



KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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19th December 2025



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

As we reach the end of the first term of the academic year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a really positive start to the year at Kettlefields.

We are incredibly proud of how our Reception pupils have settled into life at Kettlefields. They have adapted so quickly to school routines and expectations and have approached their first term with enthusiasm and big smiles. It has been a joy to see them grow already in such a short space of time.

We would also like to offer our huge congratulations to Mr Kettle and his wife on the arrival of their baby boy, Ruben. We wish them all the very best at this exciting time. Mr Kettle will now be taking paternity leave and will return a little later in the new year. During his absence, the Swifts class will be very well cared for by Mrs Marsh.

This term has been fun-filled and extremely busy, with an enormous amount achieved. Highlights have included sporting fixtures, the Nativity performance, our Carol Concert, the Choir at Tattersalls, a Rocksteady concert, and so much more in between. The children have worked incredibly hard and embraced every opportunity.

A huge thank you to the PTFA for arranging such a brilliant visit from Father Christmas and his elves this week. We are also very grateful to Deerfield Farm for once again providing transport for Father Christmas this year. The PTFA very kindly funded Christmas presents for every child, and we are so thankful for their ongoing support and the incredible enrichment opportunities they provide for our children.

This week we say goodbye to Miss Hurst and Miss Grice, who have been with us this term for their trainee teacher placements. They have been a real asset to the school, and we wish them every success for the rest of the academic year. We are confident they will go on to be fantastic teachers and do incredibly well in their training. In the new year, we look forward to welcoming a new trainee teacher to Kettlefields and working with her for the remainder of her placement.

Finally, we would like to wish all of our families a very restful and enjoyable Christmas break. A reminder that Monday 5th January is a PD day and the school will be closed. We return to school on Tuesday 6th January and very much look forward to seeing everyone then.

Warmest wishes, The Kettlefields Team

OPEN AFTERNOON

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Open Afternoon on Wednesday. It is always a lovely opportunity for the children to share the hard work they have produced this term with their families. We were delighted with the fantastic turnout once again, and we thank you all for taking the time to come along and support the children.

DIARY DATES

19th December

- Celebration Assembly
1.45 pm (last day of Autumn Term)

5th January 2026

- PD Day

6th January

- Spring Term starts
- Forest School Year 3 (last one)
- Gymnastics After School Club 3.30-4.30pm

7th January

- Flute & recorder lessons
- Piano & singing lessons
- Rugby After School Club 3.30-4.30pm

9th January

- Rocksteady lessons
- Celebration Assembly
1.45pm

Please see the separate attachment for a list of dates for next term.

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FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT

Thank you to our PTFA for supporting Santa's visit this week.



It was a joy to see the children's reactions to our special visitor and his elves!

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KINGFISHERS & WOODPECKERS CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY



The children from Kingfishers and Woodpeckers performed a lovely Christmas assembly last Friday afternoon, entertaining parents, siblings, and grandparents beautifully.

A special highlight was the BSL signing, a thoughtful and inclusive touch. Learning and using British sign language is an important skill for the children, and it was wonderful to see them putting it into practice so confidently.

CHOIR OUT & ABOUT

Well done to the Choir for singing so beautifully at Tattersalls on Monday and Tuesday, giving visitors a warm welcome to the Gredley Luncheon.

Thank you to Crown Catering for the delicious sausage rolls and hot chocolate, a perfect treat to keep us warm on chilly days.



The choir also gave a fantastic performance for the Community Hub and Lunch Club at the Ellesmere Centre on Thursday afternoon.

Thank you again to Mrs Todd for leading our choir.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

A huge thank you to Mrs Gibbard for preparing our wonderful Christmas lunch on Thursday.

Providing such a delicious meal for the whole school and staff team is no small task, and it was enjoyed by everyone.

The children looked brilliant in their Christmas jumpers, helping to create a lovely festive atmosphere and a fun-filled day.



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CAROL CONCERT

Well done to Swifts and Peregrines for entertaining families at St Peter's Church in Stetchworth on Monday afternoon. The carol concert was a lovely event, with fantastic singing enjoyed by all.

PTFA DISCO

A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising, selling tickets for, and running Tuesday night's disco. We are incredibly grateful for all their support, and it was great to see how much the children enjoyed the evening. Thank you also to the staff who stayed on late to help supervise and support the event.

