

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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7th November 2025



BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT

WE RAISED AN INCREDIBLE £7422!!

A huge thank you to our incredible PTFA for pulling off yet another spectacular Bonfire and Fireworks Night on Wednesday. Year after year, this much-loved event seems to get even more spectacular and successful, and this year was no exception.

The weather held out beautifully, staying mild throughout the evening, and we were delighted to welcome a huge number of visitors who all enjoyed the evening. From the BBQ and bar to the raffle, glitter tattoos, glow sticks, and fairground rides, there was something for everyone. The chance to sit in the fire engine was a highlight for many, and of course the evening ended in true style with an amazing firework display that lit up the sky. It was wonderful to see the creations for the 'Build a Guy' competition and congratulations to Thomas in Robins who won a book token for his fantastic effort.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our PTFA team, and the support of our school community, we have once again raised a phenomenal amount for the school. We are so grateful to everyone who helped, attended, and contributed to making the evening such a memorable success.

Here's to next year!



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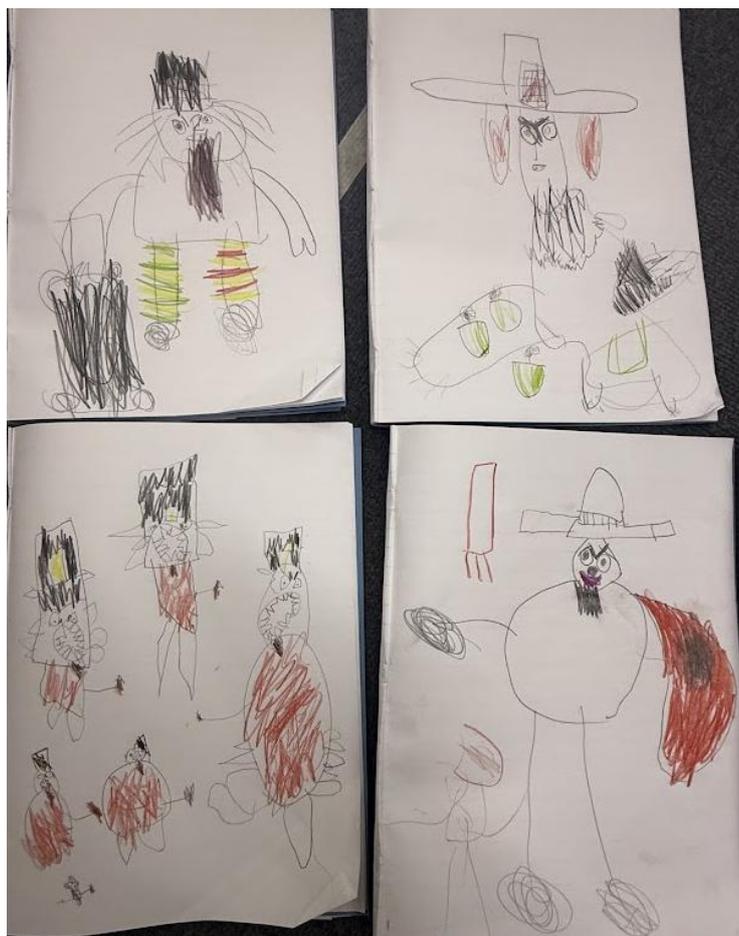
A huge thank you to Simon from Nancy's Tea Shop, who very kindly gave his time to run the BBQ at the fireworks display. We are so grateful for his continued support.

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THE GUNPOWDER PLOT

This week, the Robins have been learning about the Gunpowder Plot and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We travelled back in time, 420 years ago and found out about how different life was. The children have also heard about the term, 'before living memory'.

The Robins explored the story of the plot, why this happened and the impact it had. The children were gripped by the story. In Drawing Club, the children drew Guy Fawkes, complete with evil eyebrows!



