



School Newsletter Friday 28th November 2025



Headteacher's insight

As we come to the end of November, it is hard to believe that Advent begins next week. The excitement and anticipation around school is already beginning to build, and there is a real sense of community as we enter this special time of year together.

We now have just 15 school days left of this term, and they will be packed full of learning — with a sprinkle of festive fun too! It will undoubtedly be a busy period for both children and adults alike, and a time that may test our tiredness and patience. However, I know that as a school community we will navigate it with kindness, understanding and support for one another.

I would like to extend a **heartfelt thank you** to all our families for your **generous donations of Advent calendars for the local foodbank**. Your kindness will make a real difference to children and families in our wider community this Christmas. **In partnership with Marleigh Primary, we collected 53 Advent calendars — an incredible achievement!**

Today, we also drew the **winners of our book Advent calendar raffle**. It was wonderful to be able to provide these children with such a joyful gift. We hope they will enjoy discovering a new book each day — and perhaps even choose to share some of their favourites with classmates as end-of-day stories or through book recommendations and swaps once they've finished reading.

Thank you again for your support — the raffle raised £333! which will go towards keeping our library well stocked and full of exciting adventures for all children.

I would also like to signpost you to the information below about our new referral scheme, which encourages our parent community to help spread the word about life at Fen Ditton. We are proud of our school and all that our children achieve — the scheme will help us continue to grow together which is crucial for us all.

Finally, thank you for supporting today's non-uniform day to collect donations for the **PTFA Christmas Fair on 16th December 3:30-5pm**. Your contributions will help make this community event truly special.

As always, thank you for your continued support — it is greatly appreciated by all of us here.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



Rocksteady Music School

Next week we will be sharing an exciting opportunity with the children!

We are delighted to announce that from December our school will be welcoming Rocksteady Music School. This exciting programme gives children the chance to form their very own bands and learn to play their favourite songs using instruments such as drums, keyboards, electric guitar, bass guitar, or vocals.

As well as learning new musical skills, Rocksteady lessons help to build confidence, teamwork, social skills, and well-being. The sessions are fun, inclusive, and taught by professional musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of music.

We'll be sharing more details with the children next week, including how families can get involved. but We wanted to give you a sneak preview of what's coming. It's going to be a fantastic opportunity for our school community!

Here's a sneak peak if you'd like to know more: www.rocksteadymusicschool.com.





News from our classrooms

Dragonflies Class

Dragonflies are continuing to work super hard in the Autumn term to learn lots of new things.

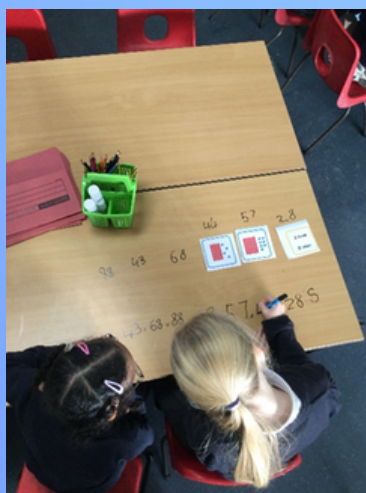
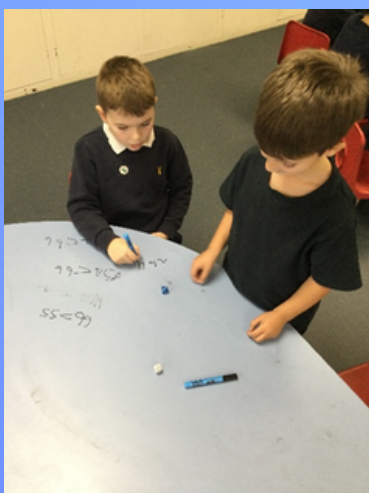
In **maths** they have been working on numbers to 100, partitioning them into tens and ones and comparing and ordering these numbers. They enjoyed working practically in partners to do this with a wide variety of numbers this week.

They have worked extremely hard in **English** over the last two weeks to write fact files about whales. They worked together to learn new facts about whales under the subheadings: Diet, Habitat, Appearance and Fun Facts, then they worked on putting all their facts together into an eye-catching fact file for others to read.

Science was a highlight for all when exploring how the trees look in different seasons. They used paint to create a tree for each season of the year. They had to think carefully about which colours to use to create an accurate representation of the trees.

During **PE** the class have been working on their parkour skills with Mr Parker. They have had lots of fun exploring jumping, rolling and running using various equipment and directions to make it interesting and fun.

Finally, our **nativity rehearsals** are off to an amazing start! The children have been incredible at practicing their lines and working on following stage directions to put on an amazing show. They can't wait to perform it!





Hedgehogs Class

It has been another busy and exciting week in Hedgehogs Class!

