



School Newsletter Friday 21st November 2025

Headteacher's insight

As we move further into the second half of November, there's no doubt that the colder weather has arrived. **Coats, hats and scarves are now daily essentials**, and the crisp mornings remind us that winter is just around the corner. The darker evenings have brought with them a cosy atmosphere in school, as classrooms feel especially warm and inviting while children focus on their learning and enjoy the routines of this busy term.

Our PTFA are working hard behind the scenes on preparations for the upcoming **Christmas Fayre Tuesday 16th December**. This is always such a highlight of our school year — a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, share in the festive spirit, and celebrate the season with fun, food and friendship. We are so grateful to the PTFA volunteers for the time and energy they give to make this event such a success each year, and we can't wait to welcome families to join us.

This week, I would also like to extend a heartfelt **thank you to everyone who contributed advent calendars for the local foodbank**. The generosity shown by our families has been truly touching. Our collective donation will be delivered soon, and we know it will make a difference to local children who might otherwise go without. This simple act of kindness reflects the compassion and community values that sit at the heart of our school.

Tickets for our Book Advent Calendar are also still available to purchase via **MCAS for £1.50 each**, with sales continuing for one more week only. This initiative is a lovely way to promote reading for pleasure and bring a little extra excitement to the countdown to Christmas.

We have been particularly proud of the children's engagement with **home learning this term**. Across all year groups, teachers have shared how impressed they are by the enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment pupils are showing. We recognise the vital role that parents and carers play in supporting this — whether it's listening to reading, helping with a project, or simply showing an interest in what your child is learning. Thank you for your continued encouragement; it truly makes a difference.

As we look ahead to the final week of November, I hope you are able to enjoy a peaceful and cosy weekend — a chance to pause, recharge, and prepare for the sparkle, excitement, and busyness that December always brings. December will demand high energy levels from us all so taking this time in the lead up to prepare for this is something I plan to prioritise this weekend for sure.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



News from our classrooms

Butterflies Class

As we step into the colder months, we hope you're all keeping warm and cosy! The children have been full of energy and enthusiasm despite the drop in temperature, and we've been enjoying lots of exciting learning both indoors and outdoors. Please remember to send your child in with a warm coat, hat, and gloves each day so they can comfortably take part in our outdoor activities. We're looking forward to a wonderful few weeks of seasonal learning and festive fun!

In **English**, we have been exploring the story *The Squirrels Who Squabbled*. The children enjoyed meeting Bruce and Cyril, two squirrels who learn an important lesson about sharing after racing and arguing over the very last pine cone of the season. We discussed how their squabbling caused even more problems and how teamwork and kindness helped them in the end. The class had great fun acting out the story, describing the characters' feelings, and thinking about how we can be good friends just like the squirrels eventually became.

In our small world area this week, the children have been exploring an autumn-themed setup inspired by our story. Using pine cones, leaves, logs, and woodland animals, the children recreated scenes from the story and invented their own adventures for Bruce and Cyril. They practised turn-taking as they gathered "food for winter," built cosy nests, and acted out the squirrels' journey from squabbling to working together. This rich, hands-on play encouraged language development, imagination, and conversations all set within a beautiful autumn woodland scene.





Butterflies Class continued....



In **Maths** this week, we have been exploring the numbers 4 and 5 through lots of practical activities and play. The children enjoyed counting and arranging groups of 4 and 5 objects, as well as spotting these numbers in our classroom environment. We also linked our learning to the nursery rhyme *Incy Wincy Spider*, using the rhyme to practise counting spider's legs and subitising numbers to 6. These hands-on activities helped the children recognise the numbers, understand their value, and develop their counting skills in a fun and familiar way.

We are continuing with our **Nativity rehearsals** this week, and the children are doing a wonderful job learning their lines, songs, and actions—our festive excitement is definitely building! We're also looking forward to a **fun sports event next Wednesday 26th at Marleigh school**. The Reception children will be walking to and from the Marleigh site and taking part in a **Sitting Volleyball/ Inclusive Games activity**. It promises to be an enjoyable and energetic week for everyone!

REMEMBER!

Please remember to continue to send your child's **book bag and reading book into school each day** so they can join in with group reading sessions. Don't forget to check the phonics and letter formation sheets in the red folders — these are updated weekly with our new sounds.



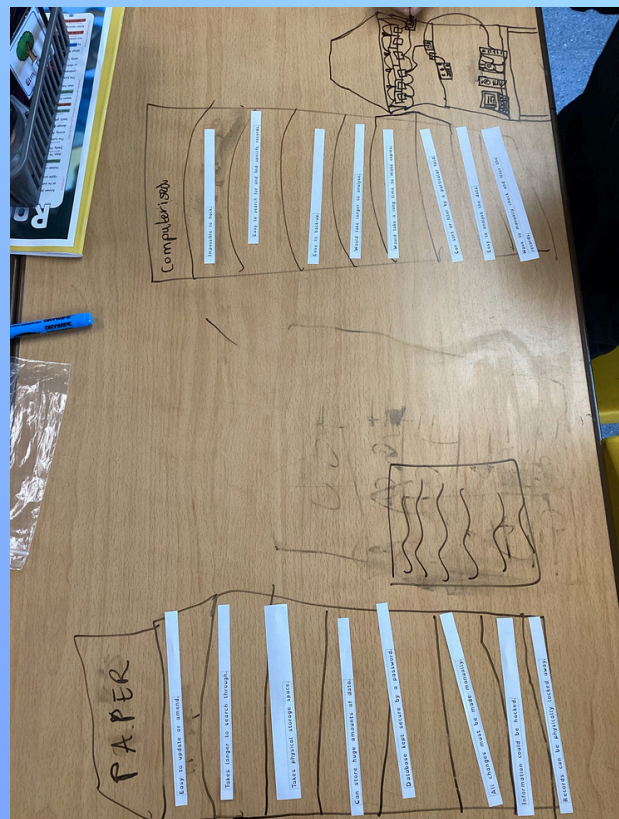
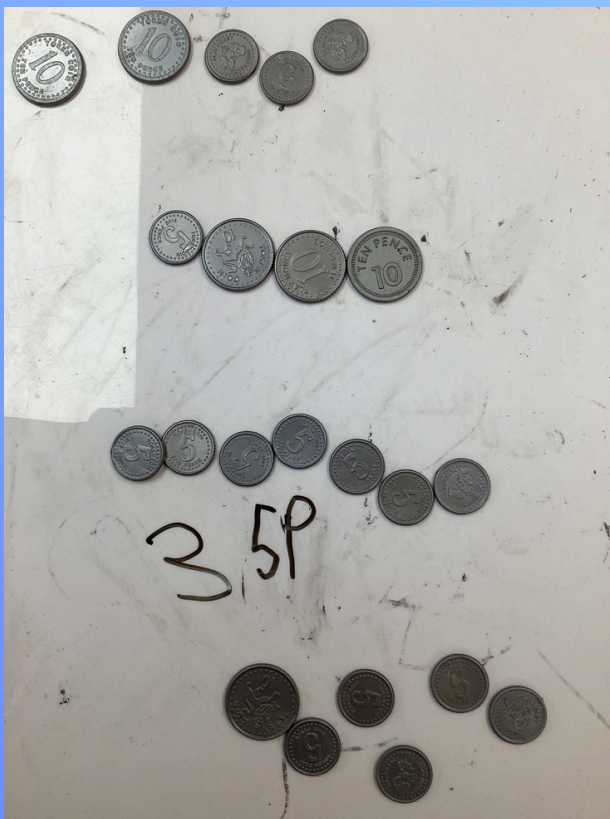
Squirrels Class

Squirrel Class have really enjoyed **Computing**, learning about different types of databases. We had to consider the positives and negatives of paper versus electronic databases and decide what we thought was best to use.

In **Maths**, we have continued to learn about multiplication and division. We have practised grouping and sharing using different equipment including Numicon, Dienes, Counters and Coins. We are continuing to work hard on our three-times tables too!

We have also enjoyed a presentation by a member of the British Antarctic Survey and were lucky enough to see pictures of what it is like to be a researcher in Antarctica. We then imagined that we were explorers and wrote our own postcards home!

Additionally, we have begun **practising for our Class Assembly** - we are excited to showcase our learning soon!





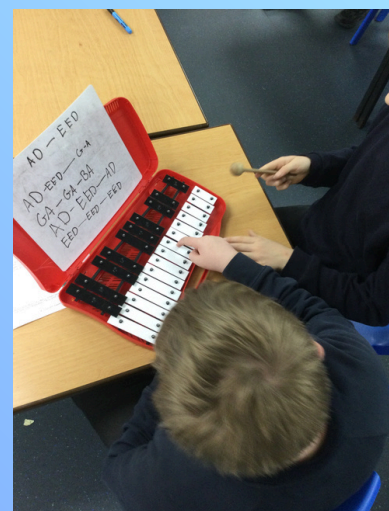
Owls Class

Over the past few weeks, Owls have been busy shining across all subjects!

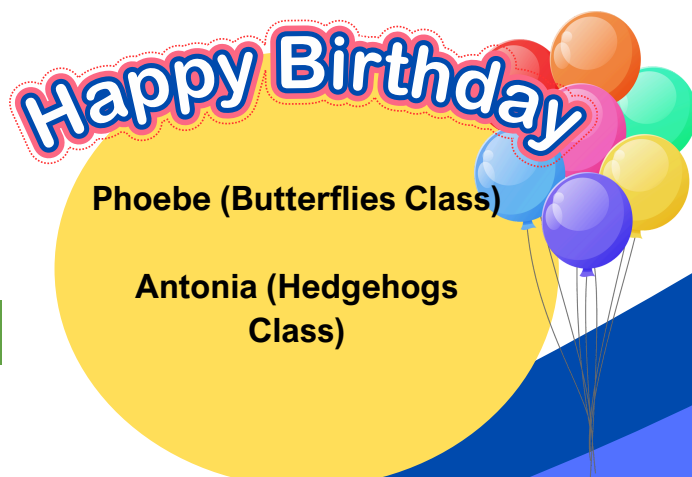
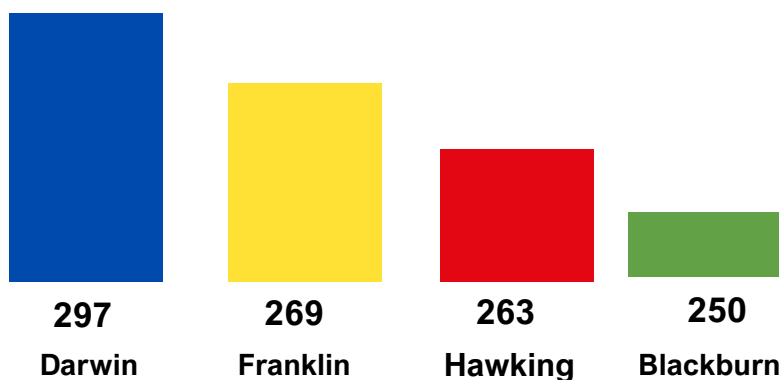
We completed our biography writing unit, focusing on two inspirational figures from history — Emmeline Pankhurst and Rosa Parks. The children produced amazing biographies, packed with fascinating facts, fronted adverbials and time connectives. Their writing was not only informative but also beautifully structured- a real credit to their hard work and creativity.

Owls have also made a fantastic start to our fractions unit in **Maths** . They've quickly grasped key concepts, exploring equivalent fractions, converting mixed numbers into improper fractions, and even beginning to compare and order fractions. Their confidence and enthusiasm in tackling these challenges has been wonderful to see.

In **Music**, our Egyptian music unit has been a real highlight! Owls sang "The Gift of the Nile" with great energy and expression. They then took on the challenge of playing the piece on the xylophone and impressed Miss Joynes with their determination and teamwork. It was tricky, but their perseverance shone through!



House Points





[Pupil Premium Funding - Apply Now](#)

We are encouraging you to check whether your child may be eligible for **Pupil Premium** funding. This is additional government funding provided to schools to support children's learning and wellbeing. It helps us to offer extra tuition, resources, and enrichment opportunities.

Eligibility is linked to certain benefits, including Universal Credit, Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, military families and others. Even if your child already receives free school meals (or has done in the last 6 years), applying for Pupil Premium ensures the school receives extra funding.

You can find full details of eligibility and apply online through the Cambridgeshire County Council website: ➡ [Pupil Premium – Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

If you think you may be eligible, we strongly encourage you to apply. This funding makes a real difference to the support we can provide for your child and others in our school community.

If you need any help with the application process, please contact the school office and we will be happy to assist.

Thank you for your continued support.





Upcoming Non-Uniform days

1) **Friday 28th November (NEXT WEEK):** In exchange for the non-uniform day, we are asking for donations of tombola or raffle prizes for our Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 16th December - this could be bottles/sweets/chocolates etc.

2) **Friday 12th December:** Christmas Jumper Day, please make donations to Save the Children by clicking on the image below.
Thank you





LAST CHANCE



Book Advent Calendar Prize Draw

- 3 prize book advent calendars to be won, each with 24 age appropriate books wrapped ready to be opened each day in the run up to Christmas!
- **Tickets £1.50 each**
- Prizes will be drawn and distributed next week on **Friday 28th November**
- Please log into your MCAS account and the tickets can be purchased under the products section. You can purchase as many tickets as you like!



**Tickets sales
close on
Thursday 27th
November.**





Christmas Dinner

Wednesday
17th December
BOOK NOW



We will be having a special Christmas lunch this year on **Wednesday 17th December**. Please see the attached Menus for whats on offer.

Book your child's Christmas lunch the usual way by logging on to the meal ordering website. If you do not have an account with them - please register at <https://innovate2020.cashlessschool.co.uk/gettingstarted.php>

To join in with this special lunch, the meal must be ordered by midnight on Saturday 13th December.



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Do you shop online? Will you be shopping online for Christmas? If so you could be raising money for the PTFA at the same time - at no extra cost to you! It really is that simple - sign up to Give as You Live and while you shop you raise money - totally FREE! Click the QR code above to sign up- if you have any questions please contact the ptfa at ptfa@fendittonprimary.org

This a really simple and effective way to support your PTFA and school community and raise much needed funds for our school community.



Key dates for your diary



Next week

- **Thursday 27th November 9.15 - 9.35am: Owls Class Assembly** - Parents & Carers invited
- **Friday 28th November: Non Uniform Day** in exchange for PTFA Fayre donations (bottles, sweets/choc for tombola)

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- **Thursday 4th December 9.15 - 9.35am: Squirrels Class Assembly** - Parents & Carers invited.
 - **Tuesday 9th December 2.30pm: EYFS & Year 1** Nativity Performance 1 - Parents & Carers invited
 - **Wednesday 10th December 9.15am: EYFS & Year 1** Nativity Performance 2 - Parents & Carers invited
 - **Friday 12th December:** Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day - Non uniform day that includes a Christmas/Winter jumper. **Families invited to make a donation through Just Giving page**
 - **Tuesday 16th December 2.15pm: KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6)** Church carol Concert - Parents & carers invited
 - **Tuesday 16th December 3.30 - 5pm:** PTFA Winter Fayre
 - **Wednesday 17th December:** Christmas Lunch in School (must be pre-booked)
 - **Friday 19th Dember 3.15pm:** Christmas Sing Along - Parents & Carers invited
 - **Friday 19th December:** Last day of Term





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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