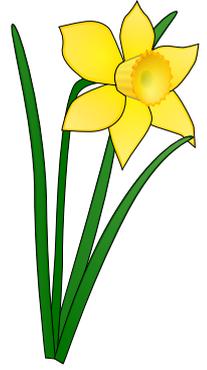




School Newsletter Friday 13th February 2026



Headteacher's insight

As we come to the end of Spring 1, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a **full and rewarding half term for our school community.**

This week, the **children have completed their assessments in the core subjects.** I have been so impressed by the mature attitude and perseverance they have shown. These assessments are an important part of helping us understand each child's progress and next steps in learning. They also give us a valuable opportunity to celebrate how far the children have come since the start of the academic year. Teachers are very much looking forward to meeting with you during **next half term's Learner Review meetings**, where we can share successes, discuss progress in more detail and continue working together to support every child to thrive. **Please see the section below to book your appointment.**

Today's newsletter is being published on our much-anticipated **Wild Hair Day!** It has been wonderful to see the **creativity, colour and confidence on display from both children and staff.** Events like this bring such joy to our school and remind us how special our community is. **Thank you sincerely for your generous donations.** I would also like to extend a **heartfelt thank you to our PTFA** for organising such a fun and inclusive event. Their hard work not only raises valuable funds for the school but also strengthens the connections between families and school.

A gentle reminder as well that there are **just two weeks to go until our Virtual Duck Race.** If you haven't yet purchased your duck, there is still time to take part and support this exciting event. For £3 you can purchase a duck to enter the race, using this link <https://www.balloonrace.net/mpax>. We are looking forward to enjoying the race together and seeing which duck will cross the finish line first!

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued partnership and support this half term. I hope you are able to **enjoy a peaceful, restful and enjoyable break with your families.** We look forward to welcoming everyone back for **Spring 2 on Monday 23rd February**, ready for another busy and successful half term.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



**BOOK
NOW**

Learner Review Meetings - Week Beginning Monday 2nd March

Teachers are very much looking forward to meeting with you during the Learner Review meetings, where we can share successes, discuss progress in more detail and continue working together to support every child to thrive. Please refer to the table below to see what day your child's class reviews are taking place.

Please log into your MCAS account and navigate to the Parents Evening section to book your slot. All slots are allocated 10 minutes. If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

Date	Class	Times
Monday 2 nd March	Dragonflies Badgers	8.15am - 4.40pm
Tuesday 3 rd March	Butterflies	8.15am - 4.40pm
Wednesday 4 th March	Squirrels Owls	8.15am - 4.40pm
Thursday 5 th March	Hedgehogs	8.15am - 4.40pm

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



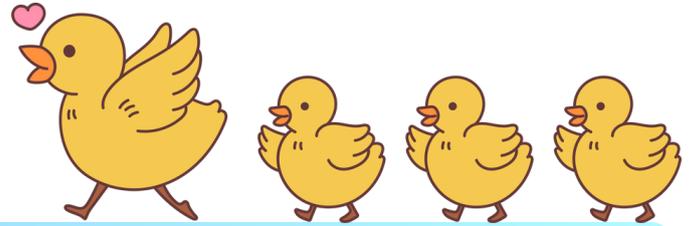
Pupil receives a place & guardian confirms referee



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



We have already welcomed 6 new children since January 2026 and our school community is stronger as a result, can you help us to grow more?



Our Virtual Duck Race is LIVE!

Get ready for some quacking good fun as our Virtual Duck Race launches soon!

For just £3, you can enter a duck into the race for a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher 🛒 plus runner-up prizes!

 Race runs: **Monday 2 March – Friday 6 March. Ducks to be purchased by Sunday 1 March.**

🎯 Ducks move randomly every hour – it really is anyone's race!

👁️ Track your duck all the way to the finish line!

👉 Enter here and buy your duck:

<https://www.balloonrace.net/mpax>

Perfect for families, friends, and supporters – pick a duck, add a message, and cheer it on 🏁

Go, go, go!

Enter our Virtual Duck Race!

Race starts Mon 2 Mar & ends Fri 6 Mar

Get a duck for only £3!

When the race starts the ducks move a random distance every hour until the finish date. The movement is calculated by an algorithm, so it's anyone's game!

Track YOUR duck right up to the finish line!



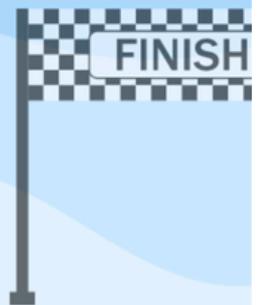
Pick a duck
(or create your own!)

Add a message

Track your duck's progress in the race!



Hello!



WIN £50 Amazon voucher!
+ runner up prizes... GO GO GO!

CREATE MY DUCK!



Only £3



Help us raise funds for a New Projector

£2,000



Helping to bring learning and celebrations to life for everyone involved.

Every contribution helps, thank you for your support!

We have reached 11% of our target!

£239.25

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THANK YOU!

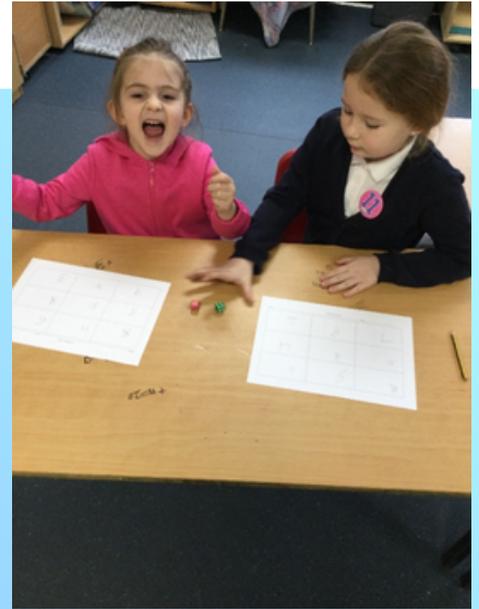


News from our classrooms

Dragonflies Class

The last two weeks have been incredibly busy for Dragonflies!

They have started a new **maths** unit exploring multiplication and division. They have been looking at counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well as exploring how to spot equal groups and make equal groups.



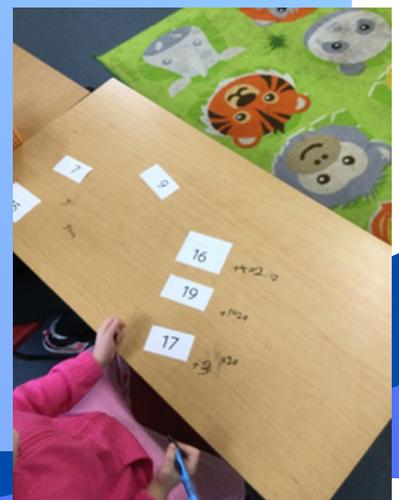
In **English** we have been working on our final writing piece for Grandad's Island. They have been focusing on writing diary entries as the character Syd. They have been learning how to use past tense verbs and conjunctions. We have been blown away by the diary entries they have produced!

Music has been a real highlight for us all, they have been using percussion instruments to create their own call and response performances.

During **PSHE** we discussed the importance of making a call to the emergency services. The class role played calling 999 and asking for the emergency service they needed and then they sorted different scenarios into which emergency service that they would need (police, ambulance or fire).

As part of an **Anglian learning art event** the class have also been focusing on creating pieces of art work based on belonging. They've used their knowledge of colour mixing to create circular pieces of art which they have added their hand prints to in a black outline to represent themselves.

We are looking forward to another fun filled half term after the holidays!





Hedgehogs Class



In **Hedgehogs** this week, we have been enjoying lots of active learning across the classroom. In **maths**, the children have been practising their times tables in lively and engaging ways. They have taken part in Times Table Ninja challenges as well as quick-fire movement games that had them jumping, moving and recalling number facts at speed.

In **art**, we linked our work to Children's Mental Health Week, focusing on the theme of belonging. The children created Picasso-style abstract faces, using bold shapes and colours to express feelings and individuality. Each piece was unique, and it was wonderful to see the children explore how art can represent emotions and identity.

In **science**, we reached the end of our topic on rocks and soils. The children carried out an investigation to compare how long it takes for water to drain through different types of soil. They made predictions, worked carefully, and discussed what their results showed. We also created sedimentation jars, shaking soil with water and observing how it settled into layers over time. This helped the children see what different soils are made of, such as sand, silt, clay and organic matter.





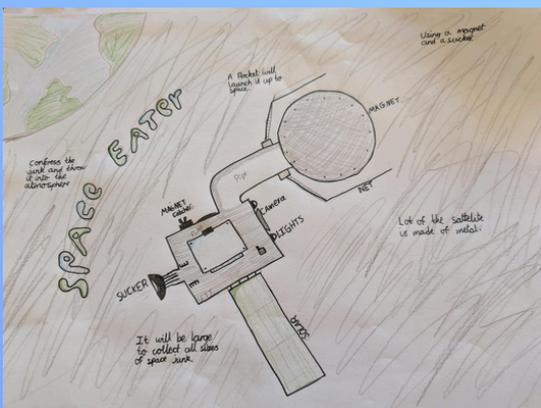
Badgers Class

As we reach the halfway point of Year 6, Badgers have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, creativity and growing maturity across the curriculum.

In **Art**, we have been exploring the theme of belonging and experimenting with a range of sketching techniques to represent identity, community and the people and places that matter to us.

The children have produced thoughtful, expressive pieces that show real care and imagination.

We also enjoyed an afternoon with Mr Madden, creating music inspired by the theme of belonging.



In **PSHE**, our focus has been on First Aid. The children have learned practical strategies for helping someone who is choking, how to place a person in the recovery position, and the basics of CPR. A special thank you goes to Miss Robinson, who bravely volunteered to be our demonstration model and helped bring the learning to life.

Alongside celebrating National Numbers Day last Friday, in **Maths** we have begun our new unit on decimals after finishing strongly with algebra. Algebra and decimals can be a tricky topics, but the children persevered brilliantly and showed real determination to master new concepts.

In **English**, as part of Storytelling Week, we have completed our work on Macbeth. The children created powerful character witness statements to be read in court and finished the unit by writing raps about Macbeth, inspired by our storytelling session.

Our saying this half term has been: "If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you." Badgers have truly embodied this message, rising to every challenge with increasing independence and maturity.

We hope you all enjoy a restful half-term break and return refreshed, ready to embrace our final six months together.



REMINDER

Calling all KS2 Inventors!

KS2 Spark Tank Innovation Challenge

A quick reminder that our Spark Tank Innovation Challenge is open to all KS2 pupils. Children are invited to design an invention that could help make the world better by reducing waste, saving energy, or helping people feel safe and included.

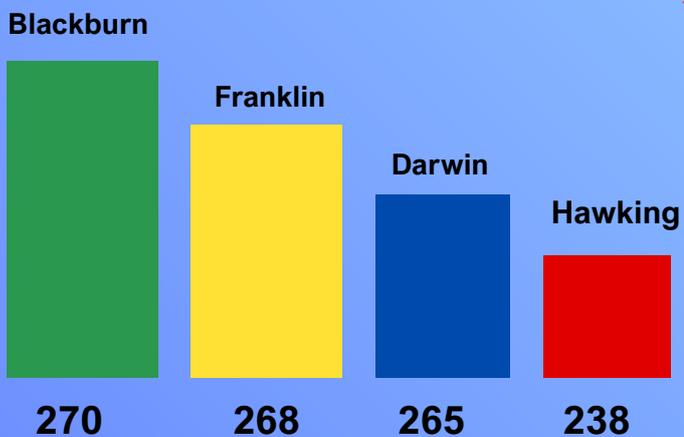
This is an optional homework challenge, and entries can be presented as a poster, drawing, diagram or model. Children can work alone or with one friend.

Entries are due by Tuesday 25 February.

Three winning ideas will be selected, and those pupils will then work with real engineers to develop their inventions further and take part in a showcase event in March.

We can't wait to see the children's creative and innovative ideas!

House Points

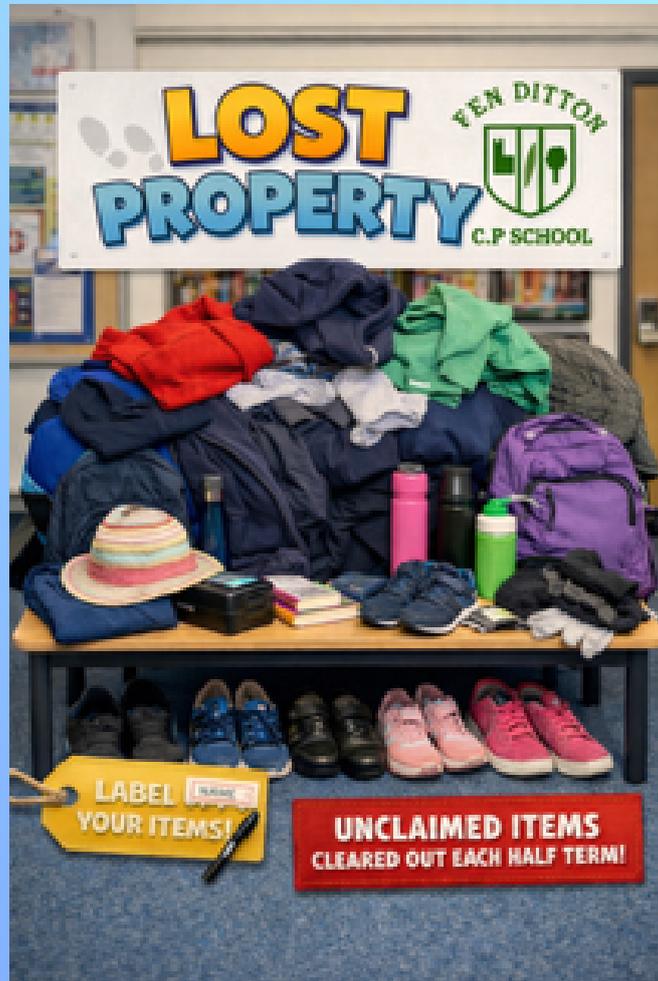


Happy Birthday

- Evie, Badgers Class
- Albina, Badgers Class
- Lilly, Squirrels Class
- Poppy, Squirrels Class
- Nasma, Butterflies Class
- Avaya, Dragonflies Class



Lost Property



Lost property is now stored in the foyer near the school office. Parents and carers are encouraged to check this area regularly for any missing items.

Please be advised that all unclaimed items will be cleared at the end of each half term.

We kindly remind families of the importance of clearly labelling all clothing and personal belongings that are brought into school. This enables staff to return lost items to their owners promptly and helps to reduce the volume of lost property.

Thank you for your continued support.



Key dates for your diary.



- **Friday 13th February:** Last day of half term
- **Monday 23rd February:** School starts
- **Week beginning Monday 2nd March:** Learner Review Meetings
- **Thursday 4th March:** Anglian Learning Swimming Gala at Bottisham Village College.
- **Thursday 5th March:** World Book Day - Children will be invited to dress as a word for our **'Words Come Alive'** theme this year. They can literally dress as any word so it can be as simple or creative as they want to make it!



There will be much to celebrate next week with the start of the holy month of **Ramadan**. We wish our Muslim families **Ramadan Mubarak**, and hope you enjoy quality time with family and friends.



We also send our best wishes to all families celebrating the **Lunar New Year** and welcoming the **Year of the Horse**, a symbol of vitality, energy, hard work, endurance, success, and ambition.





Presents

Primary Platform Exhibition 26

an exhibition of artwork from Anglian Learning
Primary Schools

7 & 8 March 2026
10 am to 3 pm

The Marven Centre, New
Road, Sawston Village College

All welcome





Term Dates 2025-2026

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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