



KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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9th January 2026

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. It has been wonderful to see everyone return so happily for the spring term, even though the weather has felt anything but spring-like! A special welcome to Blake who started this week in Swifts Class.

We also welcome trainee teacher, Miss Radley who is working alongside Mrs Mallyon in Kingfishers Class.



It was lovely to see the children enjoying the snow on Tuesday and making the most of the wintry conditions. We are very much looking forward to another busy and exciting term here at Kettlefields, with plenty of learning, enrichment opportunities and fun for everyone.



APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN RECEPTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Just a quick reminder that the application date for Reception 2026 closes on 15th January 2026; families with younger siblings due to start in September 2026 need to apply before next Thursday.

YEAR 6 SATS MEETING FOR PARENTS

Parents of children in Year 6 are invited to a meeting at school on Tuesday 27th January in the Peregrines Classroom. The meeting starts after school at 3.40pm and will last around 30 minutes. We strongly encourage all Year 6 parents to attend. We will email further details to all year 6 parents shortly.

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.



SMART WATCHES

Please can we remind parents that smart watches should not be brought into school. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

9th January

- Celebration Assembly 1.45 pm

12th January

- Singational

13th January

- Forest School Year 3
- Gymnastics After School Club 3.30-4.30pm

14th January

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

16th January

- Rocksteady
- Celebration Assembly 1.45 pm

19th January

- Online meeting for parents of children attending residential in March (Years 5 & 6)

22nd January

- Year 3 visit to Museum of Archaeology

27th January

- SATS Information meeting at Kettlefields for parents of Year 6 Children 3.40pm

27th January & 3rd February

- Year 2 visits to Cambridge Science Centre

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FOREST SCHOOL THIS HALF TERM

Year 3 pupils begun their weekly Forest School sessions this week.

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.

The remaining dates of the sessions are: 13th, 20th & 27th January / 3rd & 10th February



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ROBINS ARTWORK

The Reception children have produced some amazing bird artwork this week by observing shape, detail, & pattern. Their drawings will form the starting point of their new art project & give a glimpse into the work the children will be developing.

Over the next three weeks, the Robins will explore the work of William Morris & his daughter May Morris, discovering how patterns can be found in nature. They will create their own clay birds, which will be brought together to form a shared artwork piece, reflecting Morris's belief in handmade, collaborative art.

We are really looking forward to seeing how the children's artwork develops over the next three weeks.



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COLLAGE ART IN KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have also been busy in art. They started this term with collage art. Using different shapes and colours they each created their own '2026' design.

HAPPY DAYS PHOTO SUBSCRIPTION

Please find attached details of our monthly School Photo Subscription offer which is available at the start of each new term. The scheme is only open for a short window to ensure that new direct debits are set up and ready for the first payment collection.

****The deadline for all new sign-ups is Tuesday 20th January 2026****

To register, please visit: <http://www.happydays.photos/>

If you do not wish to subscribe you will still have the opportunity to purchase school photographs with a one-off payment. Please ignore this message if you registered in September.



WRAPAROUND CARE

Activities week beginning 12 th January	
MONDAY	Art for display in school hall
TUESDAY	Bingo
WEDNESDAY	Games
THURSDAY	Beads & bracelet making
FRIDAY	Ring games

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are delighted to welcome April and Alana as volunteers at our after-school club each Wednesday this term. The girls are pupils from Bottisham Village College and are completing the volunteering section of their Duke of Edinburgh award at Kettlefields.

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, students are required to commit to a regular volunteering role over a set period of time. This involves giving their time reliably, developing new skills, taking responsibility, and making a positive contribution to the local community. April and Alana will be planning activities, organising and leading games, and supporting the children at after-school club, while also reflecting on their experiences and personal development as part of the award requirements.

We are really pleased to be welcoming them and look forward to the enthusiasm, creativity, and support they will bring to the club this term.