

# KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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**14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**



### REMEMBRANCE DAY

At 11 o'clock, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, we remember those people who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. On this day, as a school, we come together to silently reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave service men and women. This year we held a very poignant Remembrance Assembly, led by Mrs Gadsby, with some moving contributions from the children.

We are committed to teaching and promoting the importance of the fundamental British Values, and this week we have been learning all about why we commemorate Remembrance Day. We have learned about the sacrifices made by people, who risked and sometimes gave their lives in war, so that we may live in peace. As part of our commemorations, we have completed lots of work that remembers those who fought for us.

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Sunday 12th November representatives from Peregrines and Swifts attended the Remembrance Sunday procession and church service held at St Peter's, Stetchworth to remember with gratitude those who have given their lives in the service of others. Thank you for attending; you were superb ambassadors for Kettlefields.



### DIARY DATES

#### 14<sup>th</sup> November

- Celebration Assembly 1.45pm
- Rocksteady

#### 17<sup>th</sup> November

- Singsational and Singing lessons
- PCSO assembly for Road Safety Week
- 7pm Smartphone information evening

#### 18<sup>th</sup> November

- Forest School Year 4
- Dodgeball Club

#### 19<sup>th</sup> November

- Year 3 to visit 'Newmarket 1625'
- Flute and recorder lessons
- Choir
- Piano lessons

#### 21<sup>st</sup> November

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

#### 24<sup>th</sup> November

- Singsational and Singing lessons

#### 25<sup>th</sup> November

- Swimming Gala at Newmarket Leisure Centre (Team from Year 5 & 6)
- Forest School Year 4
- Dodgeball Club

#### 26<sup>th</sup> November

- Flute and recorder lessons
- Choir
- Piano lessons

#### 27<sup>th</sup> November

- PTFA wreath making evening

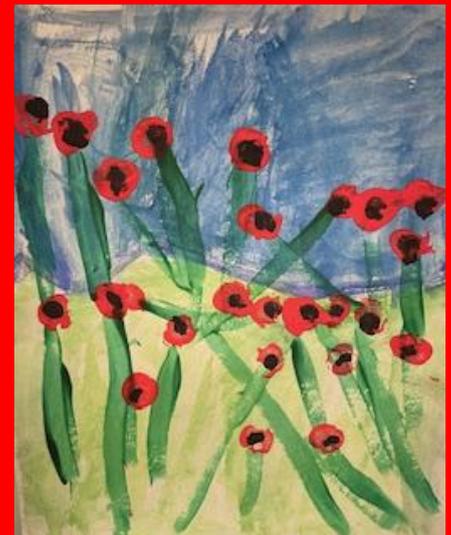
#### 28<sup>th</sup> November

- Rocksteady Concert 9.00am (no celebration assembly)

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## REMEMBRANCE



In Swifts, we were privileged to be creating a wreath for our Remembrance Service. We used coffee filters to create the poppy shape, cut them up for the petals and painted them using watercolours. We then arranged them to the shape of poppies and they were glued in place. The poppies were then used to create a beautiful wreath that was laid during the Remembrance Service.

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## CHOIR

Our fabulous Kettlefields Choir are in high demand this Christmas, and have been invited to perform at four community events. We are delighted that the Choir has been invited to perform Christmas carols for the Gredley Christmas luncheons again this year. The Choir have also been invited to sing at the Christmas Tree Festival at Stetchworth Church on 6<sup>th</sup> December and at the Ellesmere Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> December. Further information has been sent to parents of our choir children.

## CHRISTMAS SONGS ASSEMBLY

We will be hosting an assembly on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December where Kingfishers and Woodpeckers will be entertaining us with their Christmas songs. We would love Kingfishers and Woodpeckers to wear something 'Christmassy' such as a Christmas jumper, hat or boppers (please don't make any special purchase, improvise with what you already have). Please wear your usual school uniform and bring your Christmas jumper or hat etc to put on for the performance. Please ensure all items are in a named bag. The assembly starts at the earlier time of 1.30pm on this day, we hope you can join us.

Kingfisher and Woodpeckers will also be visiting Jubilee Court in Stetchworth on 9<sup>th</sup> December to perform a carol concert to the residents. This will take place during the school day, and the children will be walking there.

## CAROL CONCERT

We are holding our annual carol concert on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in Stetchworth Church. Parents and carers are welcome from 1.45pm for a 2pm start and will be entertained with a selection of carols and music sung by our pupils in the Swifts and Peregrines classes. Please join us to celebrate a fun afternoon with lots of festive cheer!

