



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FRIDAY

24TH OCTOBER 2025



Headteacher's insight

As we reach the end of our first Autumn half term, I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a busy, productive, and thoroughly enjoyable few weeks across the school.

A real highlight was our **first STEM Day of the year**, which was a huge success. The children took part in a range of exciting and engaging activities linked to **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**. We were also delighted to welcome EduThing, who delivered an informative and interactive online safety workshop—a vital topic in today's digital world. A huge thank you goes to our wonderful PTFA for their financial support in funding these workshops, helping us to provide such high-quality learning experiences for the children. Thank you also to all the parents and carers who attended the parent workshop EduThing hosted. Online safety is an important and challenge topic to navigate as a parent so we hope insight from the workshop was helpful.

Our Year 6 pupils also enjoyed a fantastic STEM-related trip on Wednesday, which built brilliantly on the themes of innovation and problem-solving. Meanwhile, Year 5 have continued with their swimming lessons and we're delighted to see such great progress being made. Our KS1 pupils had a great opportunity this week to take part in a friendly sports event between our two schools—an energetic and enjoyable afternoon that gave every child the chance to experience a larger sports event and develop their skills.

I would like to take this moment to thank all of our staff for their hard work, dedication, and commitment in ensuring that this first half term has been such a success. Their efforts in creating inspiring lessons and nurturing environments for our pupils are deeply appreciated. I'd also like to extend a sincere thank you to our parents and carers for their ongoing support and partnership—it makes such a difference in helping our children thrive.



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Looking ahead to next half term, bookings are now open for our **Learner Reviews next half term**—please see the section on the next page for further details on how to sign up. These meetings replace Parents Evenings in providing a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and goals for the year ahead.

Finally, I wish all our children, families, and staff a safe, restful, and enjoyable October half term. Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year—I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 4th November for another exciting and rewarding half term. **Please note that the school is closed on Monday 3rd November for a staff INSET day.**



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



NEW!

Learner Reviews – Week Commencing 10th November

This term, we are introducing a new approach to parents' evenings called 'Learner Reviews'. These will take place during the week beginning Monday **10th November**.

Each class teacher will offer a **10-minute appointment for each child**, where the parent/carer and the child (where appropriate) will have the opportunity to review their learning and progress so far this academic year. For our youngest children, it may not be appropriate for them to attend, and teachers will advise accordingly.

Appointments will be available between **08:15 and 16:40**, and to offer maximum flexibility, parents can choose to attend in person or virtually. If you would like a virtual appointment, please contact us after you have made your booking. If you require more flexibility, please do contact us so we can see what we can do to support.

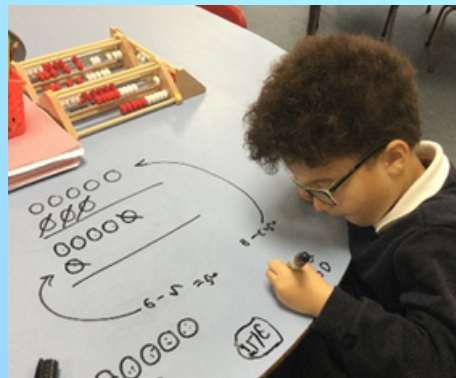
Bookings are now open via My Child at School (MCAS). If you experience any difficulties accessing the system or booking your slot, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

We look forward to welcoming you to these valuable conversations about your child's learning journey.



News from our classrooms

Dragonflies Class



Dragonflies have been working hard and enjoying their learning so much over the last week. In Maths, they have been focusing carefully on methods to add and subtract to 20. Looking carefully at how to write fact families with symbols in different places. We have also started a new maths scheme this week using rekenreks which the children are loving!

Science is always a hit in Dragonflies class and last week was a huge hit! The class explored the difference between bulbs and seeds, used their detective skills to write adjectives and words to describe these things and predict what might grow out of each one. They also then planted their beans which they have been nursing to germinate since the beginning of term. There was lots of excitement around this and they have all successfully grown their own bean plants!

They have also worked so hard in English over the past two weeks to write their own stories linked to The Colour Monster. They had a lot of fun acting out the beginning of 'The Colour Monster goes to the Zoo', predicting what could happen next and then writing the end of their own stories.



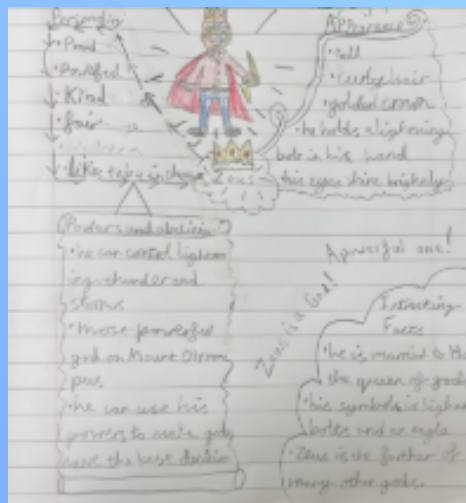


Hedgehogs Class

In Science this week, we became shadow scientists! We investigated what makes an effective shadow by experimenting with light sources, materials, and angles. The highlight? A fantastic puppet show inspired by our class book *Who Let The Gods Out*. The children used their shadow knowledge to bring characters to life on stage—Zeus, Elliot, and Virgo have never looked so dramatic!



