

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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



13th February 2026

HALF TERM BREAK

It has been a busy and productive half term. Despite the rather dreary weather at times, we have made the most of every day and have managed to get outside daily for some fresh air and a run around, including time in Wonderland, taking part in Forest School, enjoying PE, heading out on winter walks, participating in Rugby Club, and making the most of break time and lunchtime play.

We have also taken part in several trips this half term, including visits to the National Horse Racing Museum, the Cambridge Science Centre, and the Museum of Archaeology in Cambridge. These experiences have supported and enriched the children's learning beyond the classroom.

We have been pleased to welcome new children to our school this half term; they have settled in so well.

We do still have some tables available at our PTFA Quiz Night, hosted by Mrs Palmer. These evenings are always a fantastic, fun-filled night out, so please do gather a team together, sign up, and raise funds for the PTFA while enjoying a great evening.

As we head into the holidays, we would like to wish everyone a restful and happy break. We look forward to seeing you all back in a week's time for another busy half term ahead, with lots of exciting things planned in the run-up to Easter.

We are particularly looking forward to celebrating Healthy Half Term, with more information about this, including details of our sponsored fun run, on the next page.

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QUIZ!

£5 PER PERSON

Join us at **Kettlefields Primary School** for our amazing Quiz Night! Compete for prizes, have some fun, and show off your smarts! Bring your friends and your brain power for an unforgettable night of trivia. Maximum 6 people per team

Friday, 13th March | 7:00pm

PRIZES • DRINKS • RAFFLE

TO BOOK:
<https://kettlefields-primary-school-events.sumupstore.com>

DIARY DATES

13th February

- Celebration Assembly 1.45 pm

16th-20th February

HALF TERM BREAK

23rd - 27th February

- Virtual Parent Consultations
- Pony Academy Group 1

23rd February

- Singational

24th February

- Forest School Year 5

25th February

- Flute & recorder lessons
- Piano & singing lessons
- Lunchtime Choir
- Rugby After School Club 3.30-4.30pm
- Gymnastics session 3.30-4.30pm

27th February

- Celebration Assembly 1.45 pm
- Gymnastics session 2.15-3.15pm

2nd - 6th March

- Pony Academy Group 2

3rd March

- Gymnastics competition at Newmarket Academy (am)
- Dental Survey for 5 year olds

5th March

- English Challenge at Teversham School

Friday 6th March

- Celebration of World Book Day
- Rocksteady
- Celebration Assembly 1.45pm

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PARENT CONSULTATIONS 23RD – 27TH FEBRUARY

Our Spring term parent consultations are now available to book. The school uses a system called School Cloud to conduct virtual parent consultations.

Please visit <https://kettlefields.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments. Login with the following information:

Student's First Name / Student's Surname / Student's Date of Birth

HEALTHY HALF TERM

After half term, Kettlefields will once again be taking part in our Healthy Half Term - the time of year where we are celebrating healthy living and healthy choices.

During this period, much of our learning and focus will be based around keeping the human body healthy, within subjects such as: science, PSHE, PE and DT. We will be learning all about balanced diets, healthy food choices, how to keep ourselves fit and how the human body functions. During lessons, we will, where appropriate, have a focus on active learning to support teaching. For this reason, we are inviting children and staff to wear trainers to school every day.

We are also asking children to make healthy choices for snacks they bring in to eat at break time.

To bring our Healthy Half Term to an end, the whole school will be participating in a Sponsored Run on the last day of term. This will be running instead of celebration assembly and we are inviting parents to spectate and take part in the run as well.

We will be sending out sponsorship forms after half term.

FUN RUN

Friday 27th March from 13.15

Parents welcome to join or cheer on

Fun run payments can be made in cash, via sum up or by scanning the QR code

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SPONSORSHIP FORMS WILL BE IN CHILDRENS BOOK BAGS

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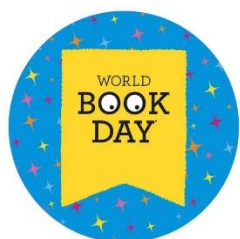
PTFA BREAK THE RULES DAY

Thank you to our PTFA for organising today's Break the Rules day. As always, the children have thoroughly enjoyed the day; thank you to parents for your donations. Overall, we have raised a fantastic £421.00.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To encourage and help them on their reading journey, every child will receive a £1 book token which can be exchanged for one free World Book Day book or £1 off a book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more information about this on the token given or the World Book Day website.

