

# KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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



13<sup>th</sup> March 2026



### COMIC RELIEF FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH NON UNIFORM DAY

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March will be a non-uniform day in support of Comic Relief and we are inviting children to wear something red. If you would like to donate to comic relief, please make an online donation:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>

### ROCKSTEADY CONCERT



Well done to our Rocksteady performers this morning. We loved your enthusiasm and we can see how your musical skills and confidence are developing.

Thank you to everyone who came along to watch.

### SCHOOL MEALS

After Easter, there will be a new menu for lunches, please see the separate attachment for the details. The price of a school meal will be increasing to £2.70 from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free meals, together with children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.

If you think you could be eligible for Pupil Premium, please visit the link below, which gives further information on criteria and how to apply:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>

### DIARY DATES

#### 13<sup>th</sup> March

- NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TODAY
- Football completion at Bottisham Village College 1.30-4.30pm

#### 16<sup>th</sup> March

- Individual Photographs
- Singsational

#### 17<sup>th</sup> March

- Forest School Year 5

#### 18<sup>th</sup> March

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

#### 20<sup>th</sup> March

- Comic Relief non-uniform day (wear red)
- Rocksteady
- Robins Active Families Session 1.10pm
- NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

#### 24<sup>th</sup> March

- Year 4 visit to Cambridge Festival

#### 26<sup>th</sup> March

- After School Club Easter Party

#### 27<sup>th</sup> March

- Last Day of Spring Term
- Sponsored run 1.15pm
- NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

#### 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April

- EASTER HOLIDAYS

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## RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO WILLERSLEY CASTLE

On Monday, our year 5 & 6 children travelled to Willersley Castle in Derbyshire for a three day residential.

It was an action packed stay, with lots of fresh air and fun, and memories made. The children took part in a variety of outdoor pursuits: fencing, canoeing, zip lines, aero ball and more.

They threw themselves into the activities and thoroughly enjoyed their stay. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their personal self-esteem and confidence, as well as building social and team building skills.



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## FLUTE & RECORDER CONCERT

Flute and recorder students are invited to perform in Mrs Dunton's flute and recorder concert at Bottisham Village College on Monday 27th April 2026 at 6:00pm. They have started practicing and will perform a group piece with story - called Mr. Frog's Birthday. There will also be some solo performances.

## SCIENCE WEEK

There have been lots of activities for Science Week in classes this week.

Woodpeckers have been thinking about healthy eating and how our bodies absorb food. They looked at a model dog skeleton and labelled each part; they then created their own paper model and compared the skeletal structure to the human skeleton. They also looked at a model of a cat and thought about the cat's digestive organs.

Following on from this, they created a model human digestive system using everyday items. A bowl and fork represented the mouth and teeth, and tights were used as the small intestine, which they squeezed to illustrate how nutrients enter the body!



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## CURIOSITY

During British Science Week Robins & Kingfishers have explored what it means to be curious and how asking questions helps us learn more about the world around us.

Robins class have been investigating flowers. They took a keen interest in examining and removing each flower into separate parts, organising stems, flower petals, leaves and seeds into separate bowls. They then learnt about the purpose of each part in their class science discussion.



Kingfishers also learnt about the different parts of a plant and discussed what each part does. They then planted their own seeds and investigated what plants need in order to grow, thinking carefully about the conditions that help them stay healthy.

Continuing their exploration, they used their curiosity to think of their own questions about plants and nature.

The children shared their ideas and created a list of questions they would like to investigate further.



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## WRAPAROUND CARE

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

Activities week beginning 16th March 2026

### MONDAY

Make a mini me

### TUESDAY

Decoupage eggs

### WEDNESDAY

Games night

### THURSDAY

Art & crafts

### FRIDAY

Games & free play

## EID MUBARAK TO ALL OUR FAMILIES CELEBRATING

We know that at the end of this holy month, some of our families are looking forward to an Eid celebration, which is likely to be at the end of next week

If your child will be absent, please let us know by emailing the school office. We hope that you are looking forward to your Eid celebrations, and we wish you a blessed Eid al-Fitr.

## UPCOMING VISITS

If you haven't done so already, please remember to sign the consent and return to the class teacher:

- Year 4 visit to Cambridge Festival – 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Robins visit to Lackford Lakes – 16<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> April
- Year 5 visits to Dalham House Stud, Horseracing Museum & Race Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May & 10<sup>th</sup> July

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## DOODLE LEARNING

For some time at Kettlefields Primary School we have subscribed to the Doodle Learning Platform including Doodle Maths and Doodle English. Over time the use of this site has diminished with just a handful of pupils regularly using it despite regular pushes by class teachers. Although an excellent learning resource the cost has risen 300% since we started using it and it is no longer cost effective for us to continue to subscribe given the low number of regular users. We have therefore made the decision to cancel our subscription as of the end of March 2026. If your child is a regular user and wishes to continue with Doodle Learning, there are parent subscription packages available.

Your child's teacher will share specific free apps and websites for their year group via the Google Classroom.

## Free Educational Websites for Primary Children

There are many high-quality platforms that families can access at home for free, for example:

- **Anton .app** – Anton is the learning platform for schools. Free with no ads. Includes a wide range of subjects.
- **BBC Bitesize** – Offers short lessons, videos and quizzes linked to the UK curriculum for a wide range of subjects.
- **Oak National Academy** – Provides complete video lessons created by teachers, covering many primary subjects.
- **Topmarks** – A collection of interactive games and activities for maths, phonics and other core skills.
- **National Geographic Kids** – Excellent for learning about animals, science and the wider world through videos and quizzes.
- **Oxford Owl** – Offers free e-books, reading advice and maths activities for younger learners.
- **Scratch** – Computer programming

Hit the button, Top Marks, Karate Cat, Twinkl, Phonics Bloom, Times Tables.co.uk, ICT games, Funology, IXL maths, Maths frame and languages online are other web sites recommended by Kettlefields teachers.

## ACTIVE SESSION FOR ROBINS PARENTS

Just a reminder that as part of our Healthy Half Term, Ian Jackson, our school sports coordinator will be running a session for reception parents and their children next Friday (20th March) at 1.10pm.

It will start with a short presentation to parents in the hall (no celebration assembly that day) and then there will be a fun active session outside with your children.

All children will get a goodie bag at the end! If you are unable to attend and can send a grandparent that is also fine. Staff will take part with children who don't have their own adult. Please return the slip to let us know if you are coming.

## HEALTHY HALF TERM SPONSORED RUN

Just a reminder that on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March we are having a sponsored fun run. Please see the separate attachment for further details, together with a sponsorship form, in case you missed this.

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## ART IN ROBINS



Yesterday, Robins had a wonderful art lesson where they drew their own Bog Baby buckets inspired by 'The Bog Baby', one of Mrs Arbon and Mrs Moody's favourite stories.



The children created observational drawings of shells, thinking about light, shade and the sunlight shining into the bucket.



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## ARTBYTES COMPETITION

Our Year 6 children will be entering the Artbytes Competition again this year.

The judging panel will be meeting soon to decide on a shortlist for the competition and we are hoping that some of our pictures will be selected.

From 20<sup>th</sup> March, public voting will open. Please login to the website between 20<sup>th</sup> March and 19<sup>th</sup> April to make a vote.



**VOTE NOW**

FOR YOUR FAVOURITE ARTWORK ONLINE  
FROM FRI 20 MARCH - SUN 19 APRIL 2026

[ARTBYTES.CO.UK/BROWSE-SCHOOLS](https://artbytes.co.uk/browse-schools)

The artwork from each school with the most votes wins a place in the Art Bytes Virtual Gallery. The school with the most votes cast wins the Community Engagement Award.

ArtBytesUK | arbytes2895  
arbytes | arbytes.co.uk

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL School of the Arts

The poster features a young girl holding a colorful abstract painting in a gallery setting. It includes social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and a globe, along with a QR code.



**FOREST ADVENTURE**

Booking now open for our FOREST ADVENTURE CLUB  
Tuesdays during April & May  
3.30-4.30pm  
Open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Hands on activities including den building, bug hunting, real tools, mud kitchen & games

**After School CLUB**

Please bring wellies, snack & change of clothes

Book via School Gateway

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The poster is decorated with illustrations of trees, a compass, and a campfire.

## FOREST ADVENTURE AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Booking is now open for our Forest Adventure Club which starts after Easter.

It is open to all children in Years 3 – 6. Book now to avoid disappointment!