



School Newsletter Friday 13th March 2026

Headteacher's insight

This week has been a fantastic celebration of **Science Week**, with our whole school embracing this year's theme of Curiosity. Throughout the week, pupils have explored, questioned, investigated and discovered just how exciting science can be.

A particular highlight was our Science Day, where children worked together in their house groups to take part in four different scientific investigations. It was wonderful to see pupils of different ages collaborating, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their ideas as they explored each activity. The enthusiasm, teamwork and curiosity on display truly reflected the spirit of the week.

We were also delighted to welcome parents and carers into school after the school day for our science workshops. These sessions gave families the chance to experience hands-on science alongside the children, and it was fantastic to see so many engaging discussions, experiments and moments of discovery taking place together.

Our science-themed assembly helped to inspire pupils to think about the role curiosity plays in learning and discovery, while our science competition encouraged children to apply their creativity and scientific thinking in exciting ways. To round off the celebrations, pupils thoroughly enjoyed the science shows, which brought scientific concepts to life in a fun and memorable way.

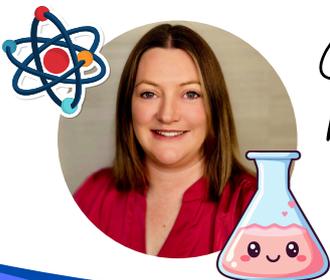
Science Week has been a wonderful reminder that curiosity is at the heart of learning. By encouraging our children to ask questions, explore ideas and investigate the world around them, we help them develop the confidence and skills that will support them in all areas of their education.

Thank you to all staff, families and pupils who helped make this week such a success.

Last weekend we celebrated selected children's work that represented our children's artistic abilities at the **Anglian Learning Platform 26 art showcase** on the theme of Belonging. I was impressed, delighted and proud to see our children positively contribute to such a prestigious event.

We've had a week of unique opportunities for our children that help to engage, motivate them by enriching and deepening their learning experiences with us. Much to celebrate. Much to be proud of.

Thank you as always for your continued support of our efforts and work for your children. Being your school of choice is a key responsibility for us. Enjoy your weekend.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



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the egg hunt!



Fen Ditton CP School PTFA

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Friday 27th March, 2026 | 3.30 - 5pm

at Fen Ditton Primary CP School

TICKETS FOR SALE

BAKE SALE & REFRESHMENTS

EASTER EGG RAFFLE & LOADS OF HIDDEN EGGS

EGG HUNT

Ticket prices for the Easter Egg Hunt:
1x child: £5 | 2x children: £9 | 3x children: £13

You can pre buy tickets now online at <https://bit.ly/EasterHunt26> or by scanning the QR code. You can also buy tickets in person from 23rd to 27th March on the school playground. Cash and card payments taken. Tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle can be bought via MCAS.



All proceeds to benefit Fen Ditton CP School. Registered charity 1202355

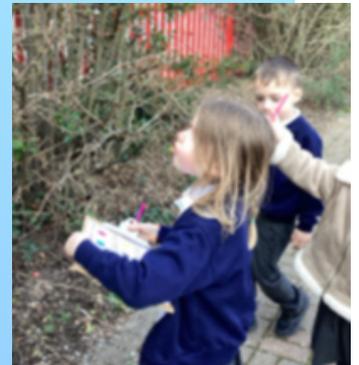


News from our classrooms

Butterflies Class

This half term, our **Geography** learning focuses on observing changes in the seasons, asking questions, making predictions and exploring how things grow and change. Through hands-on, play-based experiences both indoors and outdoors, the children have been encouraged to investigate, discover and develop their curiosity about the world around them.

This week we went on a seasons walk, using our sense of sight to look for natural objects in different colours. We discussed why it was more difficult to find particular colours and what colours we might not find in other seasons.



In **English** this week, we began exploring the story *The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst. Through the gentle storyline and thoughtful illustrations, the children began to understand the idea that we are always connected to the people we love, even when we are apart. The story encouraged discussions about feelings, relationships and reassurance, helping the children to reflect on the special bonds they share with family and friends. It also provided opportunities for the children to talk about their own experiences, build vocabulary related to emotions.

To celebrate the official start of Spring we engaged in some observational painting of daffodils.

Thank you for your continued support with events such as World Book Day. Your enthusiasm and effort help make these experiences special for the children and support their love of learning. We are incredibly proud of the children and the enthusiasm they show for their learning each day. We look forward to another exciting couple of weeks in Butterflies and to sharing many more special moments and achievements with you!



Squirrels Class

Squirrel Class have really been enjoying **reading Nim's Island!** We have found out that Nim's father, Jack, hasn't returned from his expedition to search for plankton... We wrote questions to interview Nim about her feelings that Jack is missing and then took it in turns to hot seat Nim's character to answer them.

We have also been enjoying our **Outdoor Adventurous Activity unit in PE** so far this half term. We loved Monday's 'Crossing the River' activity, where we had to work both individually and in teams to get the treasure by staying on the stepping stones (hoops). Otherwise, we might have got eaten by the crocodiles!

We also really enjoyed **STEM Day.** We were very excited by the different activities and were keen to share what we'd done with each other when returning to Squirrel Class. We are brilliant, curious scientists!





Owls Class

What a busy few weeks it's been in Owls Class! In **English**, to kick off our World Book Day celebrations, we had the fantastic opportunity to take part in an online workshop with the author Emily Hourican. The children put on their thinking caps to solve the mystery of who stole the rainbow cake at the Ivy Hotel. Their enthusiasm and sharp detective skills were wonderful to see, and the excitement didn't stop there – the children then went on to create their very own mystery stories, full of creativity and clever ideas.

In **Science**, we explored the fascinating world of blood! The class created a model of blood to help visualise its different components, and it was amazing to see how engaged the children were as they learned about red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets, and plasma.

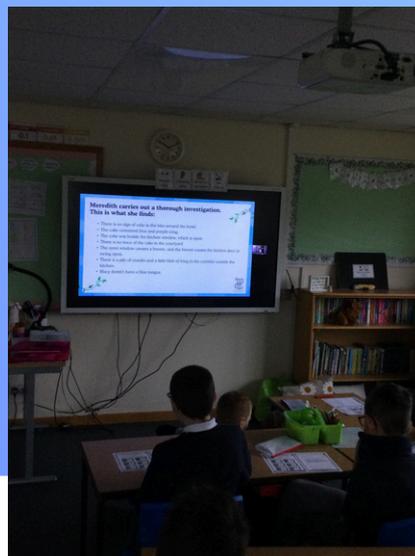
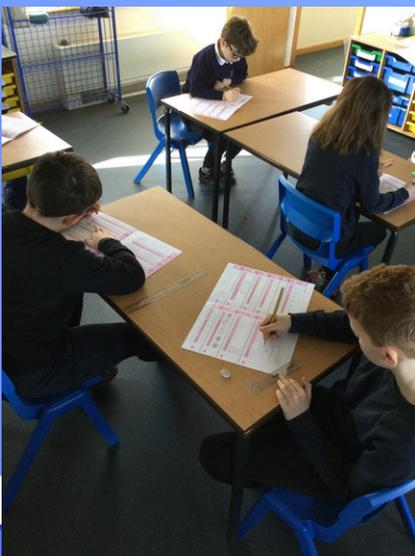
Our **Geography** lessons took us all the way to the Great Barrier Reef, where we discovered incredible facts about the world's largest reef. The children were fascinated to learn about its unique ecosystem and the amazing creatures that call it home.

On Friday, we enjoyed a hands-on **DT lesson** exploring the five tastes. The children sampled a variety of foods and experimented with combining flavours, discovering which tastes worked well together