Although World Book Day is officially on Thursday 5th March, we will be marking the day on Friday 6th March. **All children are invited to come to school as a book character on Friday 6th March.**



Every class will be taking part in book related activities. The children will be encouraged to explore different books and to see which ones catch their imagination! Please do not feel that you should go out and buy a costume - the whole idea is for children to think about character costumes they could create using their imagination and items they already have at home - it gives the children to think of all the different books they have read or seen on shelves and what is manageable and adaptable by using their imagination - it is definitely NOT necessary or in any way expected (or encouraged) for this event to cost our families money through costume buying.

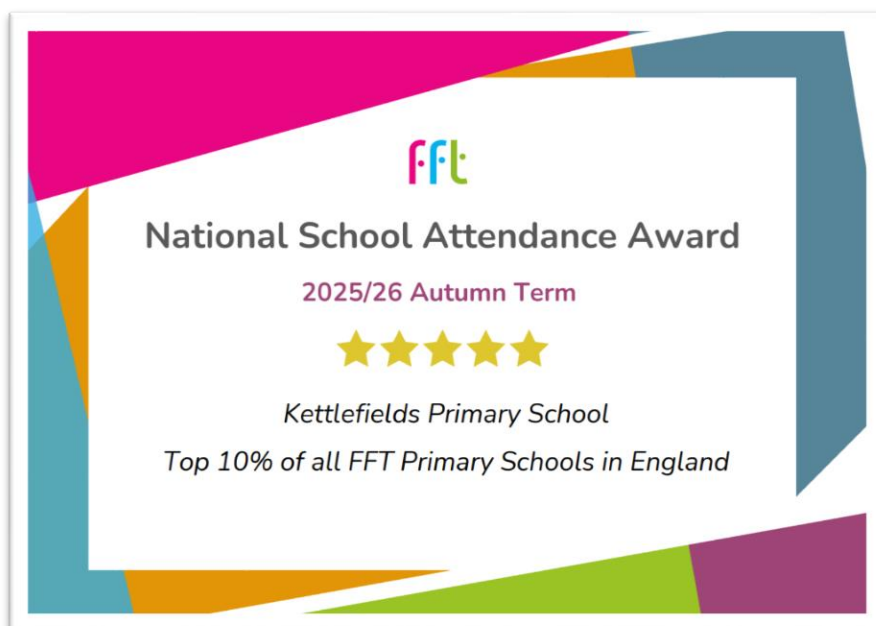
NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AWARDS

We are delighted to have been awarded certificates by the Fischer Family Trust in recognition of our good school attendance.

Our whole school attendance is currently 96% for this academic year, which is in the top 10% of all primary schools in England and also the top 10% of similar schools.

Thank you for supporting us by following our guidelines around absence for illness. Dental & optician appointments should be made after school or during school holidays. If this is not possible and you need to take your child out of school, please provide a copy of the appointment letter/email, or a screenshot of the appointment reminder.

Please can we remind parents that term time holidays cannot be authorised and may result in a penalty notice or court prosecution in line with government guidance.



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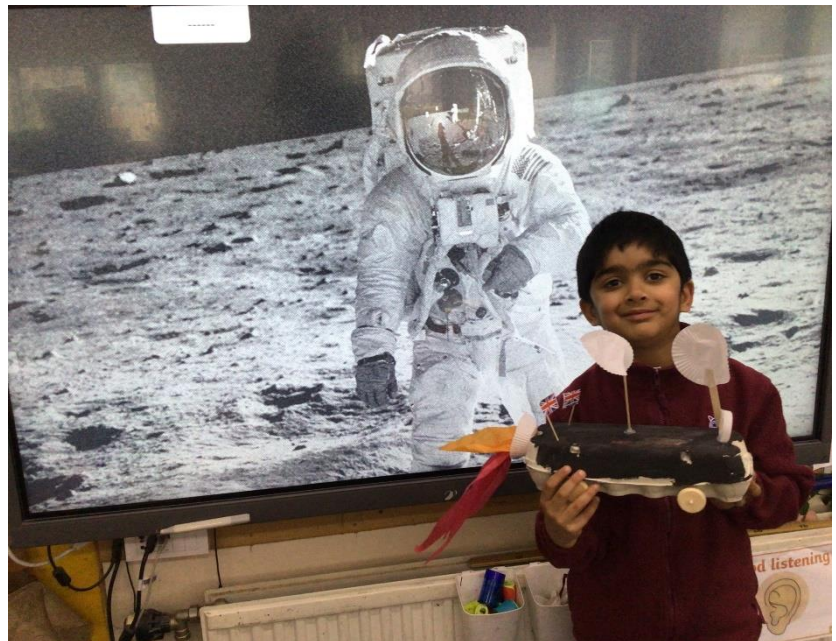
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MOON BUGGIES

