

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

<https://www.kettlefields.cambs.sch.uk/>

17th October 2025



PTFA BREAK THE RULES DAY FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER

BREAK THE RULES DAY!

- WEAR A HALLOWEEN GOSTUME OR NON UNIFORM £2
- HAVE WACKY HAIR £1
- WEAR FACE PAINT £50P
- WEAR NAIL VARNISH £50P
- WEAR TEMPORARY TATTOOS £50P
- WEAR PJS OR SLIPPERS (OUTDOOR SHOES REQUIRED FOR BREAK-TIME) 50P
- HAVE ANY SNACK AT BREAK-TIME (MUST NOT GONTAIN NUTS) 50P
- HAVE SQUASH OR JUICE INSTEAD OF WATER (NO ENERGY/FIZZY DRINKS) 50P

BREAK ALL THE RULES FOR £5

PLEASE WEAR AN OUTFIT THAT IS SUITABLE FOR PE IF FRIDAY IS YOUR PE DAY.

MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL GATES ON THE DAY.
ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO THE PTFA.

DIARY DATES

17th October

- Rocksteady
- Celebration Assembly 1.45pm

20th – 24th October

- Virtual Parent Consultations

20th October

- Singing Lessons & Singational Club
- Girls mini soccer at Great Heath 2.30-6.00pm (Years 4, 5, 6)

21st October

- Show jumping competition
- Forest School Year 2 (last one)
- After School Football Club 3.30-4.30pm

22nd October

- Lunchtime choir
- Singing/piano lessons
- Flute Lessons

24th October

- Rocksteady
- Celebration Assembly 1.45pm
- PTFA Halloween Break the Rules Day

27th – 31st October

- Half Term Break

4th November

- Individual photographs

5th November

- PTFA Fireworks (No After School Club)

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Harper who has joined us in Woodpeckers Class this week.

PREFECTS

Elections have been carried out and we are delighted to announce that our Head Prefects for this year are Ellie A. and Effie.

HARVEST DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone for your generous harvest donations. We collected 93.3kg of food and this has been take to the foodbank. The donation will help provide 62 meals for local families who are facing crisis right now.

OPEN EVENTS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL NEXT YEAR

On Thursday we held the first of our open events next for parents who will be applying for a place reception in September 2026. It was lovely to meet so many prospective parents. If you missed Thursday's open event, we have another one on 10th November at 2.00pm (no need to book in advance, just turn up). If you know of any families with a child due to start next September, please pass the date on to them.

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PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Just a reminder that online parent consultations are next week. If you haven't yet made an appointment please visit <https://kettlefields.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointment. You can login with the following information: Student's First Name / Student's Surname

BIKEABILITY

Year 5 have taken part in Level 2 Bikeability training this week.

They started on the playground on Monday and then progressed onto the roads on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They have learnt valuable skills to give them confidence in riding safely.

The instructors were impressed with their behaviour and positive attitude. Well done Year 5!



FOREST SCHOOL



A bit of drizzle didn't stop the Forest School fun on Tuesday afternoon. Year 2 had a fantastic time exploring our forest school area. The children discovered a friendly frog, spotted some fabulous fungi, found a centipede and a spider, built an amazing den, made cute little hedgehogs, and even had a go at sawing logs... what an adventure!

Next Tuesday will be the final session for Year 2 children. After half term, Year 4 will have Forest School every Tuesday afternoon. The first session will be on 4th November and the final one on 16th December. Please remember to come to school in warm outdoor clothing and bring a waterproof coat and suitable footwear.



SHOE BOX APPEAL

We are collecting filled shoe boxes again this year with Teams4U. Boxes are available from the school office, or you can use your own shoe box. You can also find information at <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>.

T4u ask for a donation of £3.50 for each shoe box towards the cost of transportation (please include cash in your box or make a donation online). If you would like to take part in the appeal, please bring in your filled shoe box by 10th November 2025 at the latest.



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After School Club
Halloween PARTY
WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

If your child would like to attend, please book the session on the School Gateway App

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Just a reminder that we're holding a Halloween Party at After School Club next Wednesday, 22nd October, and there are still some spaces available. If your child would like to attend, please book a place via the School Gateway app. The night will be fiendishly fun, with party games, tasty party food, and lots of spooktacular activities.



Fun on Tuesday this week at After School Club with 'Big Box Bonanza'!!



Week Beginning 20 th October 2025	
Breakfast and After School Club are available for bookings on the School Gateway App.	
MONDAY	Craft spiders
TUESDAY	Games night
WEDNESDAY	Halloween party
THURSDAY	Construction
FRIDAY	Outdoor games

ADA LOVELACE DAY

On Tuesday, Peregrines and Swifts joined in celebrating Ada Lovelace Day, a special occasion that recognises the achievements of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The day honours Ada Lovelace, the pioneering 19th-century mathematician often considered the world's first computer programmer. Her visionary ideas about the Analytical Engine laid the foundations for modern computing.

To mark the day, the children took part in a live online lesson, where they learned about Ada Lovelace's life and her lasting impact on technology. They also explored the contributions of other inspirational women in STEM. It was an interesting session that encouraged everyone to think about innovation, perseverance, and the power of imagination in shaping the future.



