

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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25th 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.



NATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANTS' DAY

Today, on National Teaching Assistant Day, we want to shine a very special spotlight on the incredible TAs and HLTAs at Kettlefields Primary School.

Every day, they bring energy, enthusiasm, patience and compassion to everything they do. From supporting children with their learning, providing one to one support and being there for children who need that extra bit of encouragement; they make a huge difference.

They are the friendly faces that greet your children in the morning, the calm and reassuring presence when things feel tricky, and the helping hands that make our classrooms and wider school community such a wonderful place to be.

Their dedication and hard work often happen behind the scenes, but their impact is seen and felt every single day, by our children, our teachers, our families and the whole Kettlefields community.

So today, we simply want to say:

Thank you to all our wonderful TAs and HLTAs.



DIARY DATES

25th September

- Rocksteady
- Afterschool Football Club 2.15-3.15pm
- Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 1.30pm (no celebration assembly)

28th September – 1st October

- Harvest festival collection
- Virtual parent consultations

29th September

- Cross Country Event in Newmarket (team from Years 5/6) 3.30-5.00pm
- Year 2 forest school

2nd October

- Rocksteady
- Harvest Festival assembly at 1.45pm
- KS2 football Club Assembly

6th October

- Year 2 forest school

9th October

- Hello Yellow Day! Wear something yellow to school

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BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Club Activities week beginning 28th September

MONDAY	Outdoor play
TUESDAY	Make your own mask
WEDNESDAY	Craft night
THURSDAY	Clay modelling
FRIDAY	Prestige Sports

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DONATIONS

The PTFA are now collecting donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers. If you have any Christmas jumpers that are no longer needed, we would be very grateful if you could bring them to the school office. The PTFA will then resell the jumpers for a small fee, with all proceeds going towards supporting our school through PTFA fundraising.



OFSTED PARENT VIEW – YOUR VOICE MATTERS

We would like to encourage families to complete the Ofsted Parent View survey at any time during the school year. Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted about your child's experience of school. Your feedback forms part of the wider evidence Ofsted considers when it visits a school.

We would be really grateful if you could take just 5 minutes to complete the survey and share your views. Every response helps to ensure that the voice of our parent community is represented.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

DESIGNING DREAM HOUSES WITH THE YOUNG CARERS

Children from across the school worked together to produce their dream house designs in last week's fun art session with the Young Carers.

The session gave pupils a lovely opportunity to be creative, share ideas and learn from one another. Everyone brought their own imagination to the activity, thinking carefully about what would make a house feel special, welcoming and just right for them. There were lots of thoughtful designs, from cosy spaces for relaxing to imaginative rooms filled with exciting features. Children enjoyed discussing their choices, selecting colours and adding details to make their houses unique.

We look forward to more craft, art and other creative sessions across the year.

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HELLO YELLOW!

On Friday 9th October, our school is taking part in Hello Yellow Day! We are all going to wear something yellow, instead of our uniform, to help a wonderful charity called YoungMinds. Sometimes, growing up can feel a bit tricky, and we might feel sad, worried, or lonely. Those are big feelings! We are wearing yellow to show each other that nobody has to face big feelings alone. When we turn our school into a bright, sunny wave of yellow, we are reminding everyone to:

Be Kind: A bright colour brings a big smile to everyone's face.

Talk About Feelings: It reminds us that it is always okay to say how we feel to a teacher, friend, or grown-up.

Help Others: The small donations we make online will help other children across the country get the happy support they need.

You don't need a whole new outfit. Just look for something yellow at home. You could wear a yellow t-shirt or jumper, yellow socks or a hair bow, or even just a drawing of a yellow star pinned to your jumper. To help us raise money for young people's mental health, please visit the official YoungMinds Hello Yellow Page to make your donation. Thank you for helping us spread some sunshine!

VOLUNTEERS

We are really pleased to have lots of volunteers on board to listen to children read. All children will get chance to read to a volunteer. We are hugely grateful to Mrs Speers, Mrs Byrne, Miss Bradley, Rev'd Lacon, Miss Hood, Mrs Penning, and Mrs Harrington for giving up their time each week to come in to school.

