KETTLEFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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13th November 2026



DIARY DATES

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

16th November
- Odd Socks Day
- Swimming starts for years 2 and 5
- Bikeability Year 3

17th November
- Forest School Year 4

20th November
- 2.15-3.15pm. Dodgeball Club
- Parent Forum (instead of assembly)

24th November
- Swimming gala
- Year 4 Forest School

27th November
- Rocksteady Concert at 9am
- No Celebration Assembly
- 2.15-3.15pm. Dodgeball Club

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Club Activities week beginning 16th Nov

MONDAY	Games night
TUESDAY	Crafts for display board
WEDNESDAY	Karaoke Party with Jaz
THURSDAY	Colouring competition
FRIDAY	Prestige

REMEMBRANCE

On the 11th day of the 11th month, at the 11th hour, Kettlefields held a whole school assembly to remember and honour our war heroes.

We observed a two-minute silence, listened to beautiful poems and prayers, and laid a very special wreath, lovingly created by the children in Robins class.

It was a lovely, respectful occasion, giving us all the opportunity to reflect and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



PTFA NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026



A massive thank you to everyone who helped make our Fireworks event such a fantastic evening. From our brilliant sponsors — **PCJ Construction & Restoration Ltd** and **Brett Jones Contracting**— to the incredible volunteers who gave their time before, during, and after the event, the talented bakers and cooks who donated delicious treats, **Newmarket Fire Brigade** for attending with their fire engine, **1st Dullingham & Stetchworth Scouts** for manning the fence line and starting the fireworks countdown, the **Ellesmere Centre** for providing car parking and of course, everyone who came along to enjoy the night — we are truly grateful.

Thanks to your amazing support, we raised an amazing **£6,500**! Every penny will go towards funding projects and equipment that enhance and enrich our children's education.



CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS
are coming home in your children's school bags during w/c 16th November.



PTFA MYTH-BUSTER 1
Myth: "You have to attend every event."
Fact: Any help, however small, makes a difference. Some volunteers help for just one event a year.

PTFA DID YOU KNOW...
that the PTFA regularly makes contributions towards school trips to enable these to happen? This included the recent Bikeability course.

BE IN IT TO WIN IT!
HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS

Tickets are on sale at all of our events in November and December for an Adult Hamper and a Children's Hamper – to be drawn by our special visitor at the Christmas Fair on 17th December.

Adult hamper £1 per ticket / Children's hamper 50p per ticket



DIARY DATES 2026-2027

- **CHRISTMAS JUMPER & CLOTHING SALE** (at the Parent Forum): Friday 20th November, 1.45pm
- **WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP:** Friday 27th November, 7pm
- **CHRISTMAS FAIR with a Special Visitor:** Thursday 17th December, 3.30pm
- **BREAK THE RULES DAY:** Friday 12th February
- **FAMILY BINGO:** Saturday 13th March

BIKEABILITY

Year 3 have their Level 1 Bikeability session on Monday.

Children will need to bring:
- A suitable roadworthy bike without stabilisers
- A helmet
- Suitable clothing (please bring a coat!)

We are really looking forward to this and think it will be a great opportunity for the children. As funding for the Level 1 course has recently been withdrawn, we are very grateful to the PTFA who have kindly agreed to fund this year's Level 1 course in full.

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.

SWIMMING

Next week, Year 2 and Year 5 children begin their two week swimming course, so here is a useful reminder of what is needed:

The children will need to bring a towel, swimming costume (no bikinis please), a swimming hat (essential for lessons) and goggles if they wish. All other equipment such as noodles and floats are provided. They will also need a water bottle and a snack. In the second week, the children will also need a t-shirt for practising water safety. Please can you ensure that all items are clearly named.

The year 2 children will need to arrive promptly at school, as the mini bus has to leave by 08.45 am.

If PE kit is easier than uniform to change in and out of, then children are welcome to wear their PE kit for the next two weeks.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone for dressing in yellow and spots to celebrate and raise funds for Children in Need. Donations can be made online to the charity via:
https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

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WEST STOW TRIP

The year 4 and 5 children have had a brilliant time at West Stow Anglo Saxon Village, becoming historians for the day. We took a walk around part of the Beowulf and Grendel trail and learnt some snippets of this famous Anglo Saxon epic. The children were so excited to explore the replica houses and it really brought to life how the Anglo Saxons lived. Highlights of this included the animal skins, the smoky smells and rune spotting on each door. The Anglo Saxon museum was packed with amazing objects and there were lots of hands on opportunities. Dressing as an Anglo Saxon was a real hit! Throughout the visit, the children were encouraged to observe and ask questions to discover what the buildings and artefacts told them about the Anglo Saxons. We ended with an investigation of some artefacts where the children presented their findings to their friends. The trip has definitely added to their appreciation and understanding of this period of history.













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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

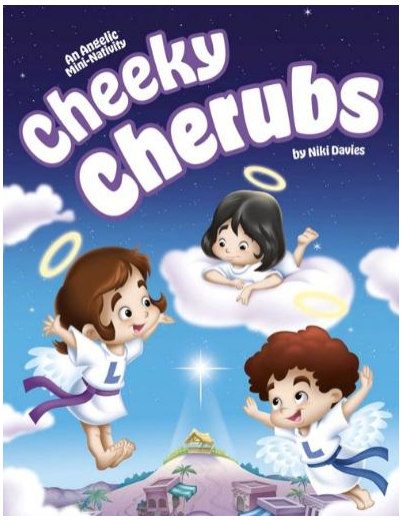
Together, we can make this Christmas a little brighter for those in need.

ODD SOCKS DAY

On Monday, 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

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.

BIRD OF PREY EXPERIENCE

Mrs Browes arranged a brilliant session at After School Club on Tuesday, with a birds of prey experience. The children absolutely loved holding the birds, and enjoyed them swooping around in the hall. A fantastic afternoon.