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CROSS COUNTRY

Following on from the cross country competition in Newmarket on 30th September, we were delighted that Harry was selected to take part in the Area Championships.

He travelled to Ipswich on Thursday this week to represent the Forest Heath Sports Partnership and raced over 3040m, achieving a time of 13 minutes. Harry competed against Year 6 and Year 7 children coming in 60th place which is an amazing achievement, as there were hundreds of runners.

Well done Harry, we are very proud of you!

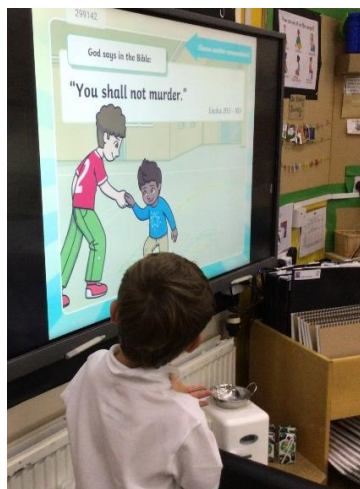


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In R.E. this term, children in Robins & Kingfishers are learning about religious festivals for different faiths. This week, Kingfishers learnt about the festival of Eid. They compared Eid celebrations with celebrations for the Christian festival of Christmas.



In Robins, the children looked at the story of the Ten Commandments in the Bible. They related the story to our school values and rules. The children had fun making their own set of commandments.



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DATA COLLECTION REMINDER YEARS 1 - 6

If you haven't done so already, please sign the form and return to the class teacher or school office.

Please sign and return the form even if there are no changes.

Thank you.

SHOW JUMPING COMPETITION

We're so proud to be entering a show jumping team from Kettlefields into the NSEA Inter-Schools Grass Roots Show Jumping Qualifiers in Chelmsford next Tuesday.

The NSEA (National Schools Equestrian Association) promotes equestrian sport in schools across the UK, and we're thrilled to be a part of it.

This marks another fantastic addition to Kettlefields' growing list of sporting achievements and competitions. We can't wait to hear how you all get on - go team Kettlefields!

Apply now



for a Secondary school place for September 2026

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

If your child will be aged 11 by **31st August 2026**



For further information please visit
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions
or contact your local School

Apply by
**31st October
2025**

ALC2605, New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury Weald, PE28 4YE
or email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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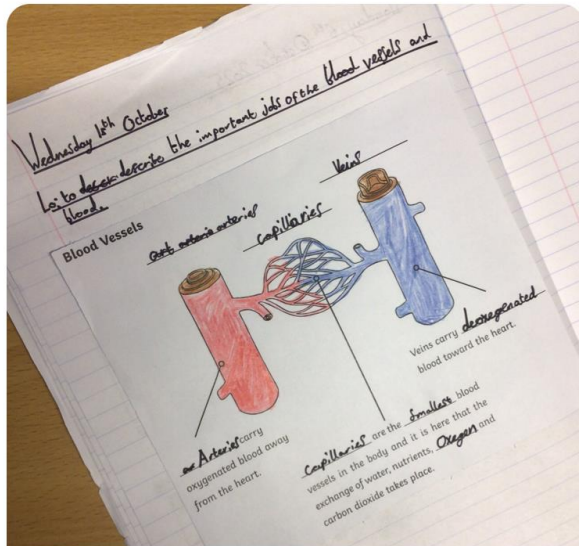
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SCIENCE IN SWIFTS CLASS

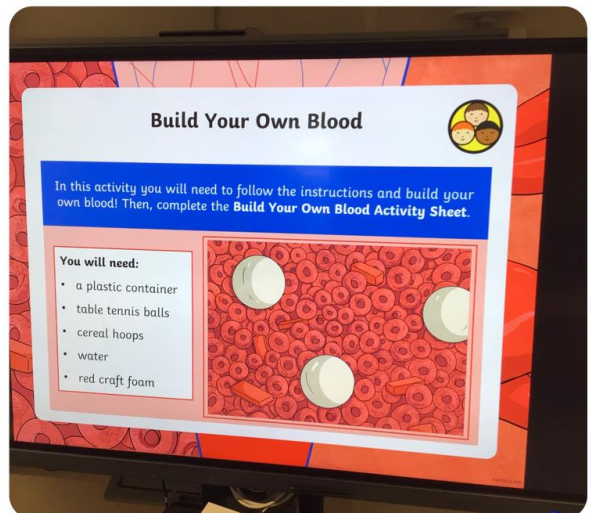
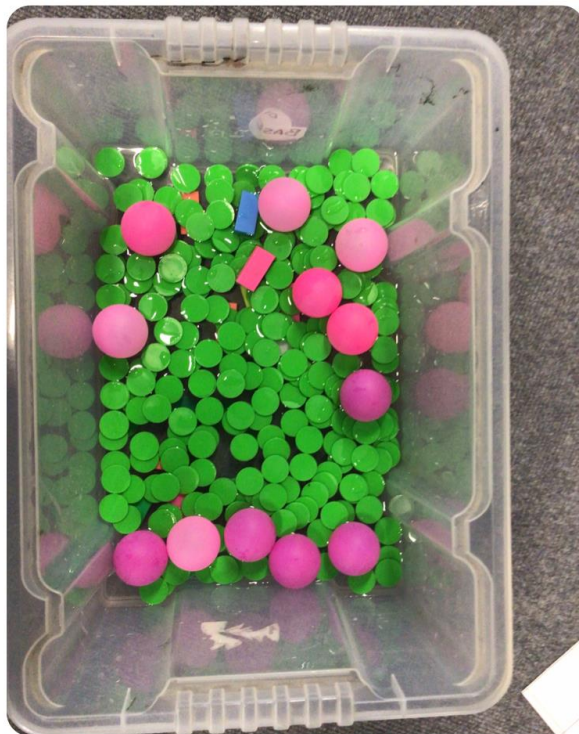
This week Swifts have been studying blood and blood vessels, and looking at what blood is made of.

