



School Newsletter Friday 12th December 2025



Headteacher's insight

What a wonderful week it has been at school! The **Reception and Key Stage 1 performances** have truly been a highlight of not only the week, but the whole term. It has been such a joy to watch our youngest children take to the stage with growing confidence, enthusiasm and delight. Their hard work in learning lines, songs and actions really paid off, and the smiles on their faces were matched by those in the audience. A huge thank you must go to all of the staff involved in preparing the children so brilliantly — their creativity, patience and dedication behind the scenes made these memorable performances possible.

As we look ahead to the final days of term, we have plenty more festive excitement to enjoy together. Next week, we are very much looking forward to our **Key Stage 2 Carol Service at Fen Ditton Church on Tuesday at 2:15pm**, and we warmly welcome **parents and carers to join us for this special occasion. Just meet us there if you are able to!**

Wednesday will be filled with activity and celebration: an **active learning opportunity at drop-off**, our much-loved **Christmas Lunch**, and the **Santa Dash in the afternoon (see the next page)** – a brilliant way to combine fitness and festive fun!

On **Friday**, we will then come together for our **end of term whole-school service**, which is also **open to all parents and carers** and will be a lovely way to round off a busy and joyful term. Join us at 3:15pm on the playground.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating these final festive moments with you and your children.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



Tuesday 16th December - NEXT WEEK!

Christmas Fayre – Don't Miss It!

We're excited to welcome everyone to our Christmas Fayre on Tuesday next week from 3.30pm-5pm in the School Hall!

This year's big attraction is our **GIANT inflatable snow globe** – a brilliant photo opportunity and lots of fun for the children.

There will be a Bumper Hamper Raffle too!

Tokens for the snow globe and other activities can be purchased:

- In advance from the school office
- In the playground at pick-up/drop-off
- Or on the day at the event

Refreshments
will be available.
Hot dogs, Cakes,
Hot Chocolate &
Mulled apple!

Tombola,
Festive
Crafts, Toy
& Games!

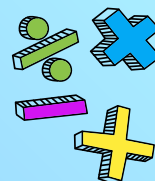
We hope to see you there for festive fun, treats and activities!



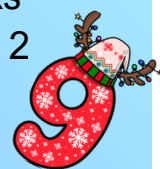


Whole School Maths Challenge & Santa Dash!

Next Week: Wednesday 17th



When the school gates open in the morning, 8.50am-9am: Parents will be welcomed to take part in a small maths-based challenge with their children. A couple of Christmas themed maths questions for each Key Stage will be set out in the playground for parents/ carers to solve with their children. All questions will be answered with actions! Jumping Jacks for 100s, Claps for 10s and Hops for 1s (Answer 321= 3 Jumping Jacks, 2 claps and 1 hop).



We are excited to show just a small way of how we can teach maths in an active, healthy way!

In the afternoon all children need to be ready to run!

Most important things to remember to make this event run smoothly is.

- Please make sure your child comes to school wearing suitable footwear.
- Bringing in a Santa hat or festive head-wear they can wear for the dash would be great!
- This is not a non uniform day. Children must be wearing uniform which could be PE kit, dressed comfortably and warmly enough to complete this outdoor activity.

We are looking forward to this fun, festive event!





Christmas Dinner



**DON'T
MISS
OUT!**

**Book by
11pm
tomorrow!**

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**.



News from our classrooms

Dragonflies Class

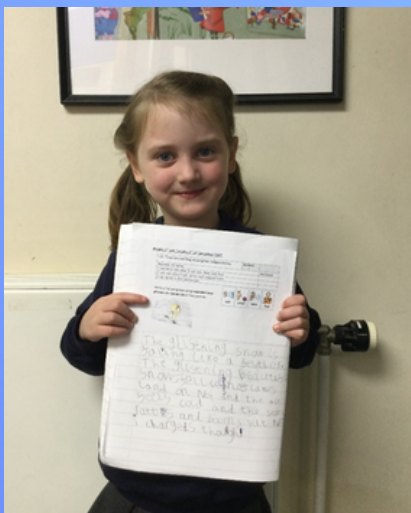


Dragonflies have had another busy couple of weeks in class and have made incredible progress with their learning since the beginning of term!

In English, they have worked hard to write fact files about whales and setting descriptions of a blizzard (from our story 'The Storm Whale in Winter'). They used expanded noun phrases, ambitious adjectives, similes and the 5 senses to write an immersive description and they were amazing!

Last week the class thoroughly enjoyed the rocksteady workshops that we had. In the whole school assembly, they sang and danced along to songs they knew. During our Key Stage One workshop some of the children had a blast playing the instruments to the song 'We Will Rock You'.

The highlight of our last two weeks has been watching all the Key Stage One children perform their Nativity to the whole school and all their parents. They have blown us away with their confidence, public speaking and singing!