We began by celebrating the children's fantastic performance in last week's **Showcase Assembly**. They spoke clearly, performed confidently, and demonstrated how much they have learned this term.

In **Science**, we explored the human skeleton further by measuring the length of some of our bones and considering how these relate to the muscles in our bodies. We also started discussing how muscles work in pairs to help us move, which the children found fascinating.

In **Maths**, we have continued building confidence with multiplication and division. The children have been working hard using different strategies to solve problems and explain their reasoning.

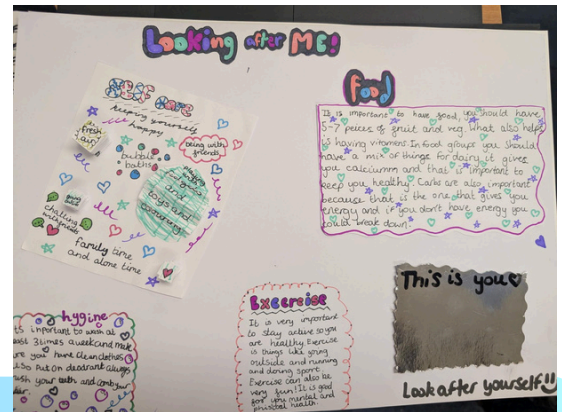
A highlight of last week was our **inclusive sports event** against Marleigh, where we played boccia and seated volleyball. The children represented Fen Ditton brilliantly, showing teamwork, respect, and a wonderful sporting attitude.

In **English**, we launched our new unit on biographies by exploring modern activists who have inspired positive change in the world today. The children showed great interest in the life of Malala Yousafzai, researching her story and learning how her bravery and determination have helped advocate for girls' education globally.





Badgers Class



An inspiring couple of weeks in Year 6!

The Badgers have had a truly excellent fortnight, brimming with creativity, curiosity, and hands-on learning.

English – Podkin and Narrative Writing

We've been diving into the next two chapters of Podkin, and the children have amazed us with their thoughtful predictions, imaginative inner dialogue, and dramatic role-play. Using table story maps, they have explored structure and sequence before bravely taking on the challenge of writing the next chapter of their own narratives. Their creativity and vocabulary have been outstanding, it has been a joy to see their confidence as writers grow.

PSHE – Looking After Ourselves

In PSHE, we've been reflecting on the importance of taking responsibility for our own health. The children have discussed practical ways to look after both their mental and physical wellbeing, showing maturity and empathy in their ideas.

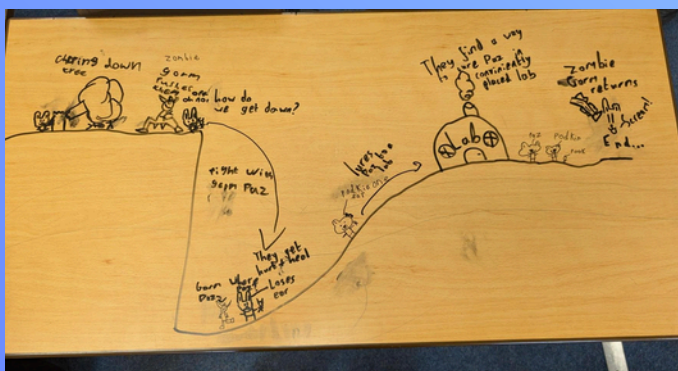
Science – Forces and Electricity

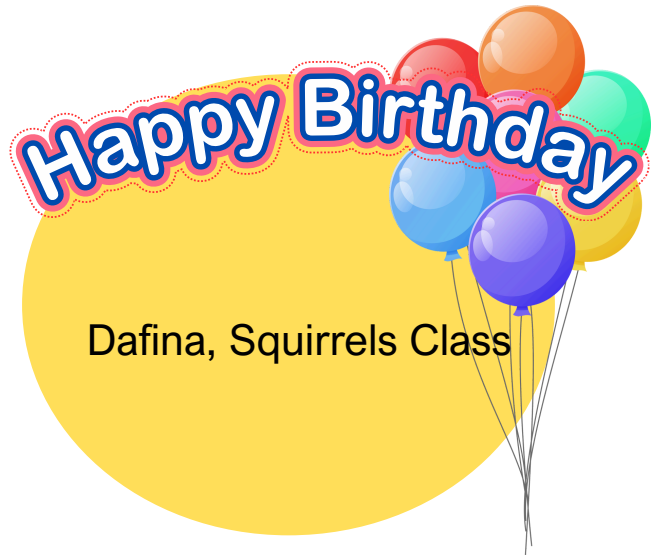
Science has been particularly exciting! Last week, we explored forces through hands-on investigations, and this week we've moved on to electricity. The children have loved experimenting, asking questions, and seeing science come to life in front of them.