PSCO VISIT

Thank you to our two PCSOs for coming along on Tuesday to visit After School Club. They spoke to the children about the role of a PCSO and imparted some excellent road safety advice, particularly now the nights are drawing in. The children loved the visit, and had some really interesting questions.



HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION

Parents are Invited to attend our Harvest Festival Assembly on 2nd October at 1.45pm. We will again be collecting donations of dried and tinned food and toiletries to donate to the food bank. We would be very grateful for any items you can offer. These can be brought in to school next week and dropped in at reception.



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TEAMS4U SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026

We are delighted to be supporting the Teams4U Shoebox Appeal again this year. This wonderful appeal gives families the opportunity to send a Christmas gift to children and families who may otherwise receive very little at Christmas.



Families can take part by filling a shoebox with suitable gifts and including a £3.50 transport donation. If you would prefer not to fill a shoebox, you can also make a monetary donation instead. Filled shoeboxes should be brought into school by the first week after half term.

Thank you for supporting this fantastic cause and helping us to spread some Christmas kindness and joy!

SWIMMING LESSONS

We will be taking year 2 and year 5 swimming, every day, for two consecutive weeks; weeks beginning 16th and 23rd November 2026. Letters and reply slips have been sent home this week, please return the form to the school promptly, and make your payment on School Gateway. Thank you

SPORTING EVENTS

Just a reminder that we have the cross country team competing next Tuesday – best of luck to you all! We have also sent letters home this week for the swimming gala, girls football competition on 13th October and the boys football competition on 19th October. Please return your forms promptly.

WEST STOW ANGLO SAXON VILLAGE TRIP

Years 4 and 5 will be visiting West Stow Anglo Saxon Village on 10th November. We are very much looking forward to this trip. If you haven't already done so, please make your payment on School Gateway and return your form to the office.

AYLMERTON RESIDENTIAL – PAYMENT REMINDER

For the attention of parents/carers of children currently in Year 4 and Year 5.

A reminder that the second instalment of £50 for the Aylmerton Residential is due to be paid by **NEXT WEDNESDAY (30th September)**.

Please ensure that payment is made via School Gateway by next Wednesday at the latest. It is imperative that payments are made promptly, as we are required to make payment to the residential company.

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LUNCH MENU

Please find our new lunchtime menu attached. The new menu will start after half term.

CUBISM

Year 3 have been learning about Pablo Picasso and the beginnings of Cubism. They explored how artists break shapes apart and use colour in exciting, expressive ways. The children experimented with colour mixing, discovering how to blend paints to make new vibrant shades. They then used a mix of pencil and paint to create their own Picasso-inspired portraits, thinking carefully about shapes, angles and colour choices. Everyone worked brilliantly and showed fantastic creativity.



AFTER SCHOOL DODGEBALL CLUB

After half term, we will be offering an after school Dodgeball club on the following Fridays, which will be run by staff from Prestige Sports Development:



- 6th November
- 13th November
- 20th November
- 27th November
- 11th December
- 18th December (Last one)

This will be available to pupils in year 1 and Year 2 The club will be run from 2.15pm until 3.15pm.

Pupils who are signed up to attend will need to bring their water bottle and trainers. There are limited spaces available. Parents are able to sign their child up to attend on the School Comms app, under the 'payments' section.

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BALANCEABILITY

This week Robins have been working on their gliding skills in Balanceability. Their balance and co-ordination is improving every week.



Join Our PTFA Team as Secretary!

This is the perfect opportunity to shadow the current Secretary to learn the ropes before they finish.

The role provides support to the Chair, with behind-the-scenes organising and planning of our events. Current responsibilities include: producing the monthly newsletter, purchasing items, raising JotForms for volunteering, and admin for the Fireworks event.

