

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM MRS GADSBY

As we come to the end of another school year, I have been reflecting on what a wonderful year it has been for our Kettlefields family. It has been a year full of learning, laughter, new experiences and so many moments that have made us proud.

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to our incredible staff. Every member of the team has worked so hard to make Kettlefields a happy, caring and inspiring place to learn. Our teachers have planned exciting lessons, encouraged every child to do their best and celebrated their successes along the way, while our support staff have provided invaluable care and encouragement every single day. They all play such an important part in making our school the special place that it is.

Thank you also to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support throughout the year. We know that educating children is a partnership, and we are so grateful for everything you do to support both your children and the school. Most importantly, thank you to our pupils. You continue to impress us with your enthusiasm, kindness, and hard work. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow in confidence and achieve so much this year.

There have been so many highlights that it is impossible to mention them all. Our music and drama performances have once again been a real joy, with pupils entertaining us through concerts and productions that showcased their confidence and talent. We are also very grateful to our visiting music teachers, who continue to inspire so many children through weekly singing, piano, recorder, flute, Rocksteady lessons.

One of the highlights of the year was our Year 5 and 6 residential to Willersley Castle in Derbyshire. Set in the beautiful grounds of this historic castle on the edge of the Peak District, the children really enjoyed the opportunity to challenge themselves, taking part in a wide range of adventurous activities, including water-based activities and team-building challenges. It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another, stepping outside their comfort zones and growing in confidence throughout the week. They returned home tired, and full of stories, with memories that will last for many years to come.

Across the school, pupils have also enjoyed an incredible range of trips and enrichment activities. From Lackford Lakes to Pony Academy, the National Horseracing Museum, Cambridge Science Centre, the Racecourse and many more, these experiences have brought learning to life and created lasting memories that simply cannot be recreated in the classroom.

We have also continued to think of others, raising money and collecting donations for charities including Red Nose Day, Children in Need and our local food bank. I am always proud of the kindness and generosity shown by our children and families.

A huge thank you must go to our PTFA, whose hard work and enthusiasm have once again made such a difference to school life. From the firework display to the WW2 evening, and Sports Day inflatable afternoon, they have organised events that have brought our community together while raising valuable funds for the school. I would also like to say a special thank you to Clare, who is stepping down as Chair. Thank you for everything you have done to support both the PTFA and Kettlefields over the years; you will be missed enormously!

I would also like to thank our wonderful volunteers. Whether you have listened to readers, accompanied school trips, driven the minibus, helped at events or served as Governors, your time and commitment are appreciated. We simply couldn't offer so many opportunities without the generosity of volunteers.



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Looking back over the year, I feel incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved. Whether it has been making progress in the classroom, representing the school in sporting events, performing on stage, showing kindness to others or simply growing in confidence, every child has something to be proud of.

Today is a particularly special day for our Year 6 pupils as they reach the end of their journey at Kettlefields. It has been a privilege to watch you grow into such thoughtful, capable and caring young people. We hope you enjoyed celebrating your time here at today's leavers' assembly. We will miss you all, but we know you are more than ready for the exciting opportunities ahead. We wish you every happiness and success as you begin the next chapter at secondary school, and we hope you will come back and tell us all about your adventures.

We also say farewell to Mr Kettle as he leaves Kettlefields to take up a new role closer to home. We thank him for all he has done for our school community and wish him every success and happiness in his new school. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Miss Radley, who will be joining us in September as our new Woodpeckers Class teacher. We know she will receive a very warm Kettlefields welcome, and we look forward to the exciting year ahead.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a happy, restful and well deserved summer holiday. Thank you once again for your kindness, encouragement and support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Kettlefields.

With warmest wishes, Mrs Gadsby

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Benefits related free school meals are changing in September. This means that all pupils who currently receive these free meals/pupil premium need to reapply for



September 2026. The current eligibility will end in August 2026 for all families and it is therefore important that you re-apply.

Please visit the Cambridgeshire County

Council website and [make an online application on or after 1st August 2026](#), and before the start of term in September.

There will now be two types of Free School Meals:

Targeted – for families under the current £7,400 income threshold

Expanded – for families receiving Universal Credit above the threshold.

Please see the separate attachment from Cambridgeshire County Council for further information. Infant Universal Free School Meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are unaffected at present.

DIARY DATES

17th July

- Summer Term ends
- NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

20th July – 1st September

- SUMMER HOLIDAYS

1st September

- PD DAY

2nd September

- Autumn Term starts for all children (Year R finish at 12.00 noon on 2nd & 3rd September)
- Flute/recorder lessons with Mrs Dunton

4th September

- Rocksteady
- Celebration Assembly 1.45pm (Years 1-6 only)
- Afterschool Football Club 2.15-3.15pm

NEW – PLEASE SEE THE SEPARATE ATTACHMENT FOR DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

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THE BIG ONE-OH!

Congratulations to our Peregrines and Swifts pupils on 3 outstanding performances of The Big One-Oh! Jr.

Once again, Kettlefields has gone big, securing the licence for a professionally produced musical that originated in New York, before being adapted for schools. The acting,



singing, stage presence and confidence from every single performer was incredible. You gave it your all in every performance, entertained the audience from start to finish, and should all be so proud of yourselves.