DIARY DATES

7th November

- Celebration Assembly 1.45pm

9th November

- Remembrance Service at Stetchworth Church (Years 5 & 6)

10th November

- Odd Socks Day
- Singing Lessons & Singsational
- Open Event for parents applying for Reception Sept 2026 (2.00pm)

11th November

- Forest School Year 4
- After School Dodgeball Club 3.30-4.30pm

12th November

- Lunchtime choir
- Singing/piano lessons
- Flute Lessons
- Phonics workshop for Robins parents 3.30pm

14th November

- Children in Need
- Celebration Assembly 1.45pm

19th November

- Year 3 to visit 'Newmarket 1625'

21st November

- Parent Forum 1.30pm in school hall & PTFA Christmas Jumper Sale (no celebration assembly)

25th November

- Swimming Gala at Newmarket Leisure Centre (Team from Year 5 & 6)

28th November

- Rocksteady Concert 9.00am (no celebration assembly)

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PHONICS WORKSHOP

Parents of children in Robins Class are invited to a phonics workshop on Wednesday 12th November at 3.30pm. Please return the signed slip, on the letter sent home, to the class teacher so that we know how many parents can attend.

YEAR 3 – VISIT TO ‘NEWMARKET 1625’

On the afternoon of Wednesday 19th November, Year 3 will travel to Newmarket on the mini bus to attend ‘Newmarket 1625’ held at St Mary’s Church in Newmarket.

This commemoration marks 400 years since the plague affected Newmarket and the surrounding villages. During the event, pupils will learn about the local impact of the plague, the role of John Chapman, vicar of St Mary’s at the time, and how people in 1625 coped with difficult circumstances.

There is no cost to parents and the trip will take place during the school day.

ODD SOCKS DAY

On Monday 10th November, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day which marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. We are inviting the children to come to school in their usual school uniform but to wear ‘odd socks’.

Odd Socks Day is an opportunity for everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality. We will be thinking about what makes us all unique! You can find further information at:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/odd-socks-day/what-odd-socks-day>

CHILDREN IN NEED – WEAR SOMETHING SPOTTY

On Friday 14th November, we will be having a non uniform day in support of BBC Children in Need. Please come into school wearing something spotty and if you would like to donate, please do so online at <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE



As part of developing further links with the community and our promotion of British Values, we have invited pupils in years 5 & 6 to attend the Remembrance Day memorial service with their parents. We will be laying a wreath at Stetchworth Church on Sunday 9th November.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR WRAPAROUND CARE CATERING

We are pleased to let you know that we have recently made some changes to the way food is prepared and served at both our Breakfast Club and After School Club.

To enhance the quality of our wraparound provision, we have employed a cook to take charge of our food preparation. These changes came into effect on Monday, and we're delighted to report that the feedback from the children has been very positive so far.

To help us minimise food waste and ensure that all dietary requirements are properly met, we now ask that all After School Club bookings are made by 1pm on the day of attendance. This allows our cook to prepare the right amount of food and cater to everyone's individual needs.

We do, of course, understand that emergencies sometimes arise. Where possible, we will still accommodate late bookings if capacity allows, but we kindly ask that in most cases bookings are made before 1pm each day.

Activities week Beginning 10th November 2025 Breakfast and After School Club are available for bookings on the School Gateway App.	
MONDAY	Bingo night
TUESDAY	Games night
WEDNESDAY	Clay modelling
THURSDAY	Painting evening
FRIDAY	Remembrance crafts



LUNCHTIME PLAY

Now that the weather has started to turn, the school field is becoming a little muddier. To help us keep our carpets clean, we're asking that all children keep a spare pair of trainers or wellies at school. These can be used at lunchtime so that children can still enjoy playing on the field, even when it's a bit damp. Without suitable footwear, children will need to stick to the playground instead. Thank you.

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LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET

The Kingfishers began reading 'Last Stop on Market Street' by Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson on Monday. To support their learning, they went on a minibus ride where they took part in a scavenger hunt, noting what they could see, hear, and smell in the villages and in the town of Newmarket, to reflect on the differences. It was a lovely, fun outing and a great way to start the new half term.



