

KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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23rd October 2026



HALF TERM BREAK

Next week we break for half term and return to school on Monday 2nd November. We've had a great half term; thank you to parents for all your support. It is amazing how quickly our Reception pupils have settled in, and we can't believe they have already finished a half term with us! There have been a whole host of lovely events in just the first few weeks of the year, including football competitions, harvest festival, Macmillan coffee morning, bikeability, balanceability, and after school Singsational and football club.

Have a fantastic, restful half term break. We look forward to seeing you all on the 2nd, and can't wait to host the fireworks event the first week back – if you haven't already done so please purchase your tickets online via <https://www.ticketsource.com/kettlefields-primary-school-ptfa/kettlefields-ptfa-fireworks-display/e-djdjki>

BOYS FOOTBALL

This week it was the turn of the boys! We were back at Great Heath competing against 20 other teams. We started well drawing 0:0 and 1:1 in our first two matches and then lost 2:0 to the eventual group winner and 1:0 to the highest scoring second place. These two teams both went through to the semi-finals. The boys had a great time and sang all of the way home on the minibus.



DIARY DATES

26th-30th October

- HALF TERM

2nd November

- Back to school

3rd November

- School photos
- Year 4 forest school

5th November

- PTFA Firework Display

6th November

- 2.15-3.15pm.
Dodgeball Club
- Assembly

9th November

- 2pm Open Afternoon
for prospective parents

10th November

- Year 4 and 5 trip to
West Stow

11th November

- Phonics workshop for
YR parents at 3.30pm

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BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Club Activities week beginning 2nd Nov

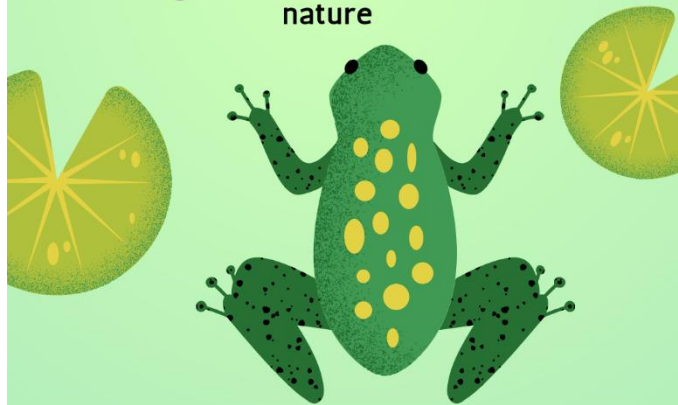
MONDAY	Outdoor play
TUESDAY	Making a guy for the bonfire
WEDNESDAY	Painting night
THURSDAY	Firework and bonfire crafts
FRIDAY	Prestige Sports



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL
CLOSE AT
5PM ON 5TH NOVEMBER

After School Club visit from CAMBRIDGESHIRE WILDLIFE CARE

Children will enjoy a fantastic, hands-on afternoon learning about our local wildlife, seeing exciting educational props, and discovering how animal rescuers look after nature



WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
3:30 PM TO 5:30 PM

BOOK VIA SCHOOL GATEWAY



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB KARAOKE PARTY



WE'RE REALLY EXCITED TO WELCOME JAZ FROM SINGSATIONAL FOR AN AMAZING KARAOKE PARTY. YOU'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO GRAB THE MIC & SING YOUR FAVOURITE SONGS LIKE A SUPERSTAR! WHETHER YOU LOVE BEING IN THE SPOTLIGHT OR SIMPLY ENJOY SINGING ALONG, EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE FUN.

18TH NOVEMBER. BOOK VIA SCHOOL GATEWAY

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NEW LUNCH MENUS

Just a reminder that our new lunch menus start after half term; you can find them on our website. Meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and for those in receipt of Pupil Premium. For all other children, the cost remains at £2.60 per meal and should be paid for in advance via the School Gateway App.

AFTER SCHOOL DODGEBALL CLUB – SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

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, Year 2 and Year 3. 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.

PARENT FORUM

Parent are invited to come along to the next Parent Forum meeting with Mrs Gadsby on 20th November, instead of assembly. The meeting will focus on a photo permission update, homework and air con quotes.

PHONICS WORKSHOP

Parents of Reception children are invited to a phonics workshop on Wednesday 11th November at 3.30pm. Please return the slip to the class teacher so that we know how many parents can attend.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - 3rd NOVEMBER

On the first Tuesday after the half term break, our school photographer will be visiting to taking individual photographs. If your child has PE or Forest School on this day, please also bring school uniform to school for the photographs.

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BIKEABILITY

Year 5 have spent four days this week undertaking their Level 2 Bikeability training.

With the support of expert instructors, the children developed their confidence and skills in cycling safely on quiet roads. They practised starting and stopping their bikes confidently, passing parked vehicles, understanding road signs, signals and markings, and navigating quiet junctions.

The children also developed their road safety awareness in the village and learned how to share the road safely with other vehicles. It has been a fantastic opportunity for them to gain valuable cycling experience and become more confident and independent cyclists.



