

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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

5th December 2025



GENER8 CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

Thank you to the Gener8 Team who visited us this morning to take a whole school assembly. The children were captivated as they brought the Christmas story to life with puppets and singing.

This afternoon, we will be also having the usual celebration assembly at 1.45pm.

OPEN AFTERNOON

On Wednesday 17th 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.



CHRISTINGLE



On Thursday, Robins enjoyed making their own Christingles and learning about the meanings behind each part.

The word 'Christingle' means 'Christ Child' and the tradition helps share the message of Jesus as the light of the world. Each element used in the craft has a special symbolic meaning:

The Orange: Represents the world that God created.
The Red Ribbon (or tape): Symbolises God's love for the world and the blood of Jesus who gave his life for us.
The Sweets and Dried Fruit: These sit on four cocktail sticks and represent all of God's creations and the blessings we receive throughout the four seasons.
The Lit Candle: Placed in the top of the orange, the candle represents Jesus as the light of the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB

After Christmas, we will be offering an after school gymnastics club during the first half term on Tuesdays. The club will run from 6th January to 10th 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 pay using the online School Gateway system. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis; 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 from 3.30pm – 4.30pm on the following dates:

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

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DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

5th December

Celebration Assembly at 1.45pm

6th December

Christmas tree festival at Stetchworth Church (choir to arrive at 2.15pm)

8th December

Singsational and Singing lessons

9th December

Festive Breakfast at Breakfast Club (book via School Gateway App)

Kingfishers & Woodpeckers singing to Jubilee Court residents

Forest School Year 4

Dodgeball Club (last session)

10th December

Flute and recorder lessons

Choir

Piano lessons

Robins Nativity Performance at 1.30pm (doors open at 1.15pm)

Robins Nativity Performance at 2.45pm (doors open at 2.30pm)

12th December

Rocksteady lessons

Christmas song performance Woodpeckers & Kingfishers 1.30pm

15th December

Singsational and Singing lessons

Choir singing at Gredley luncheon at Tattersalls

Swifts & Peregrines carol concert at Stetchworth Church 2.00pm

16th December

Forest School Year 4

PTFA Disco (YR-2 5.00-6.30pm) (Y3-6 6.45-8.15pm)

17th December

Flute and recorder lessons

Choir

Piano lessons

Open afternoon for all classes 3.00-3.30pm

18th December

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Choir to sing at Ellesmere Centre

After School Club Christmas Party

19th December

Rocksteady lessons

Celebration Assembly 1.45 pm (last day of Autumn Term)

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PHOTOGRAPHIC PERMISSION

Following on from our email sent to all parents on Monday, if you haven't done so already, please return your completed form to the school office today. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Stetchworth Church Christmas Tree Festival is on Saturday 6th December (2.00pm - 4.30pm) and our choir will be singing at 2.30pm. Children who have agreed to sing should arrive at 2.00pm. Kingfishers and Woodpeckers tree decorations will be on display at the festival.



Following on from last week's newsletter, Woodpeckers have now completed their designs using different types of stitching; they have learnt how to do running stitch and overstitch and some have even mastered blanket stitch.

NATIVITY PERFORMANCES



We warmly invite family and friends of our Robins class to this year's Nativity performance. There will be two performances on 10th 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 5th December 2025. Tickets will not be issued, as we will keep a register of tickets purchased.

Doors will open 15 minutes before each performance (1.15pm and 2.30pm) and the PTFA will be holding a raffle. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, please bring cash.

CHRISTMAS SONGS ASSEMBLY KINGFISHERS & WOODPECKERS

We will be hosting an assembly on Friday 12th 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 school in a named bag by Friday 5th December. 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 9th December to perform a carol concert to the residents. This will take place during the school day, and the children will be walking there.

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WRAPAROUND CARE

Breakfast Club and After School Club can be booked via the School Gateway App.

Activities week beginning 8 th December	
MONDAY	Elf door hangers
TUESDAY	Christmas quiz
WEDNESDAY	Bracelets & beads
THURSDAY	Mini wreaths
FRIDAY	Worlds' longest paper chain



FALCONRY AT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

On Monday, After School Club were treated to a visit from Clare and Alex from 'Beyond Birds and Falconry' based in Bury St Edmunds. The children were delighted to see the birds of prey in action and to have the opportunity to hold them. It was amazing to experience these beautiful creatures up close and a memorable event for children and staff alike.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT BREAKFAST CLUB ON TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

We're excited to invite the children to our festive Christmas Craft Breakfast Club on Tuesday 9th December.