RECEPTION 2026 OPEN AFTERNOON

Just a reminder that we're having an open afternoon on Monday at 2pm for families thinking about Reception for September 2026. It's a great chance to have a tour of our school with Mrs Gadsby, see what makes Kettlefields so special, and ask any questions they might have. If you know any families who might be interested, please let them know; they'd be very welcome.

ELLESMERE PANTOMIME COLOURING COMPETITION

Colouring competition sheets for the Ellesmere Pantomime have been sent home with the children. If your child would like to take part, please return their completed entry to school by Thursday, 14th November, and we will pass them on. Good luck to all.

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REVERSE ADVENT

This December, we will be taking part in a Reverse Advent Calendar to support our local Food Bank.

Instead of opening a door and receiving a treat, we'll be giving something each day to help local families in need over the festive period.

From Monday 1st December to Friday 19th December, we invite pupils to bring in an item from the list below.

All donations will be delivered to the Food Bank in time for Christmas. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference.

Thank you for helping us spread kindness and generosity this Christmas.

Date	Item to Bring
Mon 1 Dec	Tinned soup
Tue 2 Dec	Breakfast cereal
Wed 3 Dec	Tinned fruit
Thu 4 Dec	Pasta
Fri 5 Dec	Pasta sauce
Mon 8 Dec	Rice
Tue 9 Dec	Tinned vegetables
Wed 10 Dec	UHT milk
Thu 11 Dec	Tea bags or coffee
Fri 12 Dec	Biscuits
Mon 15 Dec	Shampoo or shower gel
Tue 16 Dec	Jam or spread
Wed 17 Dec	Toothpaste or soap
Thu 18 Dec	Toilet rolls
Fri 19 Dec	Christmas treat

Together, we can make this Christmas a little brighter for those in need.

TEAMS4U SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you so much to those of you that have very generously returned your shoe boxes to the school office. We still have a few boxes that were taken home, but haven't yet been returned. Please could you finish these off over the weekend and pass them to the office on Monday, ready for collection and transportation to those in need. Thank you.



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LET'S CREATE A PUMPKIN PATCH 🎃

Thank you so much for all of your generous pumpkin donations. The Robins had a wonderful time creating their very own patch.

Our Pumpkin Patch 🎃



After much discussion, the children worked hard to set up their very own pumpkin patch, complete with incredible pumpkins of all shapes and sizes. The children created signs and posters to display prices and then in small groups, they were able to both relive and explore what a visit to a pumpkin patch would be like!

Our ones were very reasonably priced and gave us the opportunity to explore some of the numbers we have learned about so far, in coins.