A huge congratulations & thanks to Mr Pinnock for creating yet another end of term masterpiece! A huge high to end the academic year on!



MEAL PAYMENTS FOR CHILDREN MOVING TO YEAR 3

Just a reminder that Universal Free School meals will no longer be available to children who are moving to Year 3 in September. Meals currently cost £2.70 and payment should be made via the Arbor parent portal or App. (not on School Gateway). Please see the link below to access your Arbor account (please click on first time logging in):

<https://kettlefields-primary-school.uk.arbor.sc>

YEAR 6 SCHOOL PAYMENTS

For Year 6 children, please check your lunch balance on Arbor and ensure that all lunches have been paid for including today's lunch payment. Any remaining credit over £1.00 at the end of term will be refunded to parents via the original payment method. Please also ensure that all After School and Breakfast Club payments are up to date. It is important that no debts remain for all Year 6 pupils.



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LUNCHES THIS WEEK

Thank you to Phoebe & Tanya for our fabulous leavers' lunch today, complete with balloons! We really appreciate their hard work preparing delicious meals throughout the year.

Thank you also for preparing our picnic lunch on Thursday. It was lovely for the whole school to come together and enjoy lunch outside in the sunshine.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

As this term draws to an end, we would like to remind parents of our school uniform policy, please see our website for the full details: <https://www.kettlefields.cambs.sch.uk/uniform>.

In particular, we ask that children wear either smart black school shoes or black trainers. On PE days the children should come to school in their PE kit with black trainers. Please take the opportunity over the school holidays to ensure that you have the correct uniform. A selection of preloved uniform items are available at the front entrance to the school.



EQUESTRIAN TEAM

We are delighted to share that our equestrian team has been successful in securing sponsorship from Mr Gredley. We are incredibly grateful for his generous support, which will help our riders as they continue to represent the school in competition.

During the summer holidays, our entire equestrian team will travel to Hickstead to compete in the NSEA Grass Roots Show Jumping Finals. Qualifying for these prestigious finals is a fantastic achievement, and we are extremely proud of all the riders for their hard work throughout the season. We wish the team the very best of luck at Hickstead and look forward to hearing all about their experience and celebrating their success in September.

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FOREST SCHOOL – YEAR 2

During the next half term, Year 2 pupils will be participating in weekly Forest School sessions. The sessions will take place on a Tuesday afternoon in the forest area within the school grounds.



Forest School takes place in all weathers. 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.

GOVERNOR KEY POINTS FOR PARENTS

Following this week's Governors' Meeting, please see the points below:

- Governors thanked all staff for their hard work, commitment, and dedication throughout the academic year. They recognised that the school continues to have an extremely strong reputation within the local community, with the consistently high number of applications received year on year being testament to this. Governors acknowledged that this reputation is a direct result of the continued hard work, dedication, and commitment of the whole staff team. Governors wished all staff, children, and families a restful and enjoyable summer break.
- Governors noted that the school is in the process of obtaining quotes for air conditioning and must follow a robust procurement process using approved suppliers to ensure compliance. Governors will review the quotes in the autumn term before any decision is made, ensuring that ongoing running, maintenance, and servicing costs are fully considered and that the provision remains affordable and sustainable.
- Governors wish the Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they move on to secondary school and thank them for their contribution to the school community. Governors also wished Mr Kettle every success in his new school. Governors were delighted to welcome Miss Radley to the teaching staff team and noted that they are confident she will be a valuable asset to the school.
- Governors scrutinised the end-of-term data for all year groups and noted the particularly strong EYFS and phonics outcomes. Governors recognised that these positive results provide pupils with strong foundations for future learning.

WRAPAROUND CARE

Breakfast Club and After School Club for next term can be booked via the School Gateway App. The School Gateway App will be available for children joining Reception on the first day of term, once your child is on roll. New Reception children can attend any day from Monday 7th September. Please book all sessions in advance and note that bookings close at midday on the day of the session.

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FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

In September, we will be offering an after school Football club on the following Fridays, which will be run by staff from Prestige Sports Development:

- 4th September
- 11th September
- 18th September
- 25th September
- 2nd October
- 9th October
- 16th October
- 23rd October (Last one)



This will be available to pupils who will be in 3, 4, 5 & 6 in September (current Years 2, 3, 4 & 5). The club will run from 2.15pm until 3.15pm. Pupils who are signed up to attend will need to bring an afternoon snack, plenty to drink and trainers. There are limited spaces available. Parents are able to sign their child up to attend on the School Gateway App, under the 'payments' section.

FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2026

We are pleased to let you know that, from September 2026, our Friday after school club will be delivered by staff from Prestige Sports Development. Please note that this change applies to Fridays only, after school provision on all other days will continue as normal.

Parents will continue to book sessions in the usual way through School Gateway, and there will be no changes to the booking process, collection arrangements, or timings. The only difference will be the staff leading the sessions on Fridays. Prestige Sports Development will provide a varied programme of activities each Friday afternoon, designed to appeal to a wide range of interests. Activities may include arts and crafts, Lego and construction, team games and outdoor play etc.

Prestige has extensive experience working with schools, and delivers a broad range of programmes, including sports coaching, holiday camps, and enrichment clubs.



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