



School newsletter 20th March 2025



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Headteacher's insight

We have continued our exciting celebration of **British Science Week** this week, and there has been much to look forward to!

On Monday, every child received a small envelope containing **sunflower seeds** and planting instructions to take part in our **Sunflower Growing Competition**. We can't wait to see how tall your child's sunflower grows! Prizes will be awarded for the **tallest sunflower** as well as for the best **A3 poster showcasing observations** made during the growing process. The competition will run until **19th May**, and we ask that all entries for the tallest sunflower are photographed and are emailed to the school office with the sunflower's height included. Poster submissions can be handed to the children's teacher. We are excited to see everyone's hard work and creativity!

This week, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school on Tuesday for a series of **fun and engaging science workshops** with the children. It was fantastic to see so many of you taking part, sharing your enthusiasm for science, and helping to inspire the next generation of scientists. Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to celebrate science, exploration, and creativity here at school!

Thank you in advance for your Easter egg donations tomorrow for our **Easter raffle**. Children are invited in to school **tomorrow** in **non-uniform** in exchange for a **donated Easter egg** which will be used to create Easter Egg bundles that will be the prizes for our **Easter raffle**. Tickets for the raffle will be able to be purchased from the school office (cash only please) and on the playground on occasions in the lead up to the end of term. Thank you for your support with this fundraising activity. Have you bought your tickets for the **PTFA Easter egg hunt** on **Saturday 29th March, 3-5pm**? It promises to be an enjoyable event and is open to all so don't miss out! See the last page of this Newsletter for details.



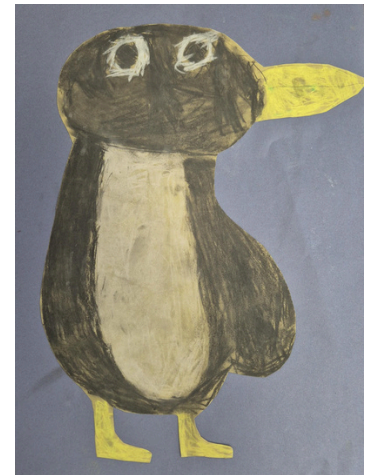


News from our classrooms

Starfish Class

In Starfish this week we have been practicing for our Class assembly. We wrote a script together and made up a song about our planet to the tune of 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'.

"Poles are cold and full of ice,
Penguins slide and polar bears fight,
The Equator's hot and full of fun,
Monkeys swing and parrots run,
From top to bottom, what a sight,
Our planet Earth is just right!"



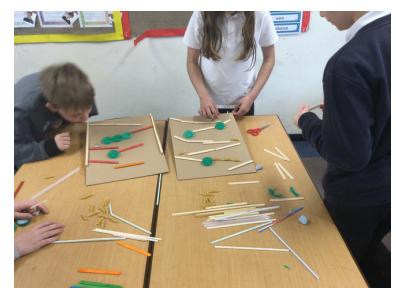
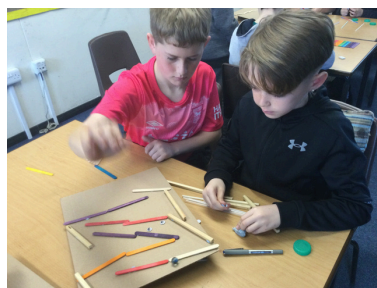
Narwhal Class

This week, Narwhal have enjoyed taste-testing different foods in preparation for designing our own seasonal tarts in DT. We have also been composing melodies to Haikus that we wrote in Music last week.



Stingray Class

The children really enjoyed science week, especially this special science competition: construct a marble run with a much friction as possible so the marble runs as SLOWLY as possible. The winner was Mati, who managed the slowest time of 20.2 seconds.





House Point Totals

- 4th - Darwin 99 points
- 3rd - Franklin 101 points
- 2nd - Hawking 106 points
- 1st - Blackburn 139 points



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

Xander (Dolphins)

Livia (Starfish)



Term Dates 2024-2025

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

Upcoming events and reminders

March

21st - Starfish Class Assembly

21st - Easter Egg raffle donations - **non uniform can be worn and Easter egg donations encouraged**

24th - Easter Raffle Tickets on Sale until end of term

24th - Stingrays & Turtles Class Chemistry Trip

27th - Year 5 Clarinet & Flute Showcase at 3.15pm

April

4th - Easter Raffle Drawn

4th - Last Day of Term

23rd - Summer Term Begins

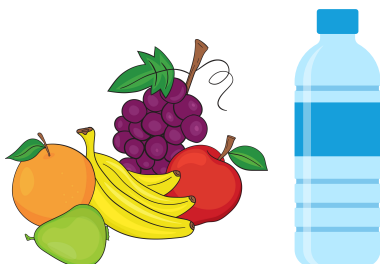


Reminders

Parents/Carers of Key Stage 2 Children (Years 3,4,5,6)

Please remember to send your child to school with a healthy snack and water bottle every day.

Thank you



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Local Events

Fen Ditton
PTFA

EASTER
Egg Hunt

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2025
15.00 - 17.00

FEN DITTON RECREATION GROUND

Refreshments available

Tickets: £4 at school
£5 online (inc drink)

Tickets online

Cost shouldn't be a barrier to participate.
Please contact school office if you need support.

SOW N GROW

FAMILY EVENT

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL
10AM-12.30PM

EAST BARNWELL
COMMUNITY CENTRE,
NEWMARKET ROAD,
CB5 8RS

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
BOOKING REQUIRED

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/abbey-people-cio/t-eanagoz>

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PLANTING

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WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

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Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA) Newsletter March 2025

A message from me

My name is Shelley Bari, I am your school's link EIFA. As an EIFA I offer advice and strategies to parents and carers with a Primary School aged child that may be experiencing some challenges such as routines, sleep, sibling rivalry, challenging behaviour, worries or self-esteem. If you'd like a chance to chat about any of these topics, just contact me on the details below.

50 things to Do - free fun for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough families

50 Things to Do Before You're Five in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is a joint project between Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council and Cambridgeshire Public Health.

What parents do with their children at home makes a big difference to their long-term learning and wellbeing.

Every **50 Things to Do** activity helps children learn, with a focus on relationships and playing together, supported by their most important teacher - you.

Find free or low-cost events near you on the website page or download our free app.

Click here to find out more:

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Low demand parenting

Low-demand parenting can help create a less stressful or a less anxiety-inducing environment for children. This type of home environment can be especially critical for neurodivergent children who do not respond well to demands. It's based on trust, flexibility, and collaboration, and involves adapting the environment to the child's needs, but it may also be helpful for other families seeking to minimize stress and anxiety.

Here are some principles of low-demand parenting:

Consider Your Language to reduce the perception of demands. Phrases like "I wonder whether..." and "Let's see if..." also incorporate an element of choice.

Limit Demands: Use declarative statements and be mindful of your language to reduce implicit demands, for example: "There are a lot of toys out and I'm worried about breaking them or one of us hurting ourselves".

Prioritise connections and emotional safety over traditional parenting techniques that focus on setting boundaries and consequences

World Book Day

March is the month of World Book Day. This gives fantastic opportunities for children to access stories which they can share with parents and carers. Please click on the link to find out about interesting ideas to help you celebrate the World Book Day with your child.

[Families - World Book Day](#)

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-camb.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer



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