

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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9th October 2026



HELLO YELLOW!

Today, we are supporting Wear Yellow Day to raise awareness of children and young people's mental health and to remind everyone that it is important to talk about how we feel. We are wearing something yellow to help us spread a little sunshine and show our support for positive mental health.

As part of our PSHE learning, children are taking part in age-appropriate activities exploring mental health and wellbeing. We are talking about recognising and expressing different emotions, looking after our minds as well as our bodies, and identifying trusted adults and support networks we can turn to when we are worried or finding something difficult.

Our aim is to help children understand that everyone experiences different feelings and that talking, listening and showing kindness to ourselves and others can make a real difference.

We are delighted to see our school filled with yellow, positivity and sunshine as we come together to show our support for children and young people's mental health.

Families who would like to support this important cause can make a voluntary donation to YoungMinds, a charity working to improve mental health support for children and young people. Every donation, no matter how small, helps to support young people and their families and raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. Thank you for helping us to spread a little sunshine and show children and young people that their mental health matters.

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

DIARY DATES

9th October

- KS2 football Club
- Assembly – We look forward to welcoming YR parents to assemblies after half term.

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
- PTFA Quiz Night

19th October

- Year 5 Bikeability
- Boys football competition at Gt Heath

20th October

- Forest School for Y2 – Last one

22nd October

- Y6 forest school bonus session!

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BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Club Activities week beginning 12th October

MONDAY	Outdoor play
TUESDAY	Mini games
WEDNESDAY	Make your own squishy
THURSDAY	Craft night
FRIDAY	Prestige fun & games

Please remember to book Breakfast Club and After School Club in advance. While we will always try to accommodate children in a genuine emergency, we cannot always offer additional places simply because a booking has been forgotten. Staffing, activities and resources are planned around booked numbers, and our cook prepares snacks each day based on expected attendance. Last-minute additions can therefore be very difficult to manage.



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.

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.

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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.

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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We are now midway through the Secondary 2027 transition process, and we would like to remind all Year 6 families to ensure their secondary school application is submitted on time.

Please apply online by 31 October 2026.



Break the Rules Day

Friday 23rd October

- Wear a costume or non uniform* £2
- Have wacky hair £1
- Wear Face Paint/ Nail Varnish/temporary tattoos 50p each
- Wear PJs or Slippers (outside shoes required for break time) 50p
- Have any snack at break-time (no nuts) 50p
- Have squash or juice instead of water (no energy/fizzy drinks) 50p

Break all the rules for £5

*please wear an outfit that is suitable for PE if required.

Money will be collected from the school gates in the morning.

All funds raised go to the PTFA.

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ART IN SWIFTS

We have been learning about the incredible Victorian artist Sarah Biiffin who was born without arms or legs. She painted beautifully detailed miniature portraits using her mouth. Some of her work was only about 8cm high! Sarah was even commissioned to paint portraits of Queen Victoria! We were inspired to create our own marvellous miniatures.



Swifts then moved on to explore the work of Alexej von Jawlensky. He was a Russian artist who spent time with Kandinsky. We realised that portraits can still portray a person using line, shape, colour and expression. We experimented with colour mixing to create our own versions.

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YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN HIEROGLYPHICS

Year 3 had lots of fun stepping back in time and creating their very own Egyptian hieroglyphics.

The children used papyrus paper, chalk pastels and black markers to create their designs. They each wrote their own names using Egyptian hieroglyphics, carefully drawing the symbols and outlining them in black marker to make them stand out.

The children were fantastic at experimenting with the chalk pastels and creating artwork inspired by Ancient Egypt.





BIRD OF PREY EXPERIENCE AT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

GET UP CLOSE TO OWLS &
RAPTORS

LEARN FASCINATING FACTS,
MEET THE BIRDS, AND ENJOY
OUR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
FALCONRY ADVENTURE



TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2026
3.30PM - 5.30PM

Booking essential as numbers are limited.

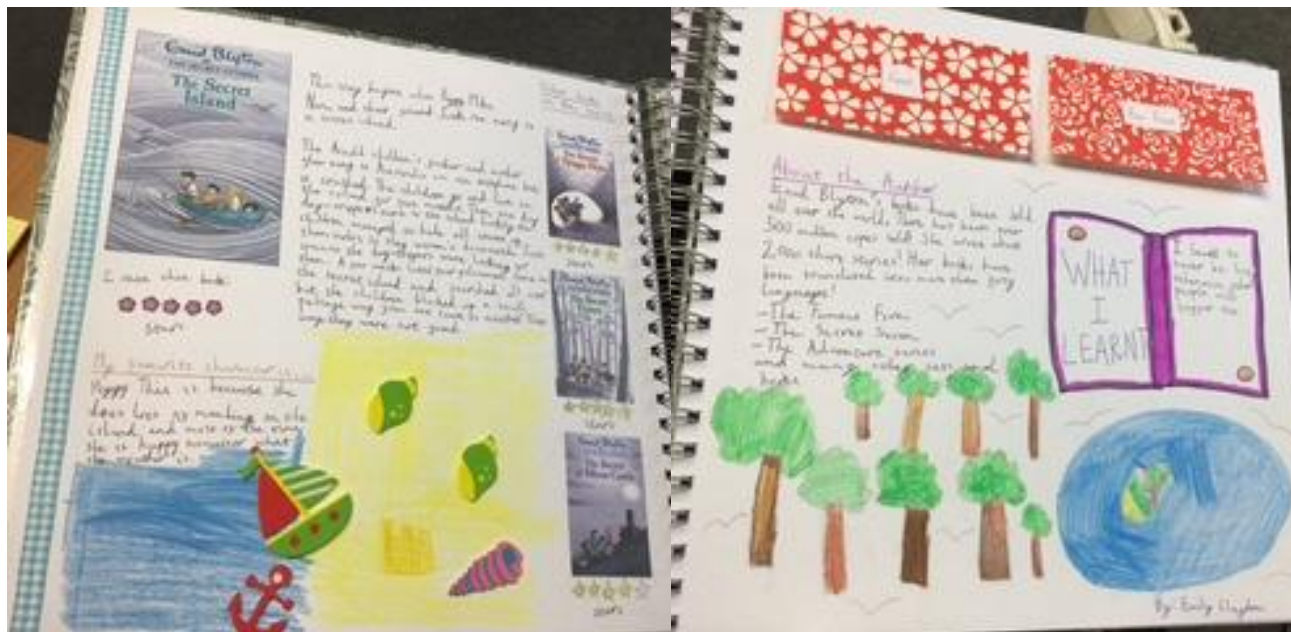
Please book to attend ASC on this day, via the School Gateway App.



