KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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6th November 2026

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT

A huge thank you to our incredible PTFA for organising yet another spectacular Bonfire and Fireworks Night.

Year after year, this much-loved event seems to get bigger, better and more successful, and this year was certainly no exception.

The weather was wonderfully kind to us, staying mild throughout the evening, and we were delighted to welcome such a fantastic number of visitors, all enjoying themselves. From the BBQ and bar to the raffle, glow sticks and fairground rides, there really was something for everyone. The opportunity to sit in the fire engine was a particular highlight, and, of course, the evening ended in spectacular style with an amazing firework display lighting up the sky.

It was also lovely to welcome the Scouts, who joined us to lend a hand on the night and help strengthen the links within our wider community.

Thanks to the incredible hard work and dedication of our PTFA team, alongside the wonderful support of our school community, we have once again raised a phenomenal amount of money for the school. Exact amount TBC.

We are so grateful to everyone who helped organise the event, volunteered their time, came along, or contributed in any way to making the evening such a memorable success.











DIARY DATES

6th November
- Rocksteady
- 2.15-3.15pm. Dodgeball Club
- Assembly

8th November
- Remembrance Service at Dullingham Church (Years 5 & 6)

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

12th November
- Flu vaccinations

13th November
- Assembly
- Rocksteady
- 2.15-3.15pm. Dodgeball Club

16th November
- Odd Socks Day

17th November
- Forest School Year 4

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BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Club Activities week beginning 9th Nov

MONDAY	Bingo night
TUESDAY	Birds of Prey Experience
WEDNESDAY	Construction night
THURSDAY	Craft night
FRIDAY	Prestige

On 10th November, we will be hosting the Bird of Prey event. If you can, please collect your child after 5pm, as the birds will be flying up until 5pm.





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 next Wednesday 11th November at 3.30pm.

FOREST SCHOOL– YEAR 4

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

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.

WEST STOW TRIP

Just a reminder that next 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.



REVERSE ADVENT

This December, we will be taking part in a Reverse Advent Calendar to support our local Food Bank.

Instead of opening a door and receiving a treat, we'll be giving something each day to help local families in need over the festive period.

From Tuesday 1st December to Friday 18th December, we invite pupils to bring in an item from the list below.

All donations will be delivered to the Food Bank in time for Christmas. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference.

Thank you for helping us spread kindness and generosity this Christmas.

Date	Item to Bring
Tues 1 Dec	Tinned vegetables or tinned fruit
Weds 2 Dec	Breakfast cereal
Thurs 3 Dec	Bottle of squash/cordial
Fri 4th	PD DAY
Mon 7 Dec	Rice or pasta
Tue 8 Dec	Tinned soup
Wed 9 Dec	UHT milk
Thu 10 Dec	Tea bags or coffee
Fri 11 Dec	Biscuits
Mon 14 Dec	Shampoo or shower gel
Tue 15 Dec	Jam or spread
Wed 16 Dec	Toothpaste or soap
Thu 17 Dec	Toilet rolls
Fri 18 Dec	Christmas treat

Together, we can make this Christmas a little brighter for those in need.

LUNCHTIME PLAY

Now that the weather has started to turn, the school field is becoming a little muddier. To help us keep our carpets clean, we're asking that all children keep a spare pair of trainers or wellies at school. These can be used at lunchtime so that children can still enjoy playing on the field, even when it's a bit damp. Without suitable footwear, children will need to stick to the playground instead. Thank you.

RECEPTION 2027 OPEN AFTERNOON

Just a reminder that we're having an open afternoon on Monday at 2pm for families thinking about Reception for September 2027. It's a great chance to have a tour of our school with Mrs Gadsby, see what makes Kettlefields so special, and ask any questions they might have. If you know any families who might be interested, please let them know; they'd be very welcome.

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 / Pencils - £1

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

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/



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DIWALI

We celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Lights, this week through food and learning. Mrs Evan-Evans arranged for us all to celebrate together at school, organising a special lunch on Wednesday where everyone enjoyed a delicious menu of curries, rice, naan bread, steamed green beans, and cucumber raita. Alongside our special lunch, Mrs Evan-Evans will also be delivered RE lessons to Key Stage 1, teaching the children about Diwali traditions and why it is called the festival of light, and then the children got hands on with making their own clay diva lamps.

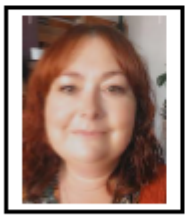






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Education Inclusion Family Advisor Virtual Drop-In



Michelle West

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment.

These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

If you would like to talk with Michelle on a 1:1 basis about any of the above issues, then book onto the drop-in on Thursday 19th November 9.30am-12.30pm. Sessions are 30 minutes long.

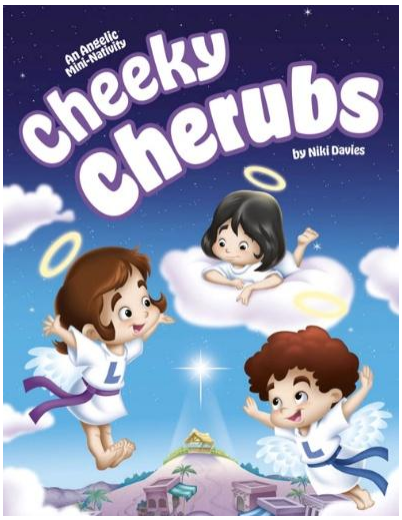
To book on:

- **Email michelle.west@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**
- **Mention "Drop-in" in the subject bar of your email and include your name and your child's name**
- **Await a Microsoft Teams meeting invite for a 30 minute chat**

Please note, By attending the drop-in session, you consent to information being recorded and processed in accordance with Cambridgeshire County Councils GDPR and data protection policies.

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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.

AFTER SCHOOL DODGEBALL CLUB – SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

We are 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 R, 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.