

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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15th May 2026



WELL DONE YEAR 6!

Well done to our Year 6 cohort for the positive attitude and effort they have shown during their SATs this week. We are very proud of the way they approached each day with focus, resilience, and determination.

We also had fantastic starts to each morning with a breakfast prepared by Mrs Gibbard. Tesco in Newmarket kindly donated some breakfast items to the school too. It was a lovely way to begin the day and helped everyone feel ready for the challenges ahead.

The hard work and preparation have really shown, and Year 6 should all feel proud of what they have achieved. Thank you as well to our staff and families for their continued support throughout the week.

Well done, Year 6!

BREAK THE RULES DAY

- WEAR A COSTUME OR NON UNIFORM £2
- HAVE WACKY HAIR £1
- WEAR FACE PAINT £50P
- WEAR NAIL VARNISH £50P
- WEAR TEMPORARY TATTOOS £50P
- WEAR PJS OR SLIPPERS (OUTDOOR SHOES REQUIRED FOR BREAK-TIME) 50P
- HAVE ANY SNACK AT BREAK-TIME (MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS) 50P
- HAVE SQUASH OR JUICE INSTEAD OF WATER (NO ENERGY/FIZZY DRINKS) 50P

FRIDAY 22ND MAY

PLEASE WEAR AN OUTFIT THAT IS SUITABLE FOR PE IF FRIDAY IS YOUR PE DAY.

MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL GATES ON THUE DAY.
ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO THE PTFA

DIARY DATES

15th May

- Celebration Assembly 1.45pm

18th May

- Singsational
- Netball Great Heath Mildenhall (team from Years 5/6) 2.30-5.30pm

19th May

- Skating for Year 4, 5 & 6
- Forest School Year 1
- Forest Adventure After School Club 3.30-4.30pm
- Football Fun Factory 3.30-4.30pm (Years R, 1 & 2)
- Peregrines/Swifts Pop Up WW2 restaurant 5.45pm

20th May

- Rugby Event at Great Shelford (team from Years 5/6) 9.30am-1.30pm
- Piano/singing lessons with Mrs Todd
- Flute/recorder lessons with Mrs Dunton

21st May

- Peregrines/Swifts Pop Up WW2 restaurant 5.45pm

22nd May

- PTFA Break the Rules Day
- Rocksteady
- Celebration assembly 1.45pm

25th-29th May

- HALF TERM BREAK

1st June

- PD DAY

5th June

- Rocksteady Concert 9.00am (no afternoon celebration assembly)

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DIG FOR VICTORY RESTAURANT

Next week our 'Dig for Victory' restaurant will be 'popping up' on Tuesday and Thursday.

Children from Swifts and Peregrines only need to attend on the day that they have a ticket booked. Please arrive at 5.45pm. Once the meal starts you will be able to sit down and eat the meal with your accompanying parent/carer.

We do still have a few tickets still available, so please do book to attend if you haven't yet done so.



**DIG FOR VICTORY
POP-UP RESTAURANT**

POP-UP RESTAURANT

Tuesday, 19th May
Thursday, 21st May

Arrival from 5.45pm

Tickets: £15

Please dress suitably for the occasion!



**ICE CREAM
Fridays**

Prices

£1.00 ice-lollies
£1.50 ice-creams

The Full Governing Body have recently met, and wish to share the following key points with parents.

1. Governors were pleased to approve the budget for 2026/2027 and thanked Mrs Addison for her hard work in setting it and for her diligent and effective management of the school's finances.
2. Governors carefully scrutinised the school data and were pleased to see that it is positive across all areas of the school, reflecting strong progress and outcomes for pupils.
3. Governors were very pleased to note that Admissions have confirmed 20 offers for Reception places for September. In the context of falling national birth rates, governors highlighted how pleased they are that the school's excellent local reputation continues to attract full cohorts. This strong demand supports the long-term sustainability and future success of the school.

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SCIENCE IN KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have been busy in their science lessons this week observing wildflowers and garden plants and learning about the differences between them. They explored the school grounds to discover what is growing naturally in the wild and what has been carefully planted in the gardens. The children enjoyed looking closely at different plants and discussing how they can identify them.



ART IN KINGFISHERS

In art lessons, the Kingfishers have started their projects for our Art Show on 3rd July and are busy perfecting their dragon eye artwork. They have been carefully creating detailed dragon eyes inspired by fantasy art, focusing on making each eye unique and expressive.



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NETBALL & RUGBY EVENTS

For those children in Swifts & Peregrines who are taking part in sports competitions next week, please remember to come to school in your PE kit and to bring a packed lunch and water bottle.



**KettleFields Primary school
After school Club**

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

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE
WWW.THEFOOTBALLFUNFACTORY.CO.UK

FOREST SCHOOL FOR ROBINS NEXT HALF TERM

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

2nd June, 9th June, 16th June, 23rd June, 30th June and 7th July

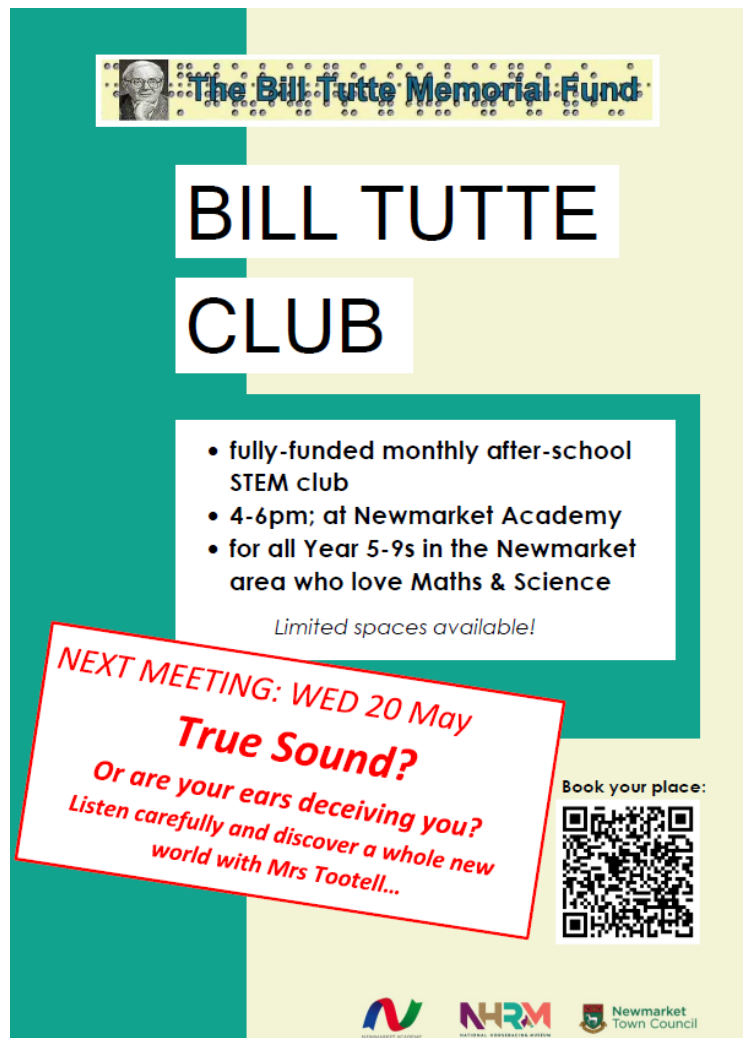
During Forest School children are encouraged to work with others to carry out activities such as den building, role-play, exploration, practical and creative skills, and tasks. To ensure that the children are sufficiently protected from the weather and the forest environment **we require children to come to school dressed in appropriate 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. Please bring a sun hat and apply sun cream in the morning before school.



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GARDENING UPDATE

The gardening team have been hard at work. We've added some sunflowers and marigolds this week. The courgettes, beetroot and cut flowers are getting there. The pigeons seem to be enjoying the Brussels sprouts....



The Bill Tutte Memorial Fund


BILL TUTTE CLUB




- fully-funded monthly after-school STEM club
- 4-6pm; at Newmarket Academy
- for all Year 5-9s in the Newmarket area who love Maths & Science

Limited spaces available!