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READING SCRAPBOOK

The Swifts have a reading scrapbook to encourage reading for pleasure, and Emily has recently returned with a beautiful addition. We look forward to seeing how the scrapbook develops and grows over the year.



YEAR 2 FOREST SCHOOL

On Tuesday, the children made towers and animals out of windfall apples and sticks. It was wonderful to watch them problem solve, explore shapes and use their creativity. Well done!

YEAR 2 FOREST SCHOOL APPLE TOWERS AND ANIMALS





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Fireworks Event VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

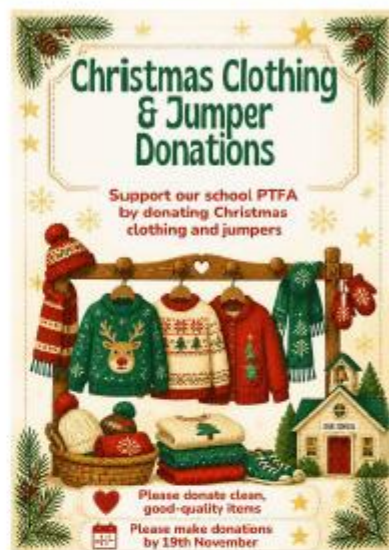
This is our largest event of the year and to enable it to happen we need as many volunteers as possible from our school community. If you can help in any capacity, for any amount of time, including providing bakes for our food stall, please let us know by filling in this JotForm.

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

RAFFLE PRIZES – we would be grateful for any donations of good quality items suitable for our adult Christmas hamper, such as food and drink, soap sets, books etc. Please leave at the school office. PTFA will start selling tickets after half term.

REQUESTING YOUR HELP

For this term the PTFA is looking for support from our school families for **donations of Christmas jumpers** and clothes, **raffle prizes** for our Christmas adult hamper, **bakes** for our Fireworks events and especially **volunteers** who can help at the Fireworks event. Please do let us know if you can help in any way. Thank you 😊



CALLING ALL BAKERS FOR FIREWORKS – Our food stall is always busy during the fireworks event. If you can contribute any sweet or savoury bakes please leave them at the school office on the morning of 5 Nov.



DIARY DATES

- ❖ **GREAT BRITISH QUIZ:** Friday 16th October, 7pm
- ❖ **FIREWORKS & BONFIRE EVENT:** Thursday 5th November, 5.30pm
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS JUMPER & CLOTHING SALE** (at the Parent Forum): Friday 20th November, 1.45pm

Further events on their way - watch this space for more details...



Prestige October Holiday Camps



Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to notify you that we will be delivering School Holiday Camps at **Kettlefields Primary School** this October half term. We are thrilled to offer an extensive range of activities that cater for a variety of interests. At all our holiday camp locations, we have a chill out zone & an energy zone. Within these zones, our excellent holiday camp leaders will provide engaging and educational experiences that are super fun! Our camps are designed to be inclusive, safe and have a focus on enjoyment.

Our activities are spread across a range of categories such as:

- Super Sports – like Dodgeball, Football, Basketball, & more.
- Arts & Crafts – like Jewellery Making, Slime, Rock Painting & more.
- Mega Moments – like Laser Tag, Nerf Targets, Axe Throwing & more.
- Go Wild – Like Axe Throwing, Soft Archery, Scavenger Hunts, Garden Games
- Brain Busters – like scavenger hunts, quizzes and Team Games.
- STEM Stars – like Lego, Board games, Fort Building and Water Rockets!

The camp venue will be Ofsted registered too, meaning you can pay with Childcare Vouchers or use the Tax Free Childcare scheme.

Launch October Half Term 2026

This October we will launch with camps running Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th Wednesday 28th Thursday 29th & Friday 30th Early drop off is available 8.15am-9am for **£3.00**, then the full day 9am – 3.30pm is available for **£27.50**

Booking Your Place

To book your place please visit our website www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com and then click 'make a booking'. If you have booked with us before, you will just need to log in to your account and find the camps in your dashboard. If you have not booked with us before, please create an account and add your children's details. In both cases you will need to make sure you have selected Acton Primary School as one of your location 'centres'. You can also find out more information via our website and We hope to see you there!

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