

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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12th June 2026



NEW TEACHER APPOINTMENT

We are delighted to announce that Miss Harriet Radley is joining us in September 2026 as our new class teacher. Miss Radley has been working in Kingfisher's class since Christmas alongside Mrs Mallyon and so is known to the children. She will be an excellent addition to our teaching staff.

CLASS STRUCTURE 2026/27

As we begin to look ahead to the next academic year, I would like to share with you our class structure for September, which is very similar to this year's structure. The main difference is that Robins will return to being a Reception / Year 1 class as in previous years, with 10 year one children joining the new reception children.

Class	Year groups	Teachers
Robins	Reception & Year 1	Mrs Arbon/Mrs Moody
Kingfishers	Year 1 & Year 2	Mrs Mallyon
Woodpeckers	Year 2 & Year 3	Miss Radley
Swifts	Year 4 & Year 5	Mrs Palmer
Peregrines	Year 5 & Year 6	Mr Pinnock

In a small rural school such as ours, creating class groups is a complex process that requires a great deal of careful thought, discussion, and planning. Over many weeks, we have considered a wide range of factors including pupil numbers, age ranges, friendships, learning needs, curriculum requirements, and the best ways to support both academic achievement and personal development.

Mixed-age classes are a valued part of our school community and bring many benefits. They provide opportunities for children to learn from one another, develop confidence and leadership skills, and work collaboratively with pupils of different ages and experiences. However, ensuring that every child is in the right learning environment requires us to look carefully at the needs of each year group and cohort.

Our overriding priority throughout this process has been to create a structure that enables every child to make the best possible progress, both academically and personally. We have worked hard to ensure that classes are balanced, that teaching can be tailored effectively to meet pupils' needs, and that all children have access to a broad, engaging and appropriately challenging curriculum.

We understand that children and families may naturally have questions about changes to class organisation. Please be assured that every decision has been made with the best interests of all pupils at heart. Our staff know the children extremely well and have carefully considered how they can be supported to thrive, succeed and feel happy within their new classes.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that every child continues to flourish and enjoy a successful year ahead.

Mrs Gadsby
Headteacher

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SWIMMING LESSONS

We are delighted to be able to offer swimming lessons for Year 2 & Year 5 this term. Lessons begin on Monday next week and will be taking place every morning for 2 weeks. This is with the exception of Wednesday 17th June due to our rescheduled Sports Day. **Instead of this date, we will be running an additional session on Friday 3rd July.**

We are very fortunate to have the use of a local private pool, which means that we are able to provide lessons at a reasonable cost. Although it is a requirement for schools to provide lessons as part of the National Curriculum, many schools are finding that in reality this is not possible. We are asking for a contribution of £15 per child to go towards the cost of the minibus petrol and maintenance, and the cost of lifeguard training. If you have not done so already, please login to School Gateway to make this payment.

All children must wear a swimming hat as they will be unable to take part without one. Boys can wear shorts or trunks but it is essential that their shorts have netting inside. They also need to be above knee length. Girls need to wear a full piece swimsuit and not a bikini. Don't forget a towel and please ensure that this clearly named, along with all items of clothing. Although goggles are not recommended for children who are learning to swim, they can be worn if your child would prefer. All jewellery must be removed prior to arriving at school, including earrings.



MEETING FOR PARENTS ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY

On Friday 26th June there will not be a celebration assembly, instead all parents/carers are invited to a meeting in the school hall where we will be sharing information and tips about online safety. The meeting starts at 1.10pm and everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you then.

NEW RECEPTION PARENTS' MEETING

It was really lovely to meet parents of the children starting Reception in September. Thank you to everyone who came, we hope you found the meeting useful. We look forward to your children joining our 'Stay & Play' session on Tuesday 30th June from 9.30-11.30am.