The Kingfishers have been learning about wheels and axles by making their own moon buggies. First, they designed their buggies and talked about their designs and ideas. They then built their models and tried them out.

The children worked hard, shared ideas and showed great creativity with some ingenious designs.



PONY ACADEMY

Our year 6 children are looking forward to their visits to the Pony Academy in Newmarket next half term. The first group will attend the Academy on the week beginning 23rd February and the second group on the following week (week beginning 2nd March).

Please come to school in practical outdoor clothing (jogging bottoms/leggings with long socks and a waterproof coat). Please remove any earrings. All children will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

The academy finishes at 2.10pm every day with the minibus returning to school at around 2.25pm. This means that the children attending are likely to finish school slightly later than the usual time on Friday.



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TELL ME A DRAGON



Year 2 have been creating pages for their very own book about dragons, inspired by 'Tell Me a Dragon' by Jackie Morris.

The children designed and illustrated their own unique dragons, using watercolour paints to create beautiful, detailed artwork before writing descriptions of them. In their writing, they used vocabulary to describe their dragon's appearance and personality, which included expanded noun phrases, and an apostrophe to show possession. We are so proud of the children's creativity, artistic skills and their application of key grammar skills.



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RAMADAN

Robin and Kingfishers learnt about the Islamic faith in RE this week. They learnt that followers of Islam are called Muslims and that next Tuesday 17th February Ramadan starts. Ramadan is observed by Muslims worldwide as a time of fasting, prayer, reflection and community.

They learnt that Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset; they eat a big meal in the morning called Suhoor and another in the evening called Iftar. The children enjoyed a feast of vegetable curry with rice, samosas, poppadums and mango chutney!



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YEAR 1 VISIT TO HORSERACING MUSEUM



Year 1 had a fantastic trip to the National Horseracing Museum this week. The children loved travelling in the minibus & were very excited for their trip out.

They learned lots through a range of different topics & workshops, including exploring the words we use to describe different kinds of animals. They met the horses & discovered what they eat, took part in a Magnificent Mammals workshop, & compared Horse Vs Human in the Maktoum Gallery. The day also included a creative make & create session. A really nice trip day that was enjoyed by all!



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SHOWJUMPING

Another amazing evening on Wednesday for the Kettlefields Equestrian Show Jumping Team at Beechwood Equestrian Centre.

Well done to all, for your brilliant riding achievements.

40cm Lead Rein

- 1st - Will
- 2nd - Autumn
- 3rd - Daisy
- 3rd - Neyva (assisted)

50cm Class

- 2nd - Florence
- 5th - Blake

60cm Class

- 4th - Millie



SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday this week, our school joined the global celebration of Safer Internet Day. This year's theme focussed on 'Smart tech, safe choices - Exploring the safe and responsible use of Artificial Intelligence'.

In class we learnt about what AI is and identified technologies that use AI; we then discussed how to use AI technology safely.

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WRAPAROUND CARE

Breakfast Club and After School Club can be booked via the School Gateway App. For After School Club, if you are booking on the day of the session, please note that online bookings close at 1.00pm.



After School Club enjoyed decorating their valentine biscuits on Thursday this week!

Activities week beginning 23 rd Feb 2026	
MONDAY	Bingo
TUESDAY	Mini Winter Olympics
WEDNESDAY	Games night
THURSDAY	Crafts
FRIDAY	Ring games



FINAL FOREST SCHOOL SESSION FOR YEAR 3

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 3 rounded off their Forest School sessions with a campfire and marshmallow toasting. Everyone had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed their tasty treats!



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FOREST SCHOOL FOR YEAR 5 NEXT HALF TERM

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

24th February, 3rd March, 17th March, 24th March



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.