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3D MINIATURES

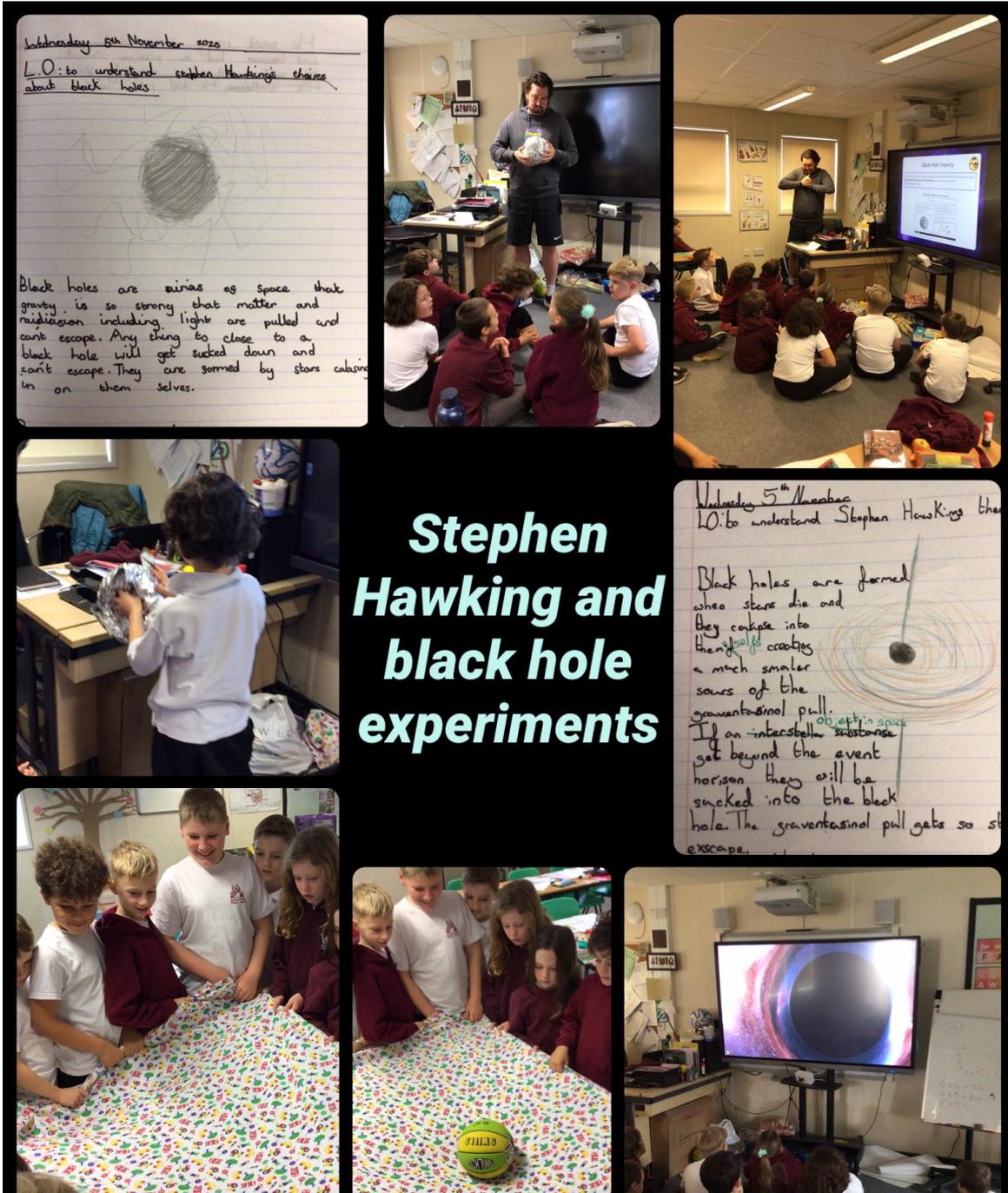
Our Woodpeckers have really enjoyed making 3D miniature animal portraits using egg boxes. The children loved seeing how something as simple as recycled packaging could be turned into creative and detailed artwork. While working on their portraits, the Woodies developed a wide range of creative skills. Using painting and detailing techniques, they added colour, texture, and shading to bring their animals to life. The project also encouraged a good sense of composition and design, along with keen observation skills to capture animal features and expressions. It also helped the children build patience and craftsmanship, paying close attention to each tiny feature and texture. Good work Woodpeckers – they're super cute!



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SCIENTISTS AND INVENTORS

This week the Swifts have started a new science topic. They are studying scientists and inventors. In the first lesson of this topic, they have looked at the life and work of Stephen Hawking, and particularly his work on black holes. Stephen Hawking being a world renowned and local scientist was something that the Swifts all loved. The Swifts learnt that his studies into black holes has changed the way we view, and what we know about the universe, forever.



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Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter November 2025

A Bit About Me

Hi, my name is Michelle, I'm your school's link EIFA. As an EIFA I offer advice and strategies to parents and carers with a Primary School aged child that may be experiencing some challenges such as routines, sleep, sibling rivalry, challenging behaviour, worries or self-esteem. If you'd like a chance to chat about any of these topics, just contact me on the details below.