DIARY DATES

15th – 26th June

- Swimming lessons Years 2 & 5 (every morning except Weds 17th June due to Sports Day)

15th June

- Singsational

16th June

- Forest School - Robins
- Football Fun Factory 3.30-4.30pm (Years 3-6)

17th June

- Piano/singing lessons with Mrs Todd
 - Flute/recorder lessons with Mrs Dunton
 - Sports Day from 1.30pm (no swimming lessons)
 - PTFA Family Fun Afternoon (from 3.30pm)
- NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB**

18th June

- 3.30pm After School Cricket Club KS1

19th June

- Rocksteady
- Celebration Assembly 1.45pm

26th June

- Meeting for parents about online safety

3rd July

- Swimming sessions for Years 2 & 5

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SPORTS DAY RESCHEDULED DATE 17TH JUNE

We will be holding our annual sports day on 17th June. The event will begin at 1.30pm and will finish at 3.25pm. Please arrive at the school at 1.25pm.

Children will rotate around a series of different activities to collect points for their House and the day will finish with some traditional style running races. Siblings are placed in the same house team.

Children should come to school on sports day in their PE kit with a coloured t-shirt for their house team. Every child should have a sun hat, bottle of water and we would ask that your child has sun cream applied prior to arrival at school.

On the day, you are able to take pictures of your child but please be mindful of other children around them. If you are planning to put pictures of your child's sporting endeavours onto any forms of social media, please make sure that you do not have other children in the shot. There will be designated seating areas for parents at each of the events and alongside the main track for you to be able to join in the fun and cheer on your child's team.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope to see as many parents, carers and grandparents supporting the children as possible on the day to attend what promises to be a very enjoyable event.

A list of house team members is on display at the school front entrance.

PTFA INFLATABLE AND SOCIAL EVENT

After sports day on Wednesday, the PTFA will be hosting their inflatable and social event. Please do come and join us for a fun afternoon. The event will run from 3.30-5.00pm and there will be a tombola, ice cream, drinks and a barbeque. Thank you for your support.

THE BIG ONE-OH!

The Swifts and Peregrines have started practising for this year's performance of The Big One-Oh! The Big One-Oh, is a Broadway Junior adaptation of the family favourite book and musical, and we are looking forward to putting on a fantastic show for you towards the end of term. The performances will be held on:

- Tuesday 14th July at 2.30pm
- Wednesday 15th July at 9.00am
- Thursday 16th July at 6.00pm



Entry is by ticket only and tickets should be purchased in advance by logging in to School Gateway. A maximum of 2 tickets are available per family for each performance. Tickets cost £4 each; please select the date of the performance/s you wish to attend and pay £4 for 1 ticket or £8 for 2 tickets. Tickets will not be sent home; we will keep an electronic register instead.

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BIRDIE'S ART WORKSHOP

A huge thank you to Darren Bird aka 'Birdie', the renowned horse-racing artist, cartoonist and caricaturist, for delivering a whole-school art project with us today. Darren, whose distinctive artwork is well known throughout the horseracing world, started the day with a whole-school assembly before working with the children throughout the day. The children worked in groups on individual canvases which were then joined together to create this wonderful final piece.



The children thought carefully about all the things that make Kettlefields Primary School special and unique, representing different aspects of school life through their artwork. Together, the canvases celebrate our learning, friendships, achievements and community spirit.

We are incredibly proud of the finished piece and grateful to Darren for inspiring our children, encouraging their creativity and helping them create a lasting artwork that reflects the heart of Kettlefields Primary School.



Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Buick for organising today's art workshop as a thank you to staff and children for Thomas' time here at Kettlefields.



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VISIT TO WORLD WAR II EVENT



On Tuesday, our Year 6 pupils had the privilege of attending the 'Newmarket: Secret World War II' event at Newmarket Racecourse.

We all know Newmarket for its rich racing heritage, but during some of the darkest days of World War II, these grounds became RAF Newmarket; the secret home of the RAF's Special Duties squadrons. Between 1939 and 1942, courageous pilots flew dangerous missions from here, delivering secret agents and vital supplies to Resistance groups across occupied Europe.



A particular highlight of the day was witnessing the historic arrival and departure of a Westland Lysander, the aircraft famously used on clandestine operations to transport agents in and out of enemy-occupied territory.

Seeing this remarkable plane in action brought history to life and gave Year 6 a powerful insight into the bravery and skill of those involved in these dangerous missions.