FOOTBALL FUN FACTORY

Football sessions are now available to book. These will take place after school during the summer term. To book visit <https://thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/>



**KettleFields Primary School
After School Club**

**Tuesday's 3:30 - 4:30
14th April to 19th May
Key stage 1**

**REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE
WWW.THEFOOTBALLFUNFACTORY.CO.UK**



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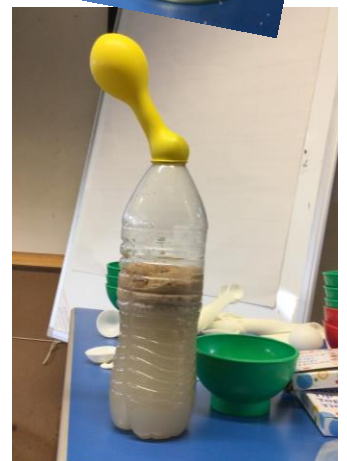
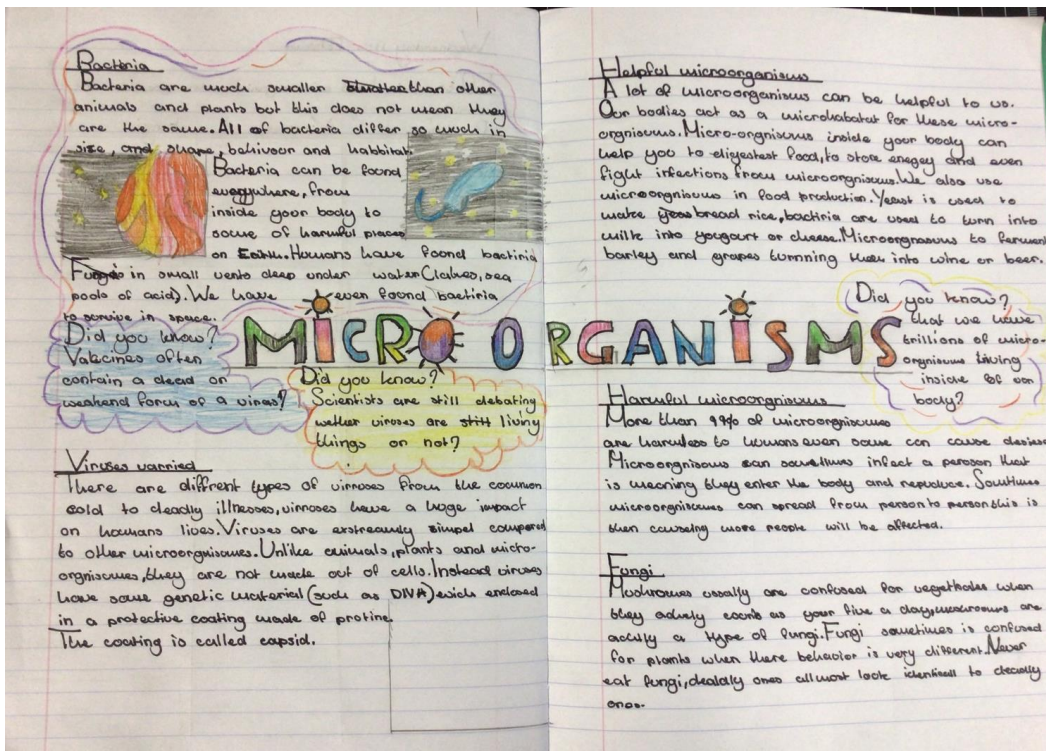
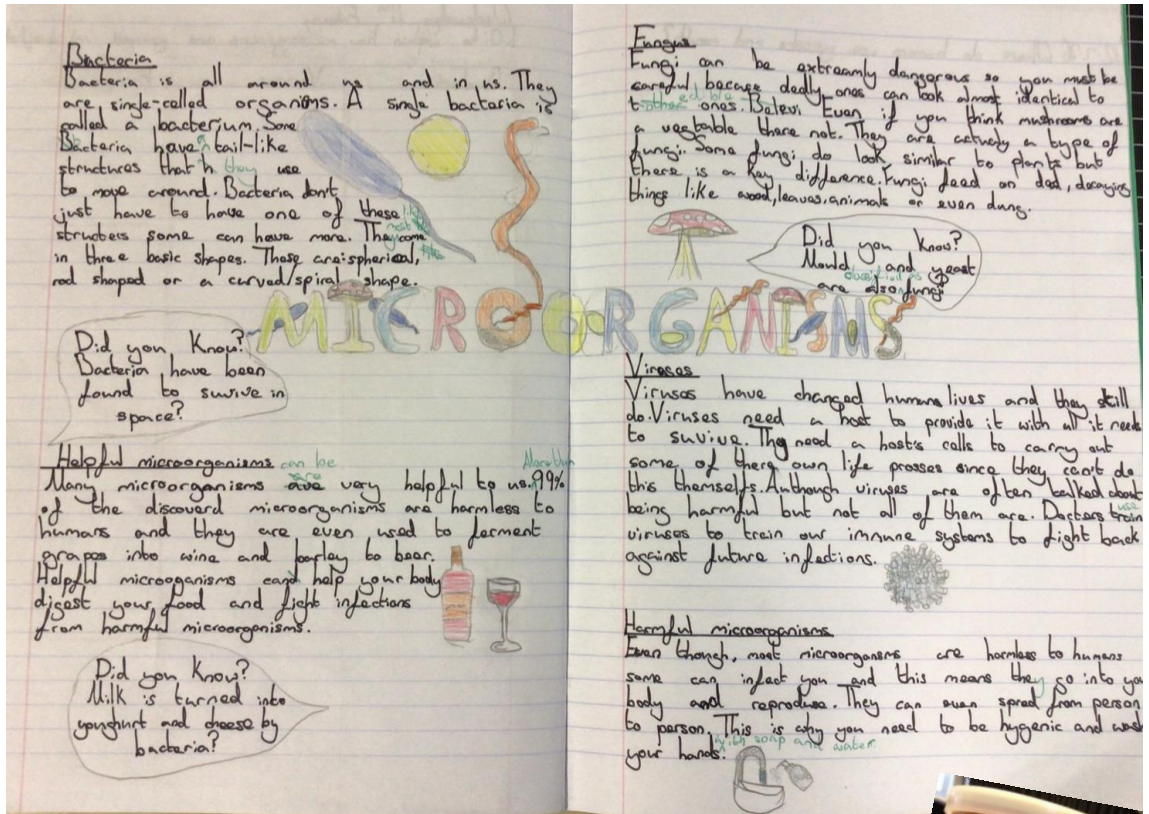
**Tuesday's 3:30 - 4:30
2nd June to 7th July
Key stage 2**