DT – Sock Puppets

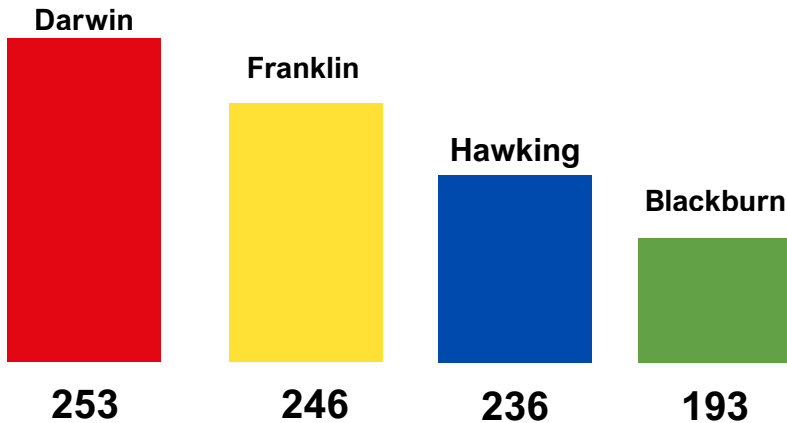
Our Design Technology project has been a highlight. After carefully cutting their sock puppets last week, the Badgers have now begun to stitch and shape them. With needles threaded and sewing skills on display, their puppets are really starting to take character. We can't wait to see the finished creations!

It has been a wonderful couple of weeks, and we are so proud of the enthusiasm, creativity, and resilience the Badgers have shown across all subjects. Their hard work and imagination continue to impress us every day.





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.





Save the Children **Non-Uniform day**



Friday 12th December: Everyone is invited to wear their best Christmas/Winter jumpers and make donations to Save the Children via the Just Giving page by clicking on the image below. Thank you





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 what's 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**.



Fen Ditton: Growing Together

Referral Reward Programme, rewarding families for spreading the word

REWARDS



Referring Child Receives

- 20 x Breakfast Club sessions
- Logo school uniform Sweatshirt
- Logo school uniform Polo
- Logo school Showerproof Coat
- Family Cinema Gift Card

New Pupil Receives

- 20 x Breakfast Club sessions
- Logo school uniform Sweatshirt
- Logo school uniform Polo
- Logo school Showerproof Coat
- Extreme Climbing Experience gift card for Clip 'n Climb Cambridge

HOW IT WORKS

Refer a guardian to Fen Ditton



Pupil receives a place & guardian confirms referee



Both referrer's child and new pupil receive their rewards!

Contact Fen Ditton for more information office@fendittonprimary.org



ANGLIAN LEARNING



PTFA Winter Fayre

FEN DITTON CP SCHOOL PTFA
WINTER WARMER
Tuesday 16th December
~ 3.30 - 5pm ~
Fen Ditton CP School Hall
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Giant Inflatable Snowglobe
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Bumper Hamper Raffle
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Tombola  **Games**

Toys and Gifts | ★ Refreshments ★ | **Festive Crafts**
Hot Dogs, Cake
Hot Chocolate & Mulled Apple



We will be operating a token system to pay for activities at the event. You can pre-buy tokens from 8th - 16th Dec at drop off and pick up, on the school playground. Tokens will be available to buy at the event. Cash and card payments taken.

All proceeds to benefit Fen Ditton CP School. Registered charity 1202353





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www.giveasyoulive.com/join/fen-ditton-cp-school-ptfa

Simply visit the above link to get started

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DOROTHY PERKINS	ebay	FATFACE	Expedia	H&M	hush	JACAMO	JIGSAW	JOHN LEWIS
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OLIVER BONAS	Primark	RADLEY LONDON	RIVER ISLAND	schuh	SELFRIDGES	simply be.	Superdry	Timberland

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.

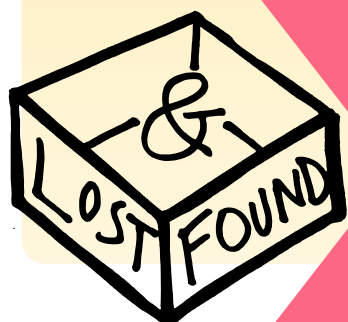


Key dates for your diary



This term

- **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 8:50-9:00am: Active Learning family opportunity at drop off**
- **Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Lunch in School (must be pre-booked)**
- **Wednesday 17th December 1:30-2:30pm: Whole school santa dash**
- **Friday 19th December 3.15pm: Christmas Sing Along - Parents & Carers invited**
- **Friday 19th December: Last day of Term**



We have a number of items in our lost property box at the moment. All named items have been returned to the rightful owners. Please do take a look if you know that your child has misplaced a jumper/cardigan/hat etc (Box is located in the front foyer area near the office).

All items left at the end of this term will be donated to the clothes bank. Thank you for your support with this.



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



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