Parenting Top Tip

Fireworks night is nearly upon us, and many children are eager to attend local firework displays. Fun for all the family! Events like this do come with their challenges though. There are a few things that you can do to make sure that you not only all have a fabulous time, but everyone stays safe.



Boundaries and expectations – Children need to know what is expected of them and thrive on boundaries. There needs to be a separate set of boundaries for going to a fireworks display and these need to be discussed before you go. Praise your child for doing the right thing.

Safe and unsafe – A fireworks display is a perfect time to help children learn about safe and unsafe risk. Fire, fireworks and sparklers all have potential to hurt but if safety guidelines are followed, everyone can stay safe. Model following instructions yourself and supervise them so everyone can enjoy a fun evening.

Activity Idea – Glow Stick Seek

You'll need: 4 glow sticks per person

This is a similar idea to an Easter Egg Hunt, but in the dark. Once the sun has set, snap the glow sticks so that they start to glow and hide them in various places around the house. With the lights off, let your children loose – looking through the house to find the colourful glow sticks. Like the parenting top tip above – walking or running around in the dark poses a very low level of risk, but this means it's a good opportunity to let your children learn about safe risk.

Once all the glow sticks are found, maybe they can put them on their wrists and ankles and play normal hide and seek, with the added difficulty of them now glowing... great fun!

Starting Primary School and Transition to Secondary

Some families may have recently submitted applications for primary and secondary school places for September 2026. EIFAs are here to offer support and guidance throughout this journey. We encourage you to visit open days and take part in school tours. If you have any questions or need support, please do not hesitate to reach out to your EIFA or contact the school directly.



Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer

Contact me directly on 07775874673 or  michelle.west@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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PTFA NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025



A massive thank you to everyone who helped make our Fireworks event such a fantastic evening. From our brilliant sponsors — **Precision Carpentry & Joinery** and **Thomas & Young Wealth Management Ltd** — to the incredible volunteers who gave their time before, during, and after the event, the talented bakers and cooks who donated delicious treats, Simon from **Nancy's Tearoom** who sizzled the sausages, **Highfield Event Group** for providing gazebo's, rope barriers and lighting, **Newmarket Fire Brigade** for attending with their fire engine, and of course, everyone who came along to enjoy the night — we are truly grateful.

Thanks to your amazing support, we raised a staggering **£7,417.44!** Every penny will go towards funding projects and equipment that enhance and enrich our children's education.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER JUMBLE SALE
21ST NOVEMBER FROM 1.30PM
SCHOOL HALL

ALL DONATIONS TO BE WASHED & DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 20TH NOVEMBER

Christmas wreath making

KETTLEFIELDS SCHOOL
THURSDAY **27** AT 6.30PM - 9.00PM
NOVEMBER

BAR | MULLED WINE | MINCE PIES
£40 per person

TO BOOK
WWW.KETTLEFIELDS-PRIMARY-SCHOOL-EVENTS.SUMUPSTORE.COM OR EMAIL
PTFAKETTLEFIELDS@GMAIL.COM

HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets are on sale at all of our events in November and December for an Adult Hamper and a Children's Hamper – to be drawn before Christmas.

CAN YOU HELP at our Disco on Tues 16th December?

If so please get in touch via this JotForm – thank you 😊

<https://form.jotform.com/253096352188362>

TICKETS ON SALE SOON – watch this space...

OUR EMAIL - ptfakettlefields@gmail.com
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE - Kettlefields Primary School PTFA

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BIRD OF PREY EXPERIENCE AT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

GET UP CLOSE TO OWLS &
RAPTORS

LEARN FASCINATING FACTS,
MEET THE BIRDS, AND ENJOY
OUR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
FALCONRY ADVENTURE



MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER

3.30PM - 5.30PM

Booking essential as numbers are limited.

Please book to attend ASC on this day, via the School Gateway App.



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BONFIRE ARTWORK

This morning, the Reception children have been outside creating beautiful bonfire pictures using colourful autumn leaves. They have also been practising their phonics by writing bonfire sounds to make their artwork crackle and pop. Well done, Robins!

