that can help you and your family



Michelle



Andreia

Little Angels (0-5 yrs) Stay & Play (Open to families attending these groups only)	1 st	9:30am to 11:00am	Michelle
Watton Community Centre (0-5yrs) Stay & Play (Open to families attending these groups only)	2 nd	10:00am to 11:30am	Michelle
Dereham Library Dereham SEND Café	6 th	10:00am to 11:30am 13:30pm to 14:30pm	Michelle
Thetford Library		10:30am to 12:00 pm	Andreia
Swaffham Library	7 th	10:00am to 11:30am	Michelle
Watton Library SEND Parent Café (Family Hub)	8 th	10:30am to 11:30am 13:00pm to 15:00pm	Andreia
Dereham Library	13 th	10:00am to 11:30am 13:30pm to 14:30pm	Michelle
Thetford Library		12:30am to 12:00pm	Andreia
Swaffham Library	14 th	10:00am to 11:30am	Michelle
Messy Play Group, Cloverfield Community Church		10:00am to 11:30am	Andreia
Thetford Library	20 th	10:30am to 12:00pm	Andreia
Swaffham Library	21 st	10:30am to 11:30am	Andreia
Watton Library	22 nd	10:30 to 11:30am	Andreia
Attenborough Library	24 th	14:00pm to 15:30pm	Andreia
Thetford Library	27 th	10:30am to 12:00pm	Andreia
Watton Family Day	28 th	09:30am to 13:30am	Andreia
Parent Café	29 th	13:30pm to 14:30pm	Andreia

Please click on the QR code for more information and how you can contact us.



**BEST
START
IN LIFE**

In the community

Family Hubs:

What's on at the Breckland Best Start Family Hub in July.....

"We do our best to keep this timetable accurate, but occasionally services may need to change or cancel their times. To book a private appointment, or to check availability please email:

cspartnercommunitybreckland@norfolk.gov.uk, or phone 01362 654567"

Find more information



www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs

DAILY

The Family Hub offers daily access to advice and supports you may need for families with babies, children and young people - from conception until they reach the age of 19, or up to 25 for young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Various groups and activities are on offer, free of charge, as well as representatives from our partners and various services. Come along and say hello. We are open daily from 9am to 4.30pm, and you do not always need an appointment (closed on Bank Holidays)

Tuesdays

Anna from the Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Team will be attending the Family Hub on Tuesday 14th, 21st and 28th July between 9am and 1pm. Anna is able to support parents/carers who have relocated to England from another country and are struggling with barriers to accessing support for their children with SEN or social, emotional and mental health needs.

Emma from Department of Work and Pensions will be available on Tuesdays 10am to 2.30pm and can support with:

- Benefit related queries
- Finance difficulties and debts
- Childcare funding
- Opportunities around training, qualifications or new skills

Wednesdays

8th and 22nd July – 10am to 11.30am: Infant Feeding Drop-In - Infant feeding is all about how we nourish our little ones; from breast and bottle feeding to starting them on solids

10th and 24th July - 9.30am to 11:30am: Healthy Child Under 5 Years – No appointment required to attend, you can just drop in and ask any questions about your baby or child's health development or growth.

SEND café in Dereham Library will be open on Wednesday 8th July, 1.15pm to 2.30pm hosted by Family Hub, Family Action, Norfolk and Waveney Autism /ADHD Support Service. In this café the team will also be joined by SENDIASS and Autism Anglia.



SEND café at Thetford Library will be on Wednesday 29th July, 1:30pm to 2:30pm, with SENDIASS and Family Action

Fridays

Homestart – 3rd July - 10am to 12pm

Home-Start Norfolk helps children and changes lives. Working with families with young children, we support them to cope with whatever life throws at them. Our volunteers are parents, they understand how hard it can be. Come along and chat to us about how Homestart can support you.

Lizzie from **Norfolk Community Law Service (NCLS)** will be back at the Family Hub on 3rd July. Services include: Family law and court support, welfare benefits, debt and money advice, immigration advice, discrimination and employment. However, you are welcome to visit the website at anytime: www.ncls.co.uk
Triage appointments at Thetford Citizens Advice may also be available – please contact Citizens Advice directly.

Free Filmmaking Workshops:



The
OFFSHOOT
Foundation

Free filmmaking workshops

inspired by local archaeology



WINFARTHING
ANGLO-SAXON
PROJECT



Take part in a short film project this summer!

Come along and take part in a short film project this summer. We will be making a short film about the discovery of Anglo-Saxon treasure in Winfarthing in 2015. We are looking for young people to take part in this project to be both in front of and behind the camera. No previous experience of filmmaking needed, we will teach you!

3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th August – Diss Methodist Church
4th August – Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery

11-18 Years old
Free Workshops
3rd-7th August, 10am-4pm



SCAN ME!

To book a place scan the QR code above or email us at...
info@theoffshootfoundation.com



Made possible with
**Heritage
Fund**

These workshops are part of the Coins and Crosses: Seeking the Anglo-Saxons in Winfarthing and Waveney project, which is funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Charity Number - 1163287

Ambition

Walsham Le Willows FC:



WALSHAM LE WILLOWS FC
U13 (YEAR 8)
2026/27 SEASON

PLAYERS WANTED!

Join an ambitious, welcoming squad where players are challenged to improve through competitive Sunday football, quality coaching and a positive team environment.

NCYFL PREMIER DIVISION 1 (1 OF 7)
UEFA C QUALIFIED COACH
QUALITY COACHING IN A COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT
GRASS & ASTRO FACILITIES YEAR-ROUND
CLEAR PATHWAY TO SENIOR FOOTBALL

COMPETE IN THE NCYFL PREMIER DIVISION 1 OF 7

TRIAL DATES

MONDAY 13 JULY 18:00 | **SUNDAY 19 JULY 10:00**

CONTACT PAUL 07976 308451

TRAINING AT IP31 3AH WALSHAM LE WILLOWS FC

HOME GAMES PLAYED SUNDAYS AT WALSHAM LE WILLOWS FC

TRAINING MONDAY EVENINGS AT WALSHAM LE WILLOWS FC (GRASS & ASTRO FACILITIES)

<https://walshamsportsclub.co.uk/football/youth-football/enquiry-form/>

Respect



Star of the Week:

Each week we identify a pupil in each year to be our star of the week. This is a simple way for us to recognise our pupils who are really representing our Old Buckenham High School values and making us incredibly proud.

Year 7	Rewards to Year 7 and 8 will be handed out during the Assemblies on 13 th July		
Year 8			
Year 9	Aimee C	9Y	Consistently embodying the school values.

Other notices:

Free School Meals:

The Free School Meal Allowance is increasing to £2.66 from the 1st September 2026.

Please see the link below if you think your child may be eligible.

[Free school meals - Norfolk County Council](#)