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FOREST SCHOOL HARVEST CELEBRATION

On Thursday, Year 6 enjoyed a special bonus Forest School session with Mrs Hyde to celebrate their incredible hard work in the kitchen garden this year. Showcasing their excellent fire knowledge, the children helped to build the campfire using silver birch bark to get it started, before building it up with plum wood. After harvesting the wonderful produce they have been growing; including marrows, butternut squash, and courgettes, they carefully prepared the ingredients and then gathered around their fire to transform them into a delicious, warming vegetable soup. While the soup cooked, the children weaved friendship bracelets using a homemade Knitting Nancy.

To accompany their soup, Year 6 made fresh flatbreads from scratch and cooked them over the flames. What a brilliantly fun, practical, and informative way to celebrate a successful harvest. Well done, Year 6!



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FOREST SCHOOL AFTER HALF TERM – YEAR 4

During the next half term, Year 4 pupils will be participating in weekly Forest School sessions. The dates of the sessions are:

3rd November
17th November
24th November,
1st December
8th December
15th December



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.

ODD SOCKS DAY

On Monday 16th November we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day which marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. We are inviting the children to come to school in their usual school uniform but to wear 'odd socks'.

Odd Socks Day is an opportunity for everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality. We will be thinking about what makes us all unique! You can find further information at:



<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/odd-socks-day/what-odd-socks-day>

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

We are proudly supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year. During the week beginning 2nd November, we will be selling poppies and resources in order to raise much needed funds for this worthwhile cause. The collection boxes and items will be available Monday to Friday, at morning break. We do hope you will support this worthwhile appeal.



Suggested minimum donations:

Standard poppy £1 / Pins - £2 / Snap Bands - £2 / Wristbands - £1 / Zip pulls - £1

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CHILDREN IN NEED - WEAR SOMETHING SPOTTY OR YELLOW

On 20th November we will be having a non uniform day in support of BBC Children in Need. Please come into school wearing something spotty or yellow, and if you would like to donate, please do so online at <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



WEST STOW TRIP

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 10th November 2026, year 4 and year 5 pupils are going on a day trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village. The coach will be leaving at 9.30am and returning at 3.30pm (depending on traffic).

Please remember to bring a packed lunch in a small back pack (no nuts please) and plenty to drink. Approximately half of the visit will take place outside, so please ensure pupils are dressed appropriately for the weather.

REQUEST FOR HAMPER PRIZES

Our PTFA is busy putting together some lovely hampers for our upcoming raffle. If you're able to donate any items, we would be very grateful. Ideas include:

- Chocolates, sweets and biscuits
- Toiletries and beauty products
- Candles and home accessories
- Toys, games, books and stationery
- Tea, coffee and treats
- Gift vouchers or any other suitable items

No donation is too small, and every little bit helps us create some fantastic hampers to raise funds for our school and the children. Please bring any donations to the school office.

BREAK THE RULES DAY

Thank you to the PTFA for organising today's 'Break the Rules Day'.

We had some brilliant costumes and raised £320 for the PTFA.



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PTFA QUIZ NIGHT

A cold & dark Friday evening was the perfect setting for last week's PTFA Quiz Night, bringing staff, parents & members of our local community together for an evening full of fun, laughter & friendly competition!

Mrs Palmer was on fantastic form as quizmaster, keeping everyone entertained & teams on their toes, as the scores were hotly contested right to the end!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along & helped make the evening such a success. Special thanks to Davina, Kathryn & the whole PTFA Team for all their hard work getting everything organised, & to Mrs Palmer, who must have spent hours putting together such a brilliant quiz. Thanks also to the wonderful Kim for ably taking care of the marking & scoreboard.



The evening raised a brilliant £550 for the PTFA.

WHAT'S ON FOR KIDS OVER HALF TERM
at the
ELLESMERE CENTRE

24th OCTOBER
Craft & Junk Modelling Drop-in
10:30am - 1pm
£3 per child

30th OCTOBER
Roller Skating Discos
Under 11s: 2:30pm - 4:30pm
11-14 years: 5pm - 7pm
£3 to skate | £1 to hire skates
Call the centre to book: 01638 508212

31st OCTOBER
4pm - 7pm
Halloween Face Painting & Treats
Pre trick-or-treating Halloween Face Painting
Come back after trick-or-treating for a Hot Chocolate & Cake!

Any questions? Speak to Kirsty or call the centre on 01638 508212

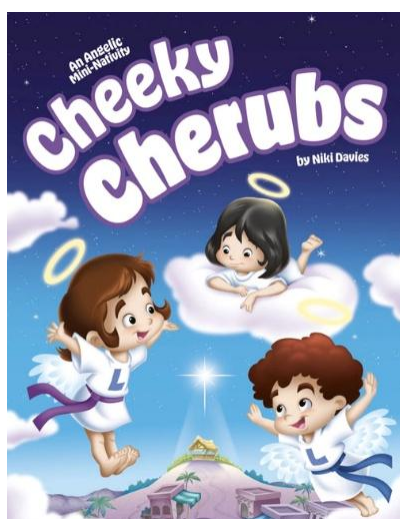
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DIWALI

We are excited to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights, with our children through food and learning. Mrs Evan-Evans has arranged for us all to celebrate together at school, organising a special lunch on Wednesday 4th November where everyone will enjoy a delicious festive menu of curries, rice, naan bread, steamed green beans, and cucumber raita. Alongside our special lunch, Mrs Evan-Evans will also be delivering RE lessons to Key Stage 1 throughout the week, teaching the children about Diwali traditions and why it is called the festival of light.