We've continued to sharpen our skills using TT Rockstars and had fun with collaborative multiplication games. Remember to keep practising your timetables to achieve the next rock status on Rockstars!



In English, we completed our information texts linked with our class book. Children planned, drafted and edited their own pieces, focusing on using clear structure, formal language and interesting facts to engage their readers. The results were fantastic - full of creativity, humour and mythological detail!



Badgers Class



★ Year 6 Students Explore the Future at Qualcomm! ★

On Wednesday, our Year 6 class had an incredible visit to **Qualcomm** in Cambridge! The children were treated to an exciting tour of the company's **state-of-the-art work labs**, where they saw firsthand how cutting-edge technology is developed and tested. From robotics to innovative communications tech, their curiosity was sparked at every turn.

Students also had the chance to **chat with friendly engineers and researchers**, asking thoughtful questions about how technology shapes our world and even sharing their own ideas. It was inspiring to see their enthusiasm and creativity in action!

A huge thank you to the Qualcomm team for welcoming us and making this learning Experience so engaging. Experiences like this help bring classroom learning to life and inspire the tech innovators of tomorrow. 🌐💡

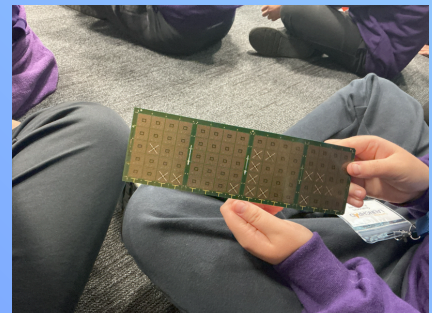
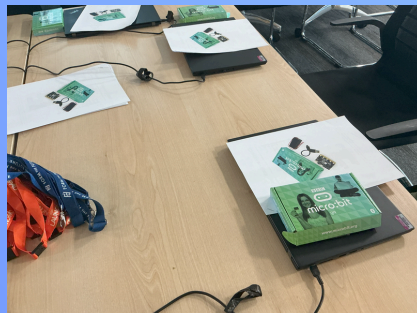
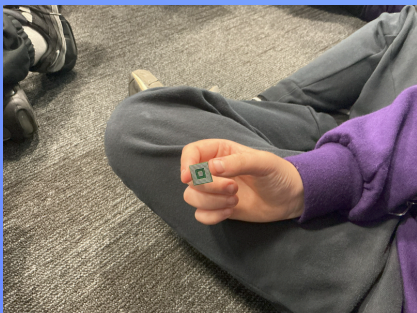
What the children had to say:

'On Tuesday we went to QualComm. We visit labs to see engineers working on new microchips. We had the chance to ask lots of questions. We saw how microchips were made. It was very interesting.' Albina

'This week we went to the Qualcomm science park. We learnt and watch microchips being made. There were lots of very expensive and different machines working.' Joey

'This week we went to Qualcomm. We had a look around lots of different labs. My favourite was the noise cancelling room, this is used to test how good the ear bud's work.' Macy

We did coding on the micro.bits. My favourite was making the game 'Rock, Paper, Scissors.' Evie





New School Meal Menus

MENU WEEK 1 SERVED W/C: 27th Oct | 17th Nov | 8th Dec | 19th Jan | 9th Feb | 2nd Mar | 23rd Mar | 13th Apr

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL					
OPTION 1	Cheese & Bean Lasagne	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Vegan Lentil & Stuffing Pasty Roll	Vegan Bolognese & Penne Pasta	Vegan Vegetable Nuggets & Chips
OPTION 2	Ham & Cheese Pasta	Traditional Creamy Beef Lasagne	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice	MSC Approved Fish Fingers & Chips
VEGGIES	Carrots & Peas	Broccoli	Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Peas	Beans
PASTA	House Tomato Sauce	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Cheese Sauce	Creamy Pasta
FILLED ROLLS	Ham Cheese	Chicken Egg	Ham Cheese	Tuna Mayo Cheese	Egg Cheese
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY	Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans				
SWEET TREATS	Blackberry Cookie Bar	Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Strawberry Yoghurt & Strawberry Sauce	Apple & Cocoa Sponge	Raspberry Jelly
Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt					
KEY Nutritionist's Choice Vegetarian Vegan Added Wholewheat					

! IMPORTANT

We have noticed that sometimes when meal bookings are made, some meals/days drop off (even when you have saved). Whilst we've made IFG aware of this it's worth double-checking yourself to avoid confusion during the week.

- Log into your account and check that all pre-booked meals are showing and that no days are missing.
- Contact IFG directly if you notice any missing bookings (primary@impactfood.co.uk or 0204 542 7211)

The deadline for booking meals for the week ahead is midnight on Saturday.