NEXT MEETING: WED 20 May
True Sound?
Or are your ears deceiving you?
Listen carefully and discover a whole new world with Mrs Tootell...

Book your place:



ASCENSION ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Reverend Virginia, who delivered an interesting assembly to the whole school about Ascension Day. She explained how Ascension marks the day when Jesus ascended into Heaven, forty days after Easter, and why this is an important event in the Christian calendar.

The children listened carefully and enjoyed learning more about the meaning of Ascension and its message of hope, faith, and new beginnings. It was a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to come together in reflection and learning.

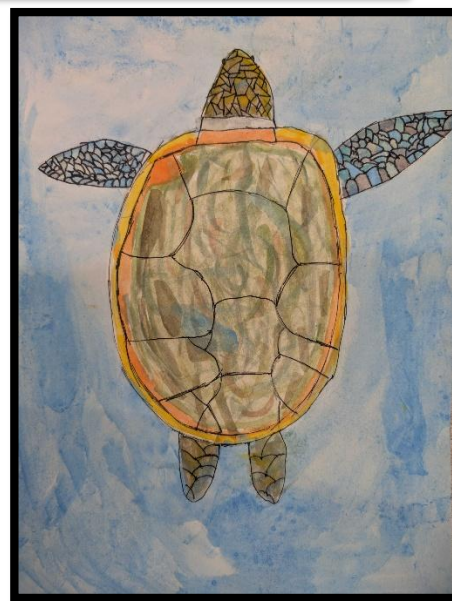
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ART BYTES

Congratulations to Annalise (first place), Simon (second place) and Kinga (third place) for their artwork in the Art Bytes competition. Annalise has also been invited to the regional finals in June at Kettle's Yard in Cambridge, and we wish her the very best of luck.

Art Bytes is a national art competition for young people that celebrates creativity and artistic talent. Pupils create and submit artwork which is then displayed in an online gallery, with selected pieces going on to regional finals held at venues across the country.

Well done all, we are very proud of you.



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

This week, the children in after school club have been taking part in a range of mindfulness activities to support and celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week. They have really enjoyed activities such as pebble painting, calm colouring, and other relaxing creative tasks. These quiet and calming activities have given the children time to slow down, relax, and express themselves after a busy day at school.



MESSAGE FROM SARAH CALLAGHAN, SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION

The Government's Household Support Fund, which the Council has used to finance the holiday voucher scheme, ended on 31 March 2026, but the Council remains committed to enabling all children to thrive. With the absence of ongoing national funding to continue the holiday voucher scheme, to mitigate the impact on families, the Council has used its own resources to provide continued support for the rest of this academic year up to 31 August 2026. This means that eligible families will continue to receive vouchers until the end of the Summer to the value of £10 per week. We are exploring alternative ways to support families beyond the summer using the Government's new Crisis and Resilience Fund. While the eligibility criteria for the Crisis and Resilience Fund are different, it could still provide valuable support to families who meet these criteria and are experiencing severe financial hardship. For May Half Term, we will continue to issue vouchers to those families meeting the low-income criteria for the following support:

- Free school meals - If your child receives Universal Infant Free School Meals (in Reception, Y1 and Y2) but you do not meet the criteria for Income-Related Free School Meals, you will not be eligible for a supermarket voucher during the holiday period.
- Funded childcare for 2 year olds
- Early Years Pupil Premium
- Students in Sixth Form eligible for Free School Meals (young people aged 16-19)



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WRAPAROUND CARE

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

After School Club Activities week beginning 18 th May	
MONDAY	Outdoor fun and games
TUESDAY	Nature hunt
WEDNESDAY	World Bee Day activities 
THURSDAY	Friendship bracelets
FRIDAY	Outdoor play

INLINE SKATING EXPERIENCE – YEARS 4, 5 AND 6

On Tuesday, the Swifts and Peregrines will be taking part in an inline skating workshop – if you haven't already done so please ensure the permission form is returned to the office by Monday.

DRESS CODE: PLEASE COULD YEARS 4, 5 AND 6 CHILDREN WEAR PE KIT WITH SHORTS, TO MAKE GETTING PADS ON EASIER. ANY LONG HAIR TO BE TIED LOW OR IN A PLAIT PLEASE SO HELMETS FIT SECURELY.