NATIVITY PERFORMANCES



We warmly invite family and friends of our Reception and Year 1 parents to this year's Nativity performance. There will be two performances;

- 9th December at 2.15pm
- 10th December at 9am

Due to limited space in the hall, entry will be by ticket only (maximum of 2 tickets per family, per performance) and all tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets cost £2.00 each and all proceeds will go towards the cost of the performance license and props for the play. To purchase tickets, simply login to School Gateway. The deadline for ticket purchase is 5th December. Tickets will not be issued, as we will keep a register of tickets purchased.



PTFA NEWSLETTER

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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.

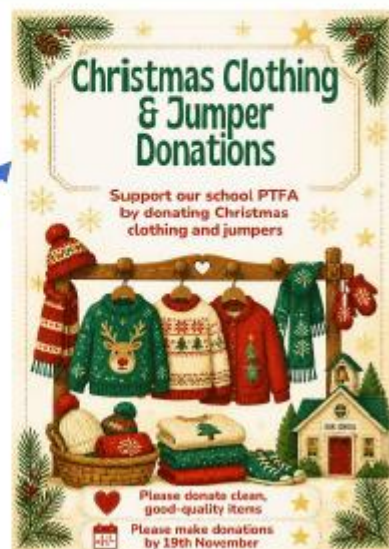
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CALLING ALL BAKERS FOR FIREWORKS –

we would be very grateful for any sweet or savoury bake contributions. Please leave them at the school office on the morning of 5 Nov. Please include an ingredients list & do not include nuts.

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



TRAVELLING TO THE FIREWORKS EVENT

Where possible we strongly encourage people to walk to the event to avoid congestion.

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking.



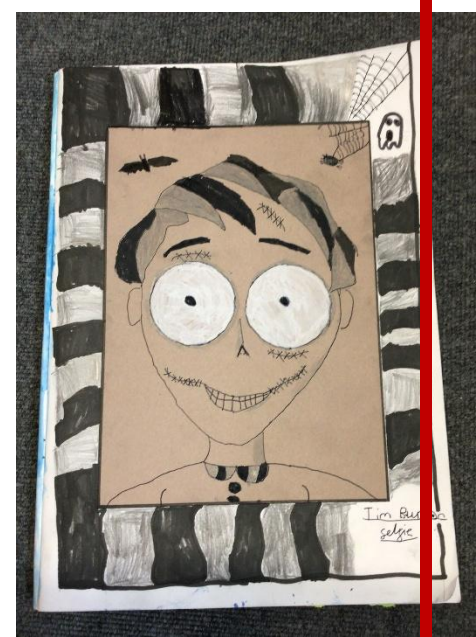
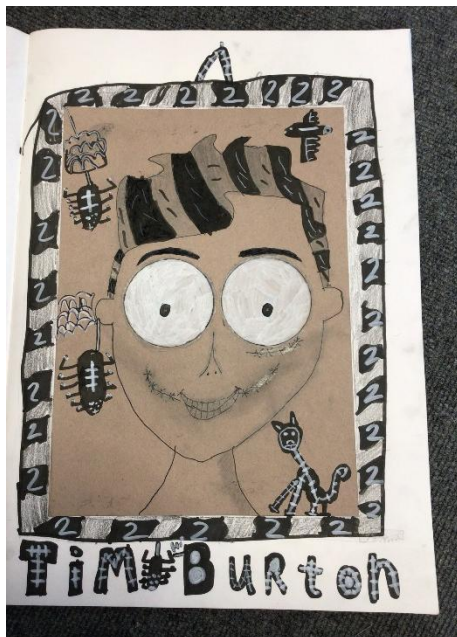
DIARY DATES

- ❖ **FIREWORKS & BONFIRE EVENT:** Thursday 5th November, 5.30pm
- ❖ **WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP:** Friday 27th November – details coming soon
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS JUMPER & CLOTHING SALE** (at the Parent Forum): Friday 20th November, 1.45pm
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS FAIR with a Special Visitor:** Thursday 17th December, 3.30pm
- ❖ **BREAK THE RULES DAY:** Friday 12th February
- ❖ **FAMILY BINGO:** Saturday 13th March

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ART IN SWIFTS

The Swifts have been creating self-portraits in the distinctive style of Tim Burton this week in their art lessons. Using pen and sketching pencils, they have explored line, tone, shading and facial proportions to create striking, expressive portraits. The Swifts have experimented with exaggerating features and using contrast to capture Tim Burton's recognisable gothic style. What an effective medium, with some fantastic results. We are so impressed with their creativity, attention to detail and the individuality of each piece. Well done, Swifts!



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

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