## NATIVITY

We warmly invite family and friends of our Robins class to this year's Nativity performance. There will be two performances on 10<sup>th</sup> December. The first one will start at 1.30pm and the second one will start at 2.45pm. The second performance timings will work so that you can collect your child at the normal time, at the end of the school day.

Due to limited space in the hall, entry will be by ticket only (maximum of 3 tickets per family, per performance) and all tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets cost £2.00 each and all proceeds will go towards the cost of the performance license and props for the play.



**To purchase tickets, simply login to School Gateway. The deadline for ticket purchase is 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025.** Tickets will not be issued, as we will keep a register of tickets purchased.

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## **ADVENT FAYRE & SWITCH ON OF THE ADVENT LIGHTS**

Families are invited to attend this event at St Mary's Church in Dullingham on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 3.15pm. Lights will be switched on at 4pm, including the contributions made by the Swifts and Peregrines pupils. There will be mulled wine, mince pies, cake stall, and BBQ.

## **PARENT FORUM**

Our next parent forum meeting will be at 1.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November with tea and cake in the hall instead of a celebration assembly. It is an opportunity for parents to feedback and give their views about aspects of school life. Our focus at this meeting will be provision in breakfast and after school club and online safety. There will also be a Christmas jumper swap shop. Come and join us in a relaxed environment to chat to Mrs Gadsby and suggest future topics for parent forum discussions.

## **OPEN AFTERNOON**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December we will be hosting our Open Afternoon; parents are invited into school; you can arrive anytime between 3.00–3.30pm. This will be an opportunity for your child to share their work from this term with you. It will be a wonderful afternoon and an opportunity to collectively celebrate the children's successes this term. We look forward to welcoming you all. To avoid overcrowding please limit visitors to two per child.

## **A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR PTFA**

We are incredibly grateful to our fantastic PTFA, who have generously donated over £4,000 to the school this week. Their continued support makes such a difference to our children's learning experiences.

Each class has been given £500 to spend on resources that will enhance provision across the curriculum, and an additional £1,700 has been invested in an exciting range of science resources. These new materials will help bring science to life at Kettlefields.

Thank you again to everyone involved in the PTFA for your amazing efforts and generosity; we are so appreciative of all that you do for our school.

## **CHRISTMAS KINDNESS - CONTINUING OUR TRADITION**

Following the success of last year's project, we would love to continue spreading a little Christmas Kindness this festive season.

Do you know of any elderly residents in our local villages who may be spending Christmas alone, or who have family living far away? The children from After School Club would like to send them a Christmas card and a small gift to brighten their day and remind them that they are thought of. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to share the true spirit of Christmas and give something back to our community.

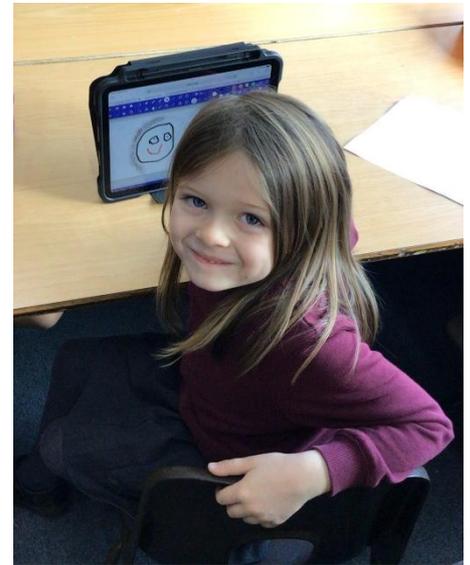
If you know someone who would appreciate this, please send their details to [office@kettlefields.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@kettlefields.cambs.sch.uk) by the end of November.

