

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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

11th September 2026



COFFEE AFTERNOON

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER AT 1.30PM

We would love to invite all parents/carers/relatives to our Macmillan coffee afternoon. Please come along and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake.

Donations of cakes would be gladly accepted on the morning of our event.



PTFA AGM MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.15PM AT THE SCHOOL

We extend a warm welcome to all, and hope you will be able to join us. The AGM will give new & current parents an opportunity to find out what the PTFA does for the school, and how you could help us by supporting activities such as Bonfire night and our Sports Day social.

There will be an opportunity to meet other parents, those who are new to the PTFA and existing members. We have a number of parents who are involved in the PTFA to differing degrees. As well as welcoming those parents who may wish to join us on the committee, we also very much welcome parents who may be able to spare an hour supporting the events. It really is an excellent way to get involved with school life, and you can offer as little or as much of your time as you feel is possible.

Our main aim is to provide the 'extras' for the school which are very much appreciated by pupils and staff alike; we support events such as school trips, classroom resources and previously the minibus and the library.

We hope you will be able to join us on the night and very much look forward to meeting you.

MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to everyone who came to 'Meet the Teacher' this week. It was lovely to see so many parents. Peregrines session is after school today at 2.15pm.

DIARY DATES

11th September

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

14th September

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

15th September

- Forest School Year 2

16th September

- Flute/recorder lessons with Mrs Dunton
- Piano/singing lessons with Mrs Todd
- Lunchtime choir

18th September

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

14th September

- MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 1.30pm (no celebration assembly)

28th September – 1st October

- Virtual parent consultations details to follow shortly

29th September

- Cross Country Event in Newmarket (team from Years 5/6) 3.30-5.00pm



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BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We wanted to remind families about the Breakfast Club and After School Club that we offer every day, for all pupils from Reception through to Year 6. You do not need to book every day or use the clubs on a regular basis. The clubs are there for all families, whether you need childcare every day, once a week or simply from time to time when you have an early start, a busy afternoon or plans that make the school day a little more difficult to manage. You can book as much or as little as you need.

After School Club Activities week beginning 14 th September	
MONDAY	Outdoor games (weather permitting)
TUESDAY	Wool craft
WEDNESDAY	Wooden keyrings
THURSDAY	Arts & crafts
FRIDAY	Friday fun club / shadow drawing

Our Breakfast Club provides a lovely, relaxed start to the morning. Our Chef, Phoebe, attends each morning to prepare and serve breakfast, with a variety of choices including toast, crumpets, Greek yoghurt, fruit and cereals. Children have the opportunity to enjoy a good breakfast, catch up with friends and settle into the day before heading off to lessons.

After School Club offers children a warm and welcoming place to spend the afternoon once the school day has finished. A snack is prepared each day, with options such as sandwiches, pasta salad, pitta bread, rolls, fruit and cheese. We also offer a variety of activities throughout the afternoon, giving children the chance to play, relax and enjoy time together. The activities planned each week are shared in our school newsletter, so families can see what is on offer.

We are also delighted that Prestige are now delivering our Friday afternoon provision. They will be bringing a huge variety of fun activities to our Friday sessions, giving children even more opportunities to try something new and enjoy time with their friends.

We are pleased to be able to offer both clubs at competitive prices, with Breakfast Club costing just £5 per session and After School Club £9 per session. Booking is quick and easy through School Gateway. Simply log on, select the date you require and check out to confirm your booking. Please remember that Breakfast Club bookings must be made by 7.45am on the morning of the session, while After School Club bookings must be made by 1pm on the day.

We also accept Government Tax-Free Childcare payments, which can help families with the cost of childcare. For more information about the scheme, please visit [GOV.UK – Tax-Free Childcare](https://gov.uk/tax-free-childcare). If you are paying using Government Tax-Free Childcare, please email the Office with your reference number ending in TFC each time you transfer funds, so that we can identify and allocate your payment.

So, if you have not tried our clubs before, why not give them a go? Whether you need an early start, a little extra time at the end of the school day or simply want your child to enjoy some additional time with their friends, we would be delighted to welcome them.