The morning will include fun Christmas crafts along with a warm breakfast of bacon rolls, sausage baps, or veggie sausage baps.

If you would like your child to take part, please book them into Breakfast Club for this date via School Gateway. We look forward to a festive and creative start to the day.



FESTIVE
Breakfast Club

BACON BAPS | FESTIVE CRAFTS | SAUSAGE BAPS

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER. 8AM

Vegetarian options available ● ● ● Spaces must be pre booked via School Gateway App

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CAROL CONCERT SWIFTS & PEREGRINES

We are holding our annual carol concert on 15th 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!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas lunch will be served on 18th December. The lunch is free to those in Years R, 1 and 2 and to all children in receipt of pupil premium funding.

For children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6, the usual meal cost of £2.60 applies.

Your child just needs to tell the teacher during registration on the day that they'd like a school dinner, and please top up their Arbor account to cover the cost.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

18th DECEMBER 2025

Our Traditional Festive Roast
or
Quorn fillet
Served with Roast Potatoes,
Chipolata Sausage
Seasonal Vegetables
Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

Followed By
Festive pudding
or Fresh Fruit

LUNCHTIME CO.



KETTLEFIELDS

DISCO
night

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

5.00-6.30PM - RECEPTION & KS1
6.45-8.15PM - KS2

£5 PER TICKET
(INCLUDES A GLOW STICK)

FOR SALE ON THE NIGHT:-
Glitter Facepaint & Light-up Toys - £2 EACH

DISCO NIGHT

To book a place at the disco please visit:
<https://kettlefields-primary-school-events.sumupstore.com/>

Please enter the child's name and year group in the 'merchant' section.

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

Date	Item to Bring
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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Thank you for supporting us in achieving 97.6% attendance at Kettlefields so far this term.

Receiving a good full time education gives children the best possible start in life and best possible outcomes.

Please can we remind parents that holidays taken during term will be unauthorised and can result in a penalty notice fine or court prosecution.

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means number of lessons missed
100%	0 days	0 weeks	0 lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	15.5 weeks	270 lessons

You can find more information on our website: <https://www.kettlefields.cambs.sch.uk/policies>

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GOVERNOR KEY POINTS

Following our recent governor meeting, please see the key points for parents below:

- Governors are delighted to welcome Nicola Ratcliffe to the Governing Body. Nicola lives locally and has joined the Governing Body as a co-opted governor.
- The Governing Body were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Chris Kennedy. He served on the Governing Body for the past 3.5 years, a role that was very important to him. The Governing Body extend their heartfelt condolences to his wife.
- Governors were pleased that the PCSO delivered a Road Safety Week assembly and assessed parking during their visit. Governors thank parents for complying with the request not to park on the yellow zigzags and encourage all to continue to do so, as parking on yellow zigzags is legally prohibited.
- The governors would like to thank the PTFA for raising an incredible amount at the recent fireworks and bonfire event.
- The Governing Body have undertaken monitoring visits in Maths, English, Safeguarding, PE, Curriculum and EYFS this academic year, all of which were very positive and constructive



Bottisham
Music
CENTRE

SATURDAY CENTRE @ BVC

9AM - ORCHESTRA

10AM - ROCK SCHOOL

Young people in
Yrs 3-7

Search **Bottisham Music Centre**
on Facebook for more details
or use the **QR code below to**
sign up:



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 **Cambridgeshire
County Council**

DECEMBER 2025

*The following Child and Family Centres
will remain open
(on days which are not Bank Holidays
10am to 3pm) to families over the Holiday period.*

- *Ely Child and Family Centre, East Cambridgeshire
High Barns, Ely, CB7 4RB*
- *Cambourne Child and Family Centre, South Cambridgeshire
Sackville Way, Cambourne, CB23 6HL*
- *The Fields Child and Family Centre, Cambridge
Galfrid Road, Cambridge, CB5 8ND*
- *Oasis Child and Family Centre, Fenland
St. Michaels Avenue, Wisbech, PE13 3NR*
- *Eaton Socon Child and Family Centre, Huntingdonshire
Bushmead Road, St Neots, PE19 8BT*

**Cambridgeshire
Child and Family
Centres**

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DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



Scan QR code to find out more!

98%

OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD LOVES OR ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY BAND LESSONS

94%

OF PARENTS SAY ROCKSTEADY IMPROVES THEIR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

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