

Events wc. 4th May 2026

Week 2	
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday: Academy Closed
Tuesday 5 th May	
Wednesday 6 th May	
Thursday 4 th May	
Friday 5 th May	

Bank Holiday

Please note that the Academy will be closed on Monday 4th May, due to the Bank Holiday.

Book of the Month

Please find details below of Book of the Month. If your child would like to borrow the book, it will be available from the hall every Wednesday lunchtime.

Book of the Month

'I Know You Did It' by Sue Wallman



A secret from her past threatens to detonate her present... On her first day at a new school, Ruby finds a note in her locker saying I Know You Did It. She's terrified that someone has found out she was responsible for the death of a girl called Hannah in a playground when they were both toddlers - a secret she has been keeping guiltily for ten years. When other pupils at the school start suffering serious accidents, the finger of blame points at Ruby. She knows she's not the perpetrator, but who is? And what link do they have to her past...? Suitable for 12+ years.

Ipswich Fit – May Half Term Programme

Please see the information we have received Ipswich Fit for May Half Term. Please click here: [Welcome to myIpswichFit - Leisure Hub](#) for more information on how to book.



MAY HALF TERM 2026
WITH IPSWICH FIT

MONDAY 25 MAY – FRIDAY 29 MAY

This May Half Term come and enjoy some fantastic activities across our facilities, we've got an exciting programme of activities including an introduction to diving, family roller-skating and more!

The best way to access our holiday activity programme is with our **Young Person Card** for just **£20.00** per month. With the Young Person Card you can book as many activities as you like and enjoy all our junior sports sessions, swimming and so much more.

Sign up for your Young Person Card today!

OUR SWIM CAMP RETURNS
We also have our popular **Boat Camp at Crest Pool** returning on **Wednesday 27 May** 9.30am – 1.30pm for just **£15.00**

Bookable now - spaces are limited so book early!

HOW TO BOOK?
Bookings for our activities on the Half Term programme will open **7 days before** the activity from the **Monday 18 May**.

To book visit please visit: [myIpswichFit](#)

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PE Kit - Trial

At the beginning of the term, we launched a trial to our uniform policy, designed with the purpose of maximising students' learning time in PE. As a reminder, the trial involves:

- Students to come into school in their PE Kit on days they have PE lessons. They will be able to remain in this kit throughout the school day.
- Students must be wearing the correct PE Kit on these days. This is the OEA Polo shirt, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, black socks and trainers.
- Should a student wish to they can wear their normal jumper or the optional OEA hoodie over the top of their polo shirt. There will be no other suitable alternatives to these, so different colours of clothing, hoodies which are not the OEA branded ones, leggings or cycling shorts are not permitted to be worn.
- A student arriving in incorrect kit will be treated in the same way as a student arriving in incorrect uniform and parents will be contacted to bring in the correct kit.
- Students arriving not in PE kit for their PE lesson will follow the usual procedures.

We very much hope this trial will be successful; however, some students have not been following the above rules consistently. Reminders have been provided to students, and it is hoped that we can iron out these issues in order to extend the trial and look to make this a permanent adjustment to our uniform policy.

We are delighted to announce that the Year 7 Outdoor Learning group has WON the Colchester Zoo STEM Design Challenge in the KS3 category!

This was a highly competitive category, with only a few points separating the top entries, making this an outstanding achievement. The win reflects the exceptional hard work, research, and creativity demonstrated throughout the project and in the final design — a huge well done to everyone involved.

Prizes awarded:

- A Zoo Adoption Plaque for the sun bears at Colchester Zoological Society
- Free zoo tickets for all students in the Year 7 – Outdoor Learners group
- A virtual outreach session delivered by the Colchester Zoo Education Team (to take place before the end of the school year)