

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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2nd October 2026



MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thank you so much for coming along, and enjoying the fantastic array of cakes. We raised £160 for Macmillan and had a really lovely afternoon with you all.

CROSS COUNTRY

Huge congratulations to the 12 children who represented our school at the Forest Heath Sports Partnership cross country run at The Links Golf Club in Newmarket on Tuesday.

It was a fantastic event, with 53 teams from 20 primary schools taking part. Our children competed brilliantly, showing great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

We were delighted with the results, with our three teams finishing 6th, 19th and 26th respectively. These are fantastic achievements in such a large and competitive field, and every child should be incredibly proud of their performance.

We would also like to give a special mention to William, who was a Year 6 pupil at our school last year. Representing his new school in the Year 7 competition, William achieved an excellent 2nd place – a fantastic achievement!

Most importantly, we would like to thank all 12 children for representing our school so positively. Their enthusiasm, excellent behaviour and sporting attitude made us very proud. Well done to you all!



DIARY DATES

2nd October

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

6th October

- Year 2 forest school

9th October

- Rocksteady
- Hello Yellow Day! Wear something yellow to school
- KS2 football Club
- Assembly

13th October

- Year 2 forest school
- Girls Football competition at Gt Heath

15th October

- Open morning for prospective parents at 9.30am

16th October

- Rocksteady
- KS2 football Club
- Assembly

16th October

- Boys football competition at Gt Heath

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
WILL CLOSE AT 5PM ON
5TH NOVEMBER TO
ALLOW FOR OUR
FIREWORKS EVENT**

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PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all the parents and carers who signed up for and attended parent consultations with your child's teacher this week. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support and partnership of our families.

These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to share your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and discuss how we can work together to support their learning and development.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A huge thank you to all our wonderful families for your generous Harvest Festival donations. We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and support.

We are pleased to be donating the food collected to our local food bank, where it will help support individuals and families in our local community.

Your generosity will make a real difference. Thank you for helping us to share the spirit of Harvest and show care for others in our community.



BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Club Activities week beginning 5th October

MONDAY	Outdoor games
TUESDAY	Bracelet making
WEDNESDAY	Biscuit decorating
THURSDAY	Craft night
FRIDAY	Prestige Sports fun & games

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



As part of developing further links with the community and our promotion of British Values, we would like to invite pupils in years 5 & 6 to attend the Remembrance Day memorial service at the church in Dullingham. This is taking place on Sunday 8th November. Please return the reply slip to the office next week.

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HELLO YELLOW!

Next Friday, 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!

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.

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

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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.

SAFEGUARDING AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

At Kettlefields, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do, and we are very grateful for the support we receive from parents and carers in helping us keep all of our children safe.

We would like to highlight the importance of following the correct procedures when your child is absent from school. On occasion, some children have been reported as being unwell when in fact they are away on holiday. While we fully appreciate that family time is special, we must stress that recording absences accurately is a safeguarding requirement.

When a child is marked as "sick" but is actually away, this creates a safeguarding concern. If we do not know where a child is, we are required to make checks to ensure their safety. This may include home visits and, if we are unable to get a response, contacting the police. As you can imagine, this takes up valuable time and resources that could be avoided if we are given the correct information from the start.

If you are planning a holiday or know in advance that your child will be absent, please complete the correct absence request form, available on the school website or from the school office. Being open and honest about absences helps us to keep all children safe, as well as supporting the smooth running of the school.

Thank you once again for your continued support in keeping safeguarding a priority at Kettlefields.

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BIKEABILITY 19TH – 22nd OCTOBER

Just a reminder that Year 5 will be undertaking the Level 2 Bikeability course soon. The course teaches children how to grow more confident on the roads under the careful guidance of expert instructors.

Please remember to check your child's bike and cycle helmet. Children need to bring a waterproof coat and a full change of clothes (including shoes and socks), as the course will go ahead in all weathers. Please ensure all items are clearly named.



OPEN EVENTS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL NEXT YEAR

Just a quick reminder that we are holding the first of our open events next Thursday (15th October) at 9.30am. The second event is on 9th November at 2.00pm.

If you, or friends or neighbours will be applying for a place in Reception for September 2027, we would love to show you around.

EXPLORING MIRRORS AND INVESTIGATING HOW REFLECTIONS WORK

Woodpeckers have had lots of fun exploring mirrors and investigating how reflections work! We discussed what a reflection is and explored what happens when we move a mirror or change the position of an object in front of it. The children made predictions, tested their ideas and carefully observed how the reflection changed when the mirror was moved. We also talked about how light helps us to see reflections. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore, ask questions and learn through practical investigation!





GREAT BRITISH QUIZ

FRIDAY 16TH OCT | 7 PM
Kettlefields Primary School

£5 PER PERSON
TEAMS OF UP TO 6

Tickets available at:

<https://kettlefields-primary-school-events.sumupstore.com/product/great-british-quiz-night-16-oct-2026>



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YEAR 2 FOREST SCHOOL

At forest school the children safely used hammers to crush up conkers. We mixed the conkers into water to make our own conker soap. What a lovely afternoon!



KINGFISHERS BECOME LOCAL AREA EXPLORERS

We have been learning about the geography and history of where we live, focusing on the familiar town of Newmarket.

The children explored the High Street and created their own maps, identifying important landmarks such as the Clock Tower. We also learnt about some of Newmarket's history and discussed how the town has changed over time.

The children were so excited to explore a place they know so well and discover more about its history and geography. It was wonderful to see them making connections between what they see around them every day and what they are learning in the classroom.

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YEAR 6 FOREST SCHOOL

We are pleased to let families know that Year 6 will have an upcoming bonus Forest School session on **Thursday 22nd October**. This will be a great opportunity for the children to spend additional time outdoors, develop their practical skills and enjoy learning together in our natural surroundings. The weather may be cold, so please make sure your child is dressed warmly and prepared for outdoor activities. As usual, children must wear clothing that covers their arms and legs. We will also be cooking over the fire, so suitable clothing is particularly important.

The session will go ahead in all weathers. Please provide **waterproofs** and **suitable shoes** that can cope with wet, muddy or chilly conditions. Sturdy footwear will help children move safely and comfortably around the Forest School area.

Please check that your child arrives ready for the weather and able to take part fully. We are looking forward to an active and enjoyable session, with opportunities to explore, work together and cook over the fire.



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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 |
- 2 ADULTS, 3 CHILDREN: £28

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS PLEASE
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WWW.KETTLEFIELDSFIREWORKS.LINK

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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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