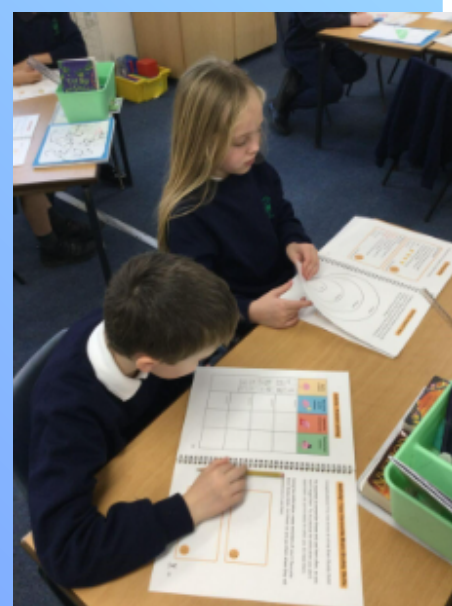
Hedgehogs Class



This week, Hedgehogs enjoyed a **very special end-of-session celebration of Brain Buddies**. Over the past term, we have been learning strategies to help us feel calm and manage our emotions. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents into our classroom to share in what we've learnt. The children proudly demonstrated their techniques and showed how these strategies can support wellbeing both in school and at home.

In **science**, our focus has continued with food and nutrition. The children took part in an exciting information scavenger hunt, exploring the different food groups and discovering why a balanced diet is so important for our health. They worked brilliantly in teams, gathering facts and sharing their findings with one another.

On Friday, we had the incredible opportunity to join a **live Zoom call with the Antarctica – 2041 Champions of Antarctica**. The children were fascinated to learn what life is really like in Antarctica, from the extreme cold to the unique wildlife. Most importantly, we discovered why Antarctica is such a vital place for humanity and how protecting it helps safeguard our planet's future.





Badgers Class

What a great week we have had:

Geography – Exploring Our Local Area

Badgers Class set off on a geography field trip on Monday to explore our local area and continue our focus on population. It was fantastic to see the children working so well together—collecting data, discussing ideas, and evaluating their findings back at school. Their teamwork and curiosity were truly impressive.

English – Discovering How Podkin Lost His Ear

In English, we read the next chapters of our class text and uncovered the dramatic moment where Podkin loses his ear. The children explored the emotions behind this scene and discussed how the characters might feel as they prepare to write a letter from the gates. Their empathy and imaginative thinking have been brilliant.

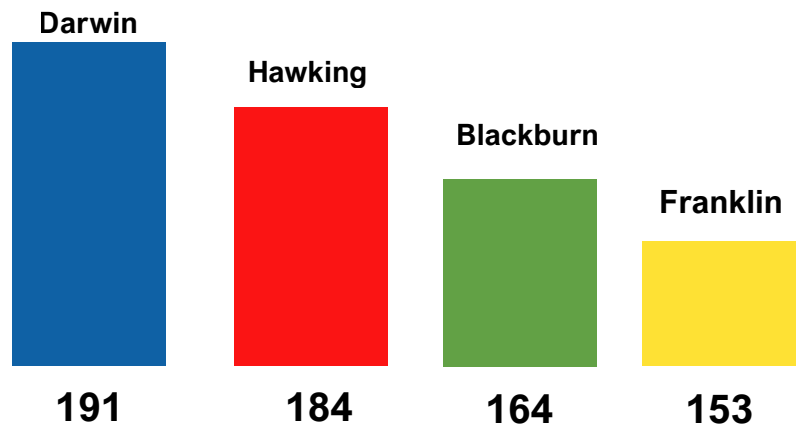
PE & Whole-School Events – Santa Dash Preparation

On Wednesday, we began preparing for **this year's Santa Dash**. The children took on a variety of tasks, including planning ideas for activity stations and considering how best to support their house teams. Their enthusiasm and creativity were wonderful to see!

Well done, Badgers, for another brilliant week of learning and teamwork!



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.



Help us resource our setting!

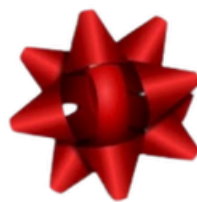
Christmas often brings extra recycling and 'junk'. Many of these items can be reused. If you have any of the following, please drop them off at the office. Thank you!



Cardboard gift boxes



Sweet tubs and tins



Ribbons and bows



Sweet/biscuit box inserts (plastic trays)



Cardboard sellotape rings, wrapping paper tubes, gift bags/boxes

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



**next
WEEK**

PTFA Winter Fayre

FEN DITTON CP SCHOOL PTFA

WINTER WARMER

Tuesday 16th December

~ 3.30 - 5pm ~

Fen Ditton CP School Hall

NEW
for
2025

Giant Inflatable Snowglobe

NEW
for
2025

Bumper Hamper Raffle

Tombola



Games

**Toys and
Gifts**

★ Refreshments ★

Hot Dogs, Cake
Hot Chocolate & Mulled Apple

**Festive
Crafts**



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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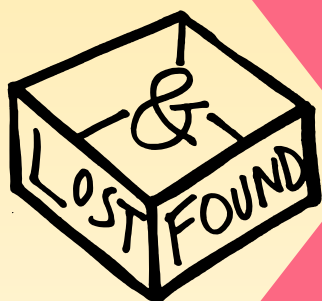
Key dates for your diary



- **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 (info on page 2)
- **Friday 19th December 3.15pm:** Christmas Sing Along - Parents & Carers invited
- **Friday 19th December:** Last day of Term

Next Term

- **Monday 5th January 2026:** Inset Day (School Closed)
- **Tuesday 6th January:** Back to School - Spring Term Begins



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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