NEXT INSTALMENT DUE FOR RESIDENTIAL VISIT (CURRENT YEARS 4 &5)

Just a reminder that the next instalment of £50.00 for the residential visit to Aylmerton Outdoor Centre needs to be paid by 30th September 2026. If you haven't done so already, please login to School Gateway to make your payment.

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

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

YEAR 1 PHONICS WORD HUNT

This week, children in Year 1 became phonics detectives and went on a special 'ay' word hunt around the classroom!

The children searched high and low for words containing the 'ay' sound, reading each word carefully and thinking about how the sounds were represented.

We had lots of fun finding, reading and recording our 'ay' words. The children did a fantastic job spotting the sound in different words and applying their phonics knowledge. Well done, Year 1, you were brilliant phonics detectives!





ROCKIN' ROBINS!

Robins had a lovely opportunity to sing and dance on our outside stage this week. It was wonderful to see their confidence shine during some of their requested songs. We can't wait for more shows in the future!

RECEPTION VISION SCREENING

The NHS Vision Screening Team will be visiting to carry out screening for all Reception children this term. Please see the email sent home this week. If you wish to opt out, please return the slip to the school office by 17.09.26.



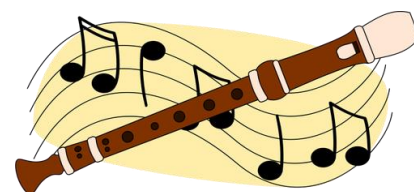
NATIONAL CHILD MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME RECEPTION & YEAR 6

The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) team from Everyone Health will be coming to our school this academic year to carry out height and weight checks on our Reception and Year 6 pupils. Please see the letter emailed to parents from Cambridgeshire County Council that explains the programme and the processes involved. If you do not want your child to take part in the NCMP, you can opt out using the link provided in the letter.

FLUTE & RECORDER LESSONS WITH MRS DUNTON

Mrs Dunton visits Kettlefields every Wednesday for flute & recorder lessons. She is currently offering a one term (10 week) recorder class as an 'introduction to practical music course'.

The course will be a weekly practical class of 20 minutes in a group of students and is designed to develop basic musical skills, playing by ear and developing rhythm patterns. The cost of the course will be £4 per week for 10 weeks. After the course if enough students are interested she will offer further 10 week courses where students start to learn to read music and continue to develop their recorder playing skills. Individual and joint (2 players) recorder lessons are also available.



For students who are interested in the flute, she offers a course of 4 free flute taster lessons in a small group. Students have the opportunity to borrow a flute for 4 weeks of the course which they take home to practice between lessons.

Please see the letter/form sent home this week for further information.



PTFA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

PTFA AGM with cheese & wine

Monday 14th Sept, 7.15pm at the school

All invited: we encourage all to attend, even if you've not been involved before – any input is always appreciated as we plan for the year ahead.



CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS - we will again be ordering Christmas Cards from Burwell Print this year. Artwork is currently being created by your children in class and will be sent home with an order form by Fri 25th Sept. **PTFA will take orders after school on Mon 28th, Tues 29th and Wed 30th Sept.** We will need to receive:- 1. A completed order form 2. Artwork (returned at order collection); 3. Payment.



A very warm welcome to all of our new families joining Kettlefields this year. We have a very active PTFA and would love to see you at our AGM on the 14th. This is a great chance to get involved in school life, input into our fundraising plans for the year and meet other parents, offering as little or as much as you feel possible. We very much look forward to meeting you.



Fireworks Event - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This is our largest event of the year and to enable it to happen we need as many volunteers as possible from our school community.

If you can help in any capacity, for any amount of time, please let us know by filling in this JotForm.

<https://form.jotform.com/251936504937364>

Thank you so much.