The event also marked plans to permanently commemorate Newmarket's hidden wartime story, ensuring this important chapter of history is preserved for future generations. Alongside local dignitaries, military historians, descendants of SOE personnel, and members of the media, our pupils were proud to be part of a day dedicated to remembrance, learning, and honouring those who served



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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 15 th June	
MONDAY	Outdoor games
TUESDAY	Clay modelling
WEDNESDAY	SPORTS DAY NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
THURSDAY	Games night
FRIDAY	Ground patrol

CAMBRIDGE ELECTRONICS AND ROBOTICS CLUB

Well done to Tala in Peregrines Class who has received a certificate from the European Space Agency!

Tala took part in a challenge with Cambridge Electronics and Robots Club, as part of Astro Pi Mission Zero 2025-2026! The challenge involved writing Python code to display a personalised image on an Astro Pi computer aboard the International Space Station (ISS), where it could be viewed by the astronauts during their daily activities. Her code successfully ran on 15 May 2025 while the ISS was travelling over the Pacific Ocean, east of New Zealand. Well done Tala, this is a very exciting project to be a part of and we are very proud!



Your program ran at the following coordinates:
-51.4744, -164.6985

It ran from **2026-05-15 20:39:12** to **2026-05-15 20:40:12**

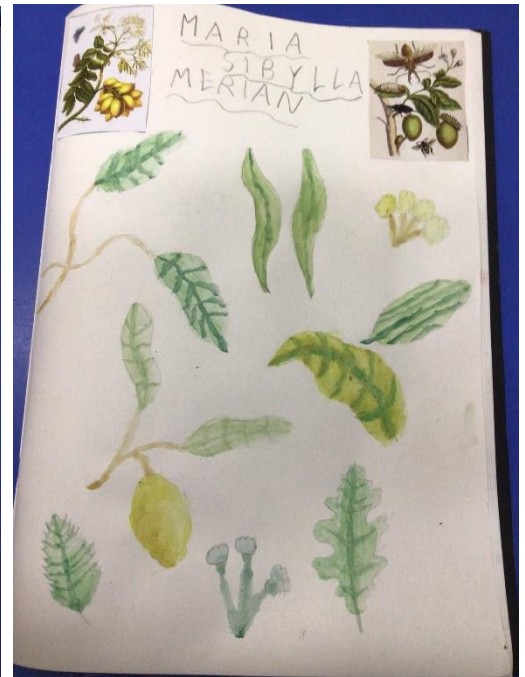
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WOODPECKERS

Woodies have been learning about the German illustrator, Maria Sibylla Merian, who is famous for her detailed watercolour paintings of insects and plants.

Inspired by Merrian's work, the children have created their own nature pictures.

They focussed on leaves, observing the leaf details closely. Then using watercolours and a layering technique they produced some lovely artwork.



DEBATE

As part of their study of the story of Aladdin, Woodpeckers had a class debate. Was the lamp in the story a curse or a blessing?

They were tasked with presenting arguments for and against and came with some great points and some brilliant discussion – well done Woodies!



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MATHS IN ROBINS

This week in Maths, we have taken our first steps into the world of division through sharing and grouping.

The children have loved using their Mini Me characters to support their learning and have been fantastic at sharing objects equally between groups.

They have also enjoyed investigating which numbers can be shared fairly and which cannot, helping them to develop a deeper understanding of division.

We have been very impressed with their enthusiasm and mathematical thinking!

This week in maths we have been learning to share and group equally.



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LETTER TO PARENTS

Please see below a letter from Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England:



As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to find out the views of young people at your school as part of my national survey, The Big Future.

It is crucial that I hear from children in every school and college, in every community, across the country. Without hearing from your students, their experiences, views and aspirations risk being missing from the national picture that will help shape future policy. At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policy making. Through this survey, I can take the voices of your students directly to the centre of government.

To take part in the survey please click [here](#). Thank you for your support.



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Quality second hand toys needed please. **by June 30th**

In aid of a toy stall at **The Ellesmere summer fayre.**

Proceeds to go to **The Ellesmere Charity.**

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