For an initial chat to find out more please contact us at:
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GOVERNING BODY UPDATE

The Governing Body have recently had their first meeting of the academic year and wish to share their key points of the meeting:

1. The Governing Body were pleased to elect Mrs Diane Kingdon as Chair of Governors and Jo Smyth as Vice Chair for the academic year.
2. The Governing Body are keen to encourage all parents and carers to complete the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire. Your feedback is valuable and helps to provide Ofsted with an understanding of parents' views and experiences of the school.
3. The Governing Body were pleased to note the excellent KS2 SATs results and would like to congratulate the former Year 6 cohort on their achievements. The Governing Body scrutinised the results and supporting data at the meeting.
4. The School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Self-Evaluation Form (SEF) were shared with the Governing Body and discussed at the meeting. The Governing Body felt that both documents provided a good reflection of the school's strengths and areas for improvement



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Kettlefields Primary School
£5 PER PERSON
TEAMS OF UP TO 6

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FOREST SCHOOL

On Tuesday, Year 2 used their first tool- palm drills! The children have really impressed us with their listening over the last two weeks so we were able to try a more difficult challenge. The children drilled holes in conkers and threaded them into string. We also found some ink cap mushrooms which we have stored in a jam jar to see if we can turn them into ink!



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Just a reminder that Christmas card order forms can be returned to the PTFA next week. PTFA reps will be at the school at 3.30pm time next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and will be accepting cash, and sum up payments.



BUDDY READING

Swifts enjoyed spending some special time buddy reading with the Kingfishers. The children loved sharing their books, listening to each other read and talking about the stories and characters. It was wonderful to see the older children supporting and encouraging our younger readers. A big well done to everyone for showing such lovely listening, reading and friendship skills!



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BONFIRE & LOW BANG FIREWORKS

AT KETTLEFIELDS SCHOOL

THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN AT 5.30PM
BONFIRE 6.30PM | FIREWORKS 7PM

FAIRGROUND, FOOD & BAR, LIGHT-UP TOY STALL,
& HOT DRINKS AVAILABLE

ADULTS: £10 | CHILDREN: £5 | UNDER 2'S: FREE
2 ADULTS, 1 CHILD: £22 | 2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN: £25 |
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VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:
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PARENT CONSULTATIONS – NEXT WEEK

The school uses a system called School Cloud to conduct virtual parent consultations; this is an easy to use online appointment booking system. School Cloud allows you to choose your own appointment time with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment.

Appointments can be made now.

Please visit <https://kettlefields.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments. Login with the following information:

Pupil's First Name

Pupil's Surname

Pupil's Date of Birth

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PTFA AGM – thanks to all those who attended our productive AGM last week. It was lovely to see everyone, meet new people and plan our next events. We're a friendly bunch and the more people helping with our events the easier it all becomes. Do get in touch if you can help in any way. Thank 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.

Thank you so much

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



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- ❖ **CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS:** After school on Mon 28th, Tues 29th, Wed 30th September
- ❖ **GREAT BRITISH QUIZ:** Friday 16th October, 7pm
- ❖ **FIREWORKS & BONFIRE EVENT:** Thursday 5th November, 5.30pm



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OPEN DAYS

FOR CHILDREN STARTING IN RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2027

OUR NEXT OPEN DAYS ARE:
15TH OCTOBER AT 9.30AM OR 9TH NOVEMBER AT 2PM
THESE DO NOT NEED TO BE PRE BOOKED

We would like to invite you to visit our friendly, welcoming and hardworking school. On these tours you will meet Mrs Gadsby, our Head Teacher, plus other members of the school staff. There will be an introduction to the school, a copy of our prospectus available for you to take away, and a tour of the school. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions of the school team. You are, of course, welcome to bring your children with you.

These dates are aimed primarily at parents looking for reception class places for their children to start in September 2027, but anyone with an interest in our school is welcome to attend. These tours are the best way to see our school and we would ask that you attend one if possible in the first instance. If however, you are not available at these times, please feel free to contact our school office and we will do our best to accommodate a separate visit. There is no need to book.

At Kettlefields Primary School, we are proud to offer:

- Enthusiastic, knowledgeable and hardworking teachers and teaching assistants.
- Well resourced, rich and vibrant learning environments.
- An exciting and diverse curriculum.
- An individualised approach to teaching that build on prior learning and results in good progress for all.
- Polite, well behaved and hardworking pupils.
- A close partnership with parents and the local community.
- Extensive school grounds, providing rich opportunities for outdoor learning.
- A super Early Years classroom with exciting opportunities for learning indoors and outdoors.
- Supportive and knowledgeable governors.
- Wrap around childcare from 8am until 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

We look forward to meeting you.

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