MENU WEEK 2 SERVED W/C: 3rd Nov | 24th Nov | 15th Dec | 5th Jan | 26th Jan | 16th Feb | 9th Mar | 30th Mar | 20th Apr

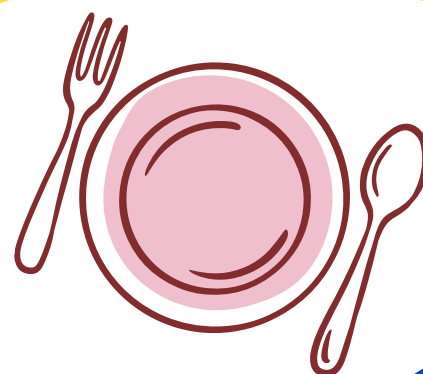
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL					
OPTION 1	Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Vegan Sausage with Mash & Potatoes & Gravy	Vegan Cottage Pie & Gravy	Cherry Cauliflower Pasta Bake	Ten-Min Vegetable Fajita Wrap
OPTION 2	MSC Approved Salmon Pasta Bake	Pork & Beef Sausages, Mash & Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken Curry & Carrot Rice	MSC Approved Fish & Chips
VEGGIES	Peas	Carrot & Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Carrot & Mixed Salad	Baked Beans
PASTA	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Creamy Pasta
FILLED ROLLS	Tuna Mayo Cheese	Chicken Egg	Ham Cheese	Tuna Mayo Cheese	Egg Cheese
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY	Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans				
SWEET TREATS	Strawberry Mousse	Only Apple Crumble & Custard	Original Flapjack	Chocolate & Carrot Muffin	Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins
Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt					
KEY Nutritionist's Choice Vegetarian Vegan Added Wholewheat					

MENU WEEK 3 SERVED W/C: 20th Oct | 10th Nov | 1st Dec | 22nd Dec | 12th Jan | 2nd Feb | 23rd Feb | 16th Mar | 6th Apr

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL					
OPTION 1	Mixed Vegetable & Bean Fajita & Oven Baked Wedges	Vegan Bolognese Bolognese Penne Pasta	Vegan Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Baked Creamy Mac 'N' Cheese	Vegan Sausage Roll & Chips
OPTION 2	Quorn Dippers with Oven Baked Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Beef Bolognese Penne Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Creamy Chicken Curry & Carrot Rice	MSC Approved Fish Fingers & Chips
VEGGIES	Peas & Carrots	Sweetcorn	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Peas	Carrot & Mixed Salad	Beans
PASTA	House Tomato Sauce	Cheese Sauce	House Tomato Sauce	Cheese Sauce	Creamy Pasta
FILLED ROLLS	Tuna Mayo Cheese	Chicken Egg	Ham Cheese	Tuna Mayo Cheese	Egg Cheese
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY	Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans				
SWEET TREATS	Strawberry Yoghurt & Strawberry Sauce	Mixed Berry & Apple Crumble with Custard	Orange Jelly & Mandarins	Gingerbread Squares with Custard	Garden Brownie
Desserts available every day - a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt					
KEY Nutritionist's Choice Vegetarian Vegan Added Wholewheat					





Key dates for your diary



- **Friday 24th October:** Parent Workshop - Children being active online- 9am at Fen Ditton - open to all Fen Ditton and Marleigh parents, carers and friends, run by an external provider Eduthing and funded by the PTFA
- **Friday 24th October:** Deadline for returning and ordering Xmas cards
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- **Friday 24th October:** Individual school photographs - Whole School
- **Friday 24th October:** PTFA Halloween Bake Sale after school from 3.20-4pm, cash or card accepted.
- **Friday 24th October:** Last day of Autumn 1 half term
- **Friday 31st October:** Deadline for Year 6 Secondary School Applications.
- **Monday 3rd November:** Inset Day (School Closed)
- **Tuesday 4th November:** First day of Autumn 2 for all children



Term Dates 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Inset Day – Monday 1 September
Inset Day – Tuesday 2 September
Inset Day – Wednesday 3 September
Autumn Term Starts – Thursday 4 September
School Ends – Friday 24 October
Half Term - 27 October - 31 October
Inset Day – Monday 3 November
School Starts – Tuesday 4 November
Autumn Term Ends – Friday 19 December

SPRING TERM 2026

Inset Day – Monday 5 January
Spring Term Starts – Tuesday 6 January
School Ends – Friday 13 February
Half Term - 16 February - 20 February
School Starts – Monday 23 February
Spring Term Ends – Friday 27 March

SUMMER TERM 2026

Summer Term Starts – Monday 13 April
May Bank Holiday – Monday 4 May
School Ends – Friday 22 May
Half Term - 25 May – 29 May
School Starts – Monday 1 June
Summer Term Ends – Friday 17 July
Inset Day – Monday 20 July

**You can now see our term dates
for 2026-2027 - click below!**

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