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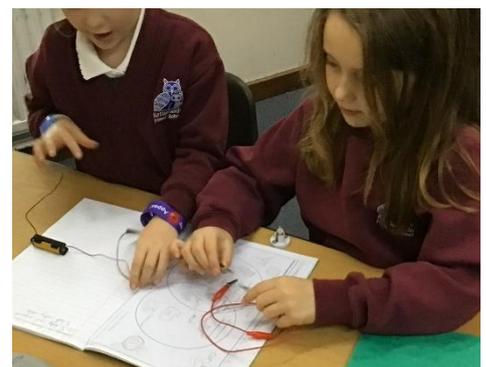
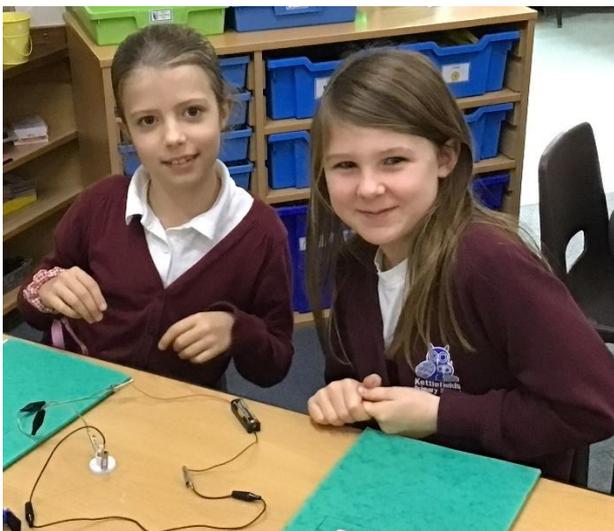
## KINGFISHERS ICT

During ICT lessons this week, the Kingfishers looked at 'Digital Painting' by using tools and drawing their self-portraits.



## WOODPECKERS SCIENCE

In our science this week, the Woodpeckers built an electrical circuit from given components. The children explored what happened when we broke the circuit and investigated how to make the bulb light more brightly.



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**WRAPAROUND CARE** Breakfast Club and After School Club can be booked via the School Gateway App. Next week's after school club activities are:

Activities week beginning	
MONDAY	Beetle drive
TUESDAY	Games night
WEDNESDAY	String painting
THURSDAY	Craft night
FRIDAY	Decorating wooden people



## WORKSHOP FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Thank you so much for attending our phonics workshop on Wednesday afternoon where you got to find out more about how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home, as well as watching phonics being taught. The feedback was really positive.

## YEAR 3 – VISIT TO ‘NEWMARKET 1625’

On the afternoon of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 after lunch.

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## ODD SOCKS DAY

This week marked Anti-Bullying Week 2025, and we were excited to invite everyone at Kettlefields to join in to make a positive difference. This year's theme was "Power for Good", and it was all about understanding how each one of us can use our kindness, words and actions to help build a safe, inclusive and supportive space for everyone.

What we did:

- On Monday, we invited the children to wear odd socks to celebrate the message that it's good to be different and to show support for each other.
- On Thursday, we had a special assembly focusing on what "Power for Good" looks like in our school: caring for each other, speaking up if something is wrong, and being a reliable friend.
- Throughout the week, each class took part in activities and discussions about bullying: what it is, how it feels, how we respond, and how we build kindness instead.



How you can help at home:

- Talk with your child about what power means in everyday life. Encourage them to think of one thing they can do this week "for good" - at home, at the park, online, or at school.
- Ask them what they did this week in class around bullying and kindness. What made them feel good? What did they try?
- Reinforce the message that if they see someone being unkind or feeling left out, they can and should tell a trusted adult - and they can also step in in positive ways such as asking the person to join in, offering help, or being a friend.
- Encourage extra kindness: writing to a friend, standing beside someone who is alone, or complimenting someone. All these are powerful.

## 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.

## ROCKSTEADY CONCERT

Families are warmly welcomed to attend our Rocksteady concert on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. There will be no afternoon assembly on this day.

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## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to you all for your support with Children in Need today. The children enjoyed the day, and taking part in this special and meaningful event in school.

Please visit <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> to donate.

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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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item to Bring</b>
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 all so much for your generosity. You have filled in excess of 60 boxes this year! We are so proud to have such a kind and supportive school community. The boxes will be given to a vulnerable child, or family, through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages in Eastern Europe.