FOREST SCHOOL NEXT HALF TERM

During the next half term, Year 5 pupils will be participating in weekly Forest School sessions. The dates of the sessions are:

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

During Forest School children are encouraged to work with others to carry out activities such as den building, role-play, exploration, practical and creative skills, and tasks. To ensure that the children are sufficiently protected from the weather and the forest environment **we require children to come to school dressed in appropriate warm clothing and footwear on forest school days.** Clothing may get muddy so old, home clothes are best with wellies or enclosed shoes/boots to change in to.



PARENT MEETING FOR RESIDENTIAL TO WILLERSLEY CASTLE

Year 5 & year 6 children are looking forward to their residential visit to Willersley Castle (9th-11th March 2026). On Monday 19th January we are holding an online information meeting for parents. We will email a link to parents nearer the time.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

A huge thank you to everyone in the Kettlefields community for your generous Reverse Advent donations. We have already delivered one car load to the food bank, with a second car full to be delivered next week, just in time for Christmas. We are proud to be supporting the Trussell Trust by dropping donations at a local hub, helping families in our community at a time when support is especially important. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to those in need this Christmas. Thank you for your support.



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AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB

There is very limited space left in next half term's after school gymnastics club. The club is on every Tuesday from 6th January to 10th February 2026 for those that will be in years 1,2, 3 and 4. The club will run from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

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.

SHOW JUMPING

Well done to Millie for representing Kettlefields at the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) qualifier in Chelmsford on Tuesday. Millie had a fantastic time and produced a super clear in the 50cm show jumping.



PEREGRINES' POLAR EXPRESS

A large-scale DT project was underway in Peregrines today, with pupils creating an impressive Polar Express scene complete with a train, mountain range, snowmen, and Santa in his sleigh, all made from recycled cardboard.

The PTFA kindly gifted £500 to each class as an early Christmas present, enabling Mr Pinnock to purchase specialist Makedo tools designed especially for children to work safely with cardboard. The Peregrines have had loads of fun designing, building, and bringing their ideas to life, making this a lovely way to end the term.



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SANTA TRAINING IN ROBINS

For their final PE lesson before Christmas, Robins took part in some very special Santa Training!

The children jumped down chimneys with straight legs and arms by their sides, carefully balanced along snowy rooftops, and made sure the reindeer were fit by taking them over hurdles.

They then delivered presents on Santa's sleigh, led by the reindeer, before finishing with some fantastic elf skating, expertly avoiding rocks and boulders along the way!



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WOODPECKERS CLASS



For their end of term treat, the children chose to make biscuits. There were lots of skills on show: reading instructions, measuring ingredients and working as a team.

They turned out so well and there were some lovely decorations. The best part of course was the tasting!

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WOODPECKERS' DT & SCIENCE END OF UNIT PROJECT

The Woodies designed and created a Christmas-themed model to showcase their learning from the electricity unit. Using circuits and switches, they successfully made Rudolph's nose light up.

The challenge required them to apply all the skills they had learned, including constructing a complete circuit, adding a switch, and carefully concealing the wiring within their design.

The finished projects demonstrated creativity, problem-solving, and a strong understanding of how electrical components work together.



KINGFISHERS PUT MATERIALS TO THE TEST



The Kingfishers have been consolidating their knowledge of materials by building houses from a variety of resources, including lolly sticks, sugar cubes, Lego, paper, card, and straws.

Inspired by the story of *The Three Little Pigs*, they tested their creations using a hairdryer as the "big bad wolf" to see which houses could withstand the blow.



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Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

The EIFA team would like to present our workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues for **January**. Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Managing Sibling Rivalry	Tuesday, 13 January 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 
Managing Challenging Behaviours	Thursday, 15 January 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 
Supporting Your Child with Sleep	Tuesday, 20 January 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 
Supporting Your Child with Sleep – Evening session	Tuesday, 20 January 2026, 18:00-19:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 
Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Thursday, 22 January 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Tuesday, 27 January 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 

Our colleagues in the Targeted Support team are also running the following online workshops:

Improve the Communication with Your Partner to Support Your Children	Monday 26 January & 2 February 2026, 12:00-13:00	Book onto these workshops at: 2026 workshop booking form or via 
Improve the Communication with Your Ex-Partner to Support Your Children	Wednesday 28 January & 4 February 2026, 12:00-13:00	

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

The EIFA team would like to present our newly updated workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues for **February**.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings – Evening session	Monday, 2 February 2026, 18:00-19:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry – Evening session	Thursday, 5 February 2026, 18:00-19:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 
An Introduction to Family Wellbeing	Tuesday, 10 February 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk