

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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

4th September 2026



WELCOME BACK

Thank you to parents for your all your gifts and cards at the end of last term. Our staff very much appreciate your kindness.

Please see the separate attachment for our updated list of diary dates for parents.

We would like to welcome all our returning children back to school and are looking forward to another busy term. We are also delighted to welcome all our new Reception children in Robins Class, and those children who have joined us in other classes: welcome to Kellan & Jack in Woodpeckers, and Poppy in Swifts.

We look forward to seeing parents at our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions after school next week (see diary dates opposite).

MEAL PAYMENTS & FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 will continue to receive Free School Meals under the governments Universal for Infants.

However, we would like to remind parents of Year 3 children that they are no longer entitled to Universal Free School meals. 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>

There have been recent changes to Free School Meals which means that there are now 2 different types of benefit related Free School Meals:

Targeted – for families under the current £7,400 income threshold
Expanded – for families receiving Universal Credit above the threshold.

If you think you may be entitled to benefits related free school meals, please click on the link below for further information and to make an application as soon as possible – **WE ENCOURAGE ANYONE WHO IS UNSURE TO APPLY:**

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

DIARY DATES

4th September

- Rocksteady
- Celebration Assembly 1.45pm (Years 1-6 only)
- Afterschool Football Club KS2 2.15-3.15pm

7th September

- Singasational
- SWIFTS Meet the Teacher 3.30pm

8th September

- Forest School Year 2
- WOODPECKERS Meet the Teacher 3.30pm

9th September

- Flute/recorder lessons with Mrs Dunton
- Piano/singing lessons with Mrs Todd
- Lunchtime choir starts
- ROBINS Meet the Teacher 3.30pm

10th September

- KINGFISHERS Meet the Teacher 3.30pm

11th September

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

14th September

- PTFA AGM – New members are welcome, please join us in the hall at 7.15pm

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KETTLEFIELDS CHOIR

Our choir rehearsals start next Wednesday lunchtime (9th September) and children in Year 3 upwards are invited to come along. The choir will be in the Swifts classroom at 12.25pm and there will be opportunities to perform around Christmas time. We look forward to seeing you there!



LESSONS WITH MRS TODD

As well as the lunchtime choir on Mondays, Mrs Todd offers piano or singing lessons on Wednesday during school time. She now has some limited space for new pupils and if you would like to make an enquiry, please email the school office and we will forward your enquiry to her.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we begin a new term, 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. A selection of preloved uniform items are available at the front entrance to the school.

FOREST SCHOOL YEAR 2

During this 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.



HAPPY DAYS SCHOOL PHOTOS



We currently offer the option to sign up for a monthly subscription service for all your school photographs. If you haven't yet registered and would like to know more, please see the separate attachment for further details.

****The deadline for all new sign-ups is Sunday 20th September 2026****

If you decide not to subscribe, photos can still be purchased with a one-off payment.

NO NUTS POLICY

Please can we remind all parents that, as we have children in school who suffer from severe nut allergies, our school has a “No Nuts Policy.” For these pupils, if they come in contact with a nut product, they can suffer life threatening consequences. It can be easily contracted from a simple handshake or touching of a pupil’s table who may have had some nuts in their food.

We ask **that you do not** provide the following foods in your child’s lunch box:

- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Nutella
- Peanut butter
- Cakes made with nuts
- Chocolates
- Museli bars
- Baklava
- Any nuts



What can you put in your child’s lunchbox that is nut free?

- Marmite or Vegemite sandwiches
- Cheese sandwiches
- Dried fruit
- Yoghurt
- Cheese sticks
- Chopped or tinned fruit
- Fruit strips
- Check all biscuit labels and if you are not sure please leave it out
- Any bread based foods

WRAPAROUND CARE

Breakfast Club and After School Club can be booked via the School Gateway App. Please book all sessions in advance and note that bookings for After School Club close at midday on the day of the session.

After School Club Activities week beginning 7 th September	
MONDAY	Outside games (weather permitting)
TUESDAY	Wooden bookmark making
WEDNESDAY	Roll the Dice – let’s get moving games
THURSDAY	Art night
FRIDAY	Sports Club & crafts

REVISED DATES FOR SWIMMING LESSONS – YEAR 2 & 5

Due to pool availability, swimming lessons will now take place from 16th – 27th November for children in Years 2 & 5. We will be sending further information to parents in due course.

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AFTER SCHOOL FUN, CONFIDENCE & CREATIVITY!

Singsational Kids is a fun and inclusive after school club for all children aged 4 to 11.

Each week, children enjoy a lively mix of singing, dance and creative activities, with sessions inspired by exciting themes, pop music, Disney favourites and songs from musicals.

The sessions give children the freedom to express themselves, grow in confidence and celebrate their individuality in a warm, encouraging environment. We're always happy to welcome children starting in Reception.

- Every Monday 3:30 - 4:45pm in the main hall
- Children come straight to us from class and are registered with Jaz
- Siblings are very welcome!

Find out more: www.singsationalkids.com and book a Free Trial: <https://pbbl.uk/4ff9W4k>.

Please email enquiries to Jaz at singsationalkids@gmail.com

EQUESTRIAN TEAM

In the holidays, 11 pupils from Kettlefields travelled to Hickstead in West Sussex to compete in the National Schools Equestrian Association Show Jumping Championships, representing the school in the 40cm, 50cm & 60cm classes; an amazing achievement for a small village primary school.

For many, it was their first stay-away championship show, & the children showed beautiful horsemanship, teamwork & sportsmanship throughout the two days, supporting each other through all the ups & downs of show jumping. We couldn't be prouder.

We finished with 4 top 10 places out of hundreds of children:

Mollie - 4th, 50cm, Millie - 5th, 50cm, Neyva - 8th, 40cm, Ella - 10th, 40cm

Blake, Florence, Will, Anaiya, Autumn, Freddie & Daisy also rode beautiful rounds; well done, we are so proud of you all.

A huge thank you to Mrs Gadsby & Mrs Blomquist for travelling all the way to Hickstead to cheer the children on. What an incredible achievement for Kettlefields!

