



School newsletter

13th February 2025

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Headteacher's insight

Sports

Physical activity plays such an important role in the development of both physical and mental wellbeing, and we are committed to providing a variety of experiences that allow every child to discover their own interests. At Fen Ditton Primary School, we are pleased to offer an increasing range of sporting opportunities to our children.

We are thrilled this term to have added after school sports clubs to offer the children, which are a fantastic way for children to stay active, build confidence, and develop new skills:

- Football – A chance for budding footballers to develop their skills, whether they're beginners or experienced players.
- Acrobatics – For those who love gymnastics and want to explore flips, balance, and movement.
- Multi Sports – A chance for children to try their hand at a variety of sports in one club!

If your child isn't yet engaging in one of these then please do look to book them a space through My Child At School.

During lunchtime, we also have dedicated sports coaches who work with students in a structured and supportive way. These sessions offer purposeful opportunities for children to develop their skills in a range of sports, from football to athletics, and they're a wonderful way to encourage teamwork, sportsmanship, and friendly competition.

We are fortunate to have Mr. Parker, our PE specialist, who delivers engaging and high-quality PE lessons to all year groups. His expertise allows our students to gain a strong foundation in physical education, and he ensures that every lesson is both fun and challenging, catering to all levels of ability.

In addition to the great in-school activities, we have an exciting programme of sports events between Fen Ditton Primary and Marleigh Primary Academy. These events, which are scheduled half termly, give children the opportunity to compete and collaborate with their peers across both schools, building community spirit and showcasing their developing talents.

Having the opportunity to partner with a school in this way is advantageous to our pupils at Fen Ditton Primary.

We are proud of the sporting culture we are nurturing at our school and look forward to continuing to provide our students with opportunities to grow, learn, and most importantly, have fun.

Thank you for your continued support, and we can't wait to see what this year brings in terms of sporting achievements!

Curriculum for Science and Foundation Subjects

As you know, in January we introduced a new curriculum for all subjects other than English and Maths. We will be sharing more insight with you over the coming weeks and months so that you have a clear understanding of what your child is learning. As a first step, please click on the link below to our school website to see the units that will be taught over an academic year in each year group.

<https://fendittonprimary.org/curriculum/curriculum-aims-and-statement/curriculum-overviews/>





News from our classrooms

Starfish Class

This week in art, Starfish made concertina books including characters created by ourselves. We used the skills we have been developing this half term.



Narwhal Class

Narwhal Class enjoyed a visit to Netherhall Secondary School to watch their production of High School Musical! We enjoyed hearing a live band playing along to the singing on stage, as well as the super backdrop and multicoloured stage lights.



Stingray Class

Here members of the class are making a collagraph print. This technique involves glueing textured solid items to a board, covering it in paint, and then pressing the painted side firmly down onto paper. The finished print creates a background that can be used as a backdrop to a drawn figure in front.



Our Commitment to School Trips and Experiences

We are delighted to share our renewed commitment to providing enriching school trips and experiences for all our pupils. We firmly believe that learning extends beyond the classroom, and well-planned trips offer invaluable opportunities for children to develop confidence, curiosity, and real-world understanding. Whether it's an outdoor adventure, a museum visit, or a hands-on workshop, these experiences inspire learning in exciting and memorable ways.

To ensure every child benefits, we are introducing a commitment to offering at least one trip or special experience per term for all pupils. We recognise the importance of balancing cost with educational value, and we will continue to make thoughtful financial decisions to ensure these experiences are both impactful and affordable.

To support this approach, we will share the cost per child for each trip and invite

parents to contribute within a flexible range. Families will have the option to contribute an amount within a band, allowing those who can give more to help cover the overall cost and ensure all children can participate. We hope this approach will make trips accessible to everyone while ensuring we can continue to offer high-quality experiences.

We look forward to seeing the excitement and learning these trips will bring and thank you for your continued support in making them possible!





Celebration Corner

Spotted by staff: We have been sharing and celebrating our writing this week.

Sebbie in Jellyfish for his creative ideas in his underwater poetry.

Emily Mc in Narwhal for her good use of vocabulary in her non-chronological report.

Rocco in Stingray for his excellent presentation throughout his written English work.

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for their generous donation, which has enabled us to purchase four brand-new scooters for Dolphins class. The excitement on their faces as they whizz around the playground has been a joy to see! These scooters are not only great fun but also help develop balance, coordination, and confidence. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our PTFA, whose fundraising efforts make such a positive difference to our school community.



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House Point Totals

Franklin 4th - 94 points
 Hawking 3rd - 95 points
 Darwin 2nd - 109 points
 Blackburn 1st - 112 points



This week we wish these members of our school family a very happy birthday:

- Avaya (Dolphins)
- Lilly and Poppy (Starfish)
- Olivia (Jellyfish)
- Albina (Turtles)
- Evie and Haneef (Stingrays)

Upcoming events



Key upcoming dates:

February

- 14th - Last Day of term**
- 24th - Back to School**
- 26th - Author Writing Workshops**

March

- 4-5th - Parents Evenings**
- 6th - World Book Day**
- 13th - Turtle Class Trip to The Light Cinema**
- 14th - Red Nose Day**
- 21st - Starfish Class Assembly**
- 21st - Easter Egg raffle donations welcomed**
- 24th - Easter Raffle Tickets on Sale**
- 24th - Stingrays & Turtles Class Chemistry Trip**

Term Dates 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Inset Day – Friday 1 September
 Autumn Term Starts – Monday 4 September
 School Ends – Friday 20 October
 Half Term - 23 October - 27 October
 Inset Day – Monday 30 October
 School Starts – Tuesday 31 October
 Autumn Term Ends – Wednesday 20 December

SPRING TERM 2025

Inset Day – Thursday 6 January
 Spring Term Starts – Tuesday 7 January
 School Ends – Friday 14 February
 Half Term - 17 February - 21 February
 School Starts – Monday 24 February
 Spring Term Ends – Friday 4 April

SUMMER TERM 2025

Inset Day – Tuesday 22 April
 Summer Term Starts – Wednesday 23 April
 May Bank Holiday – Monday 5 May
 School Ends – Friday 23 May
 Half Term - 26 May – 30 May
 Inset day – Monday 2 June
 School Starts – Tuesday 3 June
 Summer Term Ends – Wednesday 23 July

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Reminders

New School Uniform Provider Website

Please use the following link to go directly to the uniform page on our website to find out more.

<https://fendittonprimary.org/uniform/>

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM WEBSITE LAUNCH

On the **11th** of February we will launch our **NEW** website.
The URL remains:
www.price-buckland.co.uk

Website QR code. This will take you to the homepage to search for your school

If you have ordered from our website before, go to the **Account Section** and **re-set** your password. You can use the same password that you have currently.

You can then see previous orders and manage your account.

Any Questions? Call us on 01159 640827