

## Head's News – April 2026

Welcome back to the final term of the year! We have got an incredibly busy term coming up with sports days, trips, sporting events, SATs and reports coming out towards the end of the year. I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing Easter, and managed to recharge your batteries spending time with your family while the sun made an appearance.



We were very sad last term to say goodbye to Mrs Gant, who decided to make the hard decision to retire after over 20 years of working at Anthony Curton. We would like to thank Mrs Gant for all of her hard work and for everything that she has done to help all of the children that have gone through our school in the years that she's worked here. We wish her all the luck for her future endeavours.



We are very pleased to say that Mrs Allen who volunteers at Anthony Curton has been selected as a finalist for Volunteer of the Year! Mrs Wiles sneakily submitted an application in for Mrs Allen as she gives up so much of her free time to help all of us at Anthony Curton. Mrs Allen always has a smile on her face and will happily lend a hand with any area of school life. We are incredibly grateful for everything that Mrs Allen does and the children love completing tasks with her. We've all got our fingers crossed that Mrs Allen wins – she definitely deserves it!!

We would like to say a huge "Thank you" to Mr Amps, one of our parents, who has very kindly donated blinds for the Hall at Anthony Curton. As the afternoons are now lighter, we needed something to block out the sun so that we are able to see the screen for morning worship and also for the increasingly popular After School Club discos. Thank you Mr Amps – I think a lot of children will be incredibly thankful for your very kind donation!

If you have been to Tilney lately, you will have noticed that we have had an area of land cleared which used to be overgrown with trees and bushes. We aren't able to use this area for much due to the roots and the tree stumps that are still there, so we are planning on creating a sensory garden which will hopefully help some of our children when they are dysregulated. I have applied for some funding and have a vague idea of what the garden might look like, but we are very limited with our gardening knowledge! If any of you are able to give ideas/hints/techniques as to how we might be able to go about creating a sensory garden, we would love to hear from you! We will also be looking out for donations of pots, plants, bark, stones, colourful items for the garden and weed membrane. If we are successful in gaining a donation for the garden, I don't think that the whole cost will be covered, so we would be really thankful for any donations that people are able to give.



Please can we ask that children have water in their bottles where possible in school. We know that some children really don't like to drink water, and so in this instance, we ask that they have very diluted sugar free squash in bottles, which aren't see through. Squash isn't ideal as it is surprising how often bottles leak and get spilled, so it leaves a sticky mess and ruins books/work. Water is obviously the healthier option

for children, and we would much prefer water to be in bottles, so please speak to the class teacher if your child requires diluted squash.

We would like to say a huge thank you to both FOSA and ACFA for all of their hard work. They volunteer behind the scenes, in their own time, to give our children extra treats and special events throughout the year. The Easter Egg hunt in both schools just before Easter were both loved by the children and there were some very excited little faces as they completed the hunt. We also had a special person flower sale at Tilney which raised £115.01 for future treats. A massive “Thank you” to Belmont Nursery and Collison’s Cut Flowers for donating the daffodils and tulips.



Thank you to everyone who completed the parental survey towards the end of last term. These surveys really do help us to understand what we are doing well, and also where we need to make improvements. We had 56 responses at Anthony Curton and 28 responses at Tilney. The results showed that children feel happy and safe at school, and when there are concerns, these are on the whole dealt with properly.



One area that was flagged as needing improvement in both schools was how we communicate with parents. The wording was “The school communicates with me about the things I need to know.” We feel that we try hard with communication, but we obviously haven’t got it right yet, and so we will be reaching out to you for further information about how we can improve this aspect of school life. Please note that the majority of school communication is sent via email towards the end of the school day. Shorter reminder messages are sent via the My Child at School App message centre, again towards the end of the school day. Emails/messages sent during the school day are usually urgent and pertaining to the current school day. The Announcement section of the My Child School Apps at both schools are reserved for ACFA and FOSA events and information sharing only. Please do have a look at the ‘Important Document’ section of the app, you will find a wealth of school information here including current school menus and how-to guides.

Another area which was flagged as an improvement area was SEND. The wording of this question was “My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.” Again, we will be reaching out to parents of children with SEND to try to unpick this further, so that we can understand how we can improve. Currently, we are unsure whether it is school processes that parents feel that we need to improve, or if it is the limitations that are put on us from Norfolk County Council which restrict us in terms of support that we are able to offer.

If you feel that you could help us to improve our processes in either of these areas, please complete the new surveys which we will be sending out soon. Your voice really does matter to us, and we are always happy to take feedback for improvement.

We would like to say a big “Thank You” to Just Jades Tearooms, who have been supplying snack at both schools for the last few years. We are very grateful for all of the yummy snacks that have been made and delivered to keep our children full during break times. Although we are no longer using Just Jades, we are still providing snack for our key stage 2 children. Please talk to your child about their snack experience to see if we are getting it right for them.



**Dates for your diary:**

**Anthony Curton -**

Tues 14th - Year 3's resume weekly swimming lessons

Fri 24th - ACFA Bags 2 Sch Collection

**Early warning dates -**

Fri 1st May - Y6 Crucial Crew Trip

Mon 4th - Bank Holiday

Tues 5th - Reception September 2026 New Intake info evening 4-5pm

**Tilney All Saints -**

Wed 15th - Year 3 Penguin's resume weekly swimming lessons

Mon 20th - Dolphin's Class trip to Sandringham

**Early warning dates -**

Fri 1st May - Y6 Crucial Crew Trip

Mon 4th - Bank Holiday

Thurs 7th - Reception Sept 2026 New Intake info evening 4-5pm

**[Week commencing Monday 11th May 2026 is National Year 6 SATs week](#)**