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SWIFTS SCIENCE

Over the last 2 weeks, Swifts have been studying microorganisms. They have researched the types of microorganisms, how they impact humans and what's so special about them. The children carried out an experiment to see if yeast was alive and how it respires. They then produced some beautiful double page spreads detailing their learning across the last two science lessons.



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RIVERS OF LIGHT ASSEMBLY

Thank you to the Chalk Stream Trust who came to Kettlefields to take an assembly on Thursday.

The children heard about Newmarket's chalk streams. These streams, among only 250 in the world, flow through areas like Exning, Tattersalls Park Paddocks, and towards Wicken Fen, often appearing as "hidden" or "lost" rivers in the town's landscape.

The Newmarket Chalk Streams Trust, established in 2024, works to conserve these, with community initiatives designed to raise awareness.

THIS HALF TERM HOLIDAY, celebrate our Chalk Streams with two FREE family-friendly events!



1 - FREE Lantern Making Session

- **SUNDAY 15 February** (first Sunday of the holiday)
- **Memorial Hall, Newmarket**

There are three sessions, **1-2pm, 2-3pm or 3-4pm**

All you need to do is go to Eventbrite and book your free place:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lantern-making-workshop-rivers-of-light-tickets-1981320267255>

2 - FREE Rivers of Light Parade

- **SATURDAY 21 February** (last Saturday of the holiday)
- **Start and End Point – Studlands Park Sports and Social Club, Brickfields Avenue** (*what3words: ///waggled.rooting.moth*)
- **6:30pm start** (no tickets needed for the Parade – just come & join us!)
 - led by the Newmarket Samba Band
 - bring your lanterns or torches!
 - the walk is 1km (0.6miles)
 - hot crepes available to buy on return (outside the Social Club)

- **From 7:30pm – Live Music in the Social Club – you will need a free ticket** to enter the Social Club for our local live music and the bar, because spaces in the Club are limited – **get your free ticket here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rivers-of-light-live-music-730pm-tickets-1981861917345?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information, please visit
www.newmarketchalkstreamtrust.co.uk