NEWMARKET: SECRET WORLD WAR II

On 9th June, we will be taking Year 6 to Newmarket Racecourse for an event entitled 'Newmarket: Secret World War II. If you haven't already done so, please return your permission slip to the office ASAP.

During the darkest days of World War II, the turf of Newmarket served a purpose far beyond racing. It became RAF Newmarket, the secret cradle of the RAF's 'Special Duties' squadrons. Between 1939 and 1942, squadrons operated from these grounds, performing some of the most dangerous missions of the war to drop secret agents and supplies to the Resistance in enemy-occupied Europe.

This project, and school trip, proposes to restore the Secret WW2 history to the site, culminating in the historic landing of a Westland Lysander plane and the unveiling of a permanent commemorative installation to mark Newmarket as a site of global heritage significance.

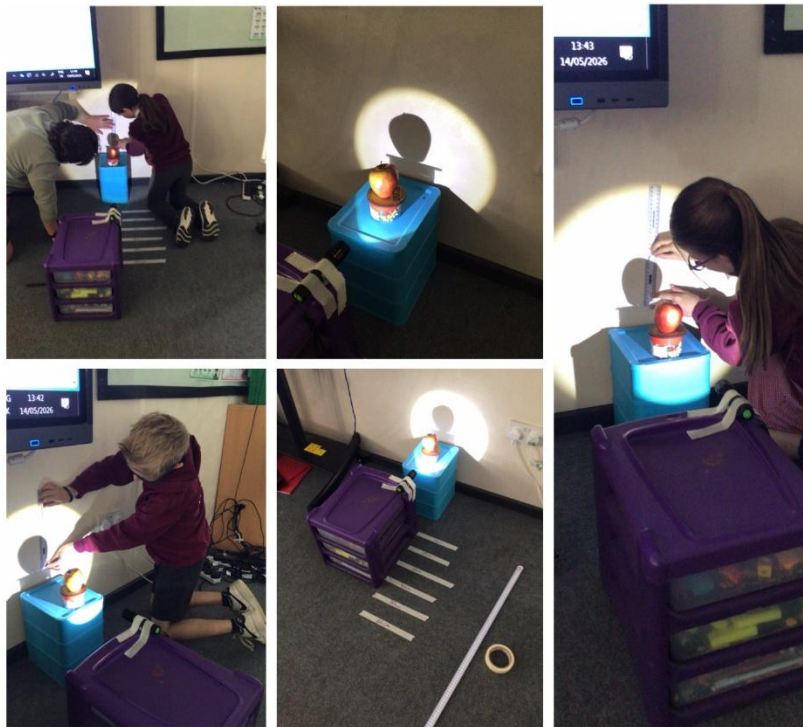
ELLESMERE SHOW

The Woodpeckers have been invited to sing at the Ellesmere Show on Sunday 5th July. We are delighted that we have been invited to take part in such an important community event. Please return your permission slip to the office if you haven't already done so.

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SCIENCE IN SWIFTS

In Swifts, we have been studying light within our science lessons. This week, we looked at shadows and how the distance between a light source and the object it is shining on affects the size of shadows. We found out that if we keep the light source, the angle and the object all remain the same and we just increase the distance between the light source and object, then the shadows will get smaller. We then recorded the results in a table and displayed them using a line graph.



PLEA FOR VEGGIE PLANTS

If anyone has sown seeds and has vegetable plants left over, we would gladly take them off your hands for the school garden. Please bring any donations to the school office.



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BEE EXPERIENCE IN ROBINS

A huge thank you to Mr Gibson for bringing his beehive into school on Thursday, to visit the Robins class. The Reception children absolutely loved learning all about honeybees & trying on the beekeeper outfit.

They completed lots of lovely writing and artwork inspired by bees, & thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The children also loved tasting the honey from the honeybees; it was a big hit!



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Following on from their visit, the Robins pretended to be bees collecting as much pollen as nectar as they could bring back to the hive (classroom) during their phonics lesson.