DIARY DATES

- ❖ **PTFA AGM WITH CHEESE & WINE:** Monday 14th September, 7.15pm
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS:** After school on Mon 28th, Tues 29th, Wed 30th September
- ❖ **FIREWORKS & BONFIRE EVENT:** Thursday 5th November, 5.30pm

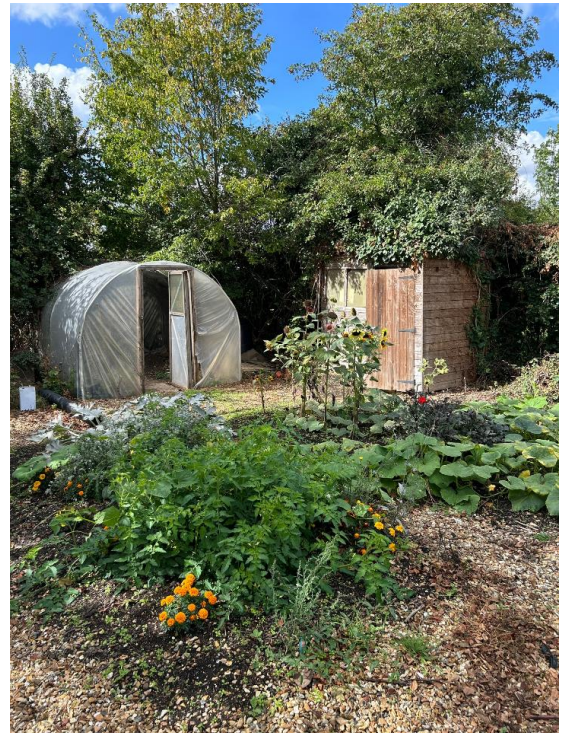
OUR EMAIL - ptfakettlefields@gmail.com

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE - Kettlefields Primary School PTFA

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SCHOOL VEGETABLES

It's been lovely to see things growing in our school garden. We've had a few crops of tomatoes, but these have been eaten by the gardeners! We're also thinking about what we'd like to make with the squash harvest.



WOODPECKERS' EGYPTIAN ART

Whilst the Year 2 Woodpeckers were having a fabulous time at forest school on Tuesday, Year 3 Woodpeckers had their first art lesson this week! We were focusing on side profiles and proportions, and decided to take inspiration from some Ancient Egyptian portraits and create our own!

We followed a tutorial to create our side profiles, ensuring to think about the proportions of a face, such as where our eyes should sit and how big our facial features should be.

The children then designed their own beautiful Egyptian-inspired head pieces, jewellery, and other accessories, and then used pastels and markers to create a vibrant, bold design.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027 ARE NOW OPEN!

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2027, please apply through the local authority/county where you live.

If you live in Cambridgeshire:
Please apply through Cambridgeshire County Council

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

If you live in Suffolk:
Please apply through Suffolk County Council
<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/>

We are offering two open events where you can come and look around the school and get a feel for what Kettlefields is like:

15th October at 9.30am
9th November at 2.00pm

You'll have the opportunity to meet our teachers, and chat to some of the children who currently attend Kettlefields. You will see our spacious grounds, visit our classrooms and see first-hand the excellent provision and opportunities we provide for our children. Our open events are a chance to see the school in action, ask any questions you may have and get a genuine feel for the warm, friendly and nurturing environment we strive to create for every child.

There is no need to book, just come along and join lots of other interested families. We would love to welcome you to Kettlefields and show you what makes our school so special.

YEAR 6 APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Applications are now open for Year 6 pupils transferring to Secondary school in September 2027.

Please apply via <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/> or <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/>. You will need to apply to the Authority that you live in.

- **Application deadline: 31 October 2026**
- **National Offer Day: 1 March 2027**

Applications submitted after 31st October will be classed late and will receive an offer on 23rd April 2027.



Apply now

for a Reception school place for September 2027

If your child will be aged 4 by **31st August**

You need to apply **NOW** for a School place



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For further information please visit
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions
or contact your local School

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

School Admissions ALC2605, PO Box 761, Huntingdon, PE29 9 QR or email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Apply by 15th January 2027

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

OPEN EVENING 2026



Thursday 24th September 4.15pm-8.00pm

During your visit to the College, you will have the opportunity to:

- attend a presentation delivered by the Principal, Helena Marsh (presentation times 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, 7.30)
- participate in a guided tour of the College site
- meet with teachers and students
- experience a range of learning activities
- speak with a member of the Senior Leadership Team

Presentation tickets will be issued on arrival (there is no need to pre book)
Refreshments will be available to purchase

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YEARS 3 - 7 WELCOME