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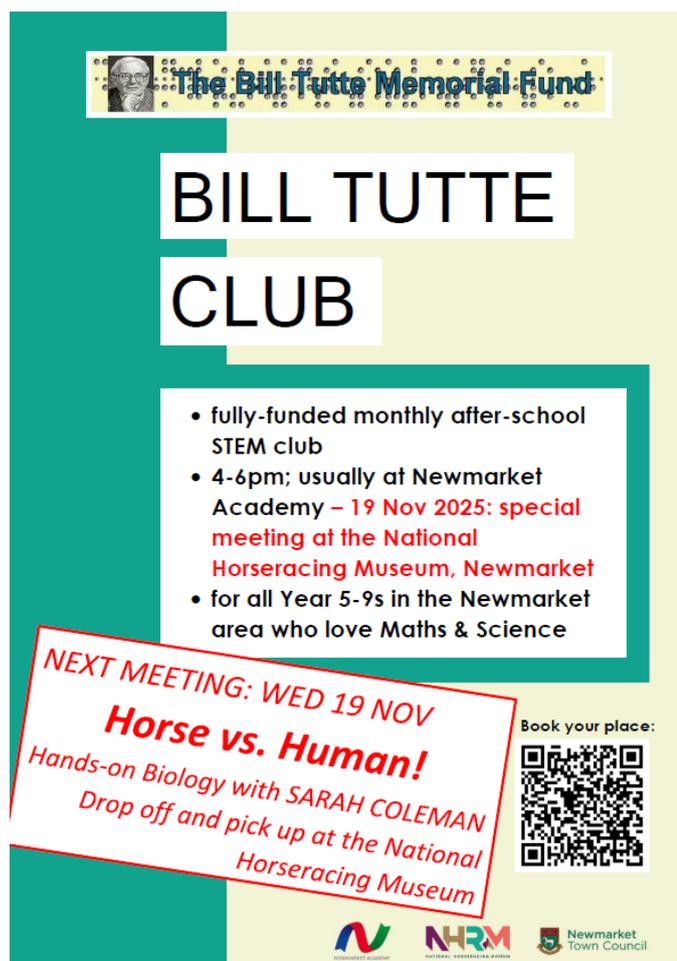
## AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB

After Christmas, we will be offering an after school gymnastics club during the first half term on Tuesdays from 6<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 for those that will be in years 1,2, 3 and 4. If you would like your child to take part in the afterschool club please ensure you pay using the online School Gateway system. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis, so please pay promptly to avoid disappointment. **Only those who have paid in advance will be added to the register to attend.**

The club will run on the following dates:

6th January, 13th January, 20th January, 27th January, 3rd February, 10th February

After School gymnastics will finish at 4.30pm



The Bill Tutte Memorial Fund

# BILL TUTTE CLUB

- fully-funded monthly after-school STEM club
- 4-6pm; usually at Newmarket Academy – 19 Nov 2025: special meeting at the National Horseracing Museum, Newmarket
- for all Year 5-9s in the Newmarket area who love Maths & Science

**NEXT MEETING: WED 19 NOV**  
**Horse vs. Human!**  
Hands-on Biology with SARAH COLEMAN  
Drop off and pick up at the National Horseracing Museum

Book your place:







ELLESMERE CENTRE

# Christmas Market

SUNDAY 16TH  
NOVEMBER  
11-3PM  
£1 ENTRY  
RAFFLE AND  
REFRESHMENTS

Please find above a reminder of the next meeting of the Bill Tutte Club – the after-school STEM club for Year 5-9s in the Newmarket area who love Maths & Science.

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## COOKERY IN ROBINS

This week, our Reception pupils have been working on a Design Technology project. The children began by creating their own gingerbread men designs, thinking carefully about patterns and decorations. They then moved on to the practical stage - measuring, mixing and baking their very own gingerbread men. In Drawing Club the children drew a gingerbread man and then to ensure the gingerbread man could escape from the fox, they designed him a beautiful gingerbread house to hide in.

Well done, Robins! You followed your designs brilliantly and decorated your gingerbread men with great care. We hope they taste just as wonderful as they look.



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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 17<sup>th</sup>  
November 2025  
7-8pm

## Where?

Kettlefield's  
Primary School,  
Dullingham.



Kettlefields Primary

**Refreshments  
provided!**

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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 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

3.30PM - 5.30PM

Booking essential as numbers are limited.

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



### **DATES FOR DECEMBER:**

- 06.12 - Christmas Tree Festival Stetchworth (Choir to arrive at 2.15pm)
- 09.12 - Kingfishers & Woodpeckers singing to Jubilee Court residents
- 10.12 - Reception nativity performances (1.30pm and 2.45pm)
- 12.12 - Celebration Assembly 1.30pm (Kingfishers/Woodpeckers Christmas Songs)
- 15.12 - Choir singing at Gredley luncheon at Tattersalls
- 15.12 - Carol concert at Stetchworth Church Peregrines/Swifts 2.00pm - all welcome
- 16.12 - Choir singing at Gredley luncheon at Tattersalls
- 16.12 - PTFA Disco (YR-2 5.00-6.30pm) (Y3-6 6.45-8.15pm)
- 17.12 - Whole School Open Afternoon 3.00pm
- 18.12 - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
- 18.12 - Choir to sing at Ellesmere Centre
- 19.12 - Celebration Assembly 1.45 pm (last Day of Autumn Term)