The children created their own 'blood' using items from the classroom, displaying, and describing the makeup of blood in our bodies.

They also looked at the type of blood vessels and their roles within the circulatory system.



SWIFTS SCIENCE - BLOOD AND BLOOD VESSELS



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CALM FEELINGS IN ROBINS

In PSHE on Thursday, Robins explored the emotion of anger, what it feels like, how to control our tempers, and what we can do to calm down when we're feeling cross. One of their tools was to use dragon breaths, a relaxation technique that encourages children to take slow, deep breaths, breathing in and out while imagining a dragon's fiery breath. They loved making their own dragons!



The children also suggested great strategies such as counting to ten and finding a calm space when they feel angry. We talked about how, sometimes, a hug doesn't help straight away, it can be more helpful to have a little bit of space first.



WOODPECKERS ART

In art this week the Woodpeckers have been learning about the artist Henri Matisse. In his later life he created large abstract collages which he described as "painting with scissors."

We created our own Matisse style collages using only scissors and glue.



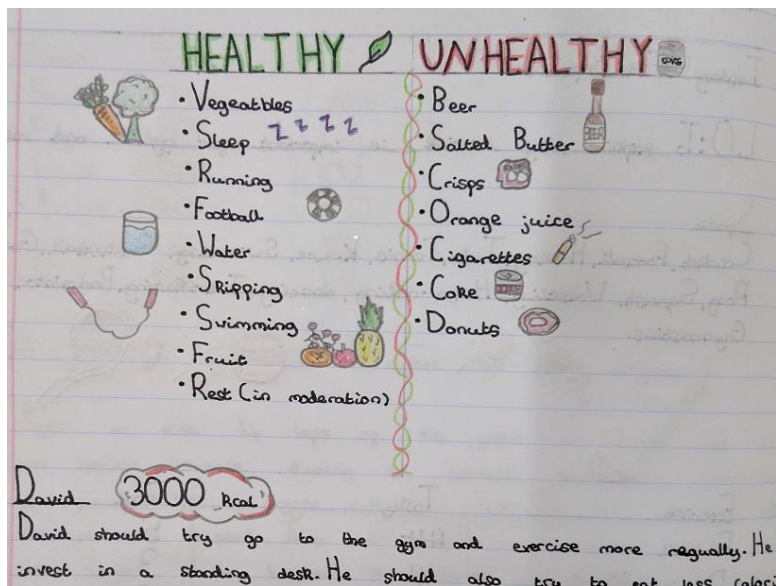
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KEEPING HEALTHY

Peregrines have been continuing their work on human health by thinking about the positive steps we can make in our own life choices. They have studied the effects of exercise on physical health in previous lessons, but this week they have looked in more detail at the important factors of diet and exercise on physical and mental health.

They have learnt about the differences between legal and illegal drugs including those which are controlled for use by doctors and pharmacists. This conversation has also involved the positive effects of prescribed drugs and some of the unwanted side effects which require the careful consideration of medical professionals.



Kids and Smartphones
A free information evening
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Are you contemplating whether to give your child a smartphone and when the right time might be?

Concerned about the risks associated with internet access?

Curious about alternative options?

Join us for a discussion with Amy Ruffell, our SFC regional lead, where we will engage in an open, honest, and non-judgmental conversation about the effects of smartphones on childhood and explore what we can do as parents and as a community.

Who?
SFC Regional Lead
Amy Ruffell

When?
Monday 17th
November 2025
7-8pm

Where?
Kettlefield's
Primary School,
Dullingham.

Refreshments provided!

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Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor



Michelle West

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence

As Education Inclusion Family Advisors, we offer support in various ways:

- Up to six 1:1 sessions with parents/carers (virtually or face to face in your child's school on request)
- Workshops on specific topics (currently held virtually)
- Signposting to other services such as parenting courses and support services

For more information, please speak to your school's office, or contact me directly on ☎ **07775824673** /

✉ **michelle.west@cambridgeshire.gov.uk** or by using this link or QR code to request support:

_____ <https://forms.office.com/e/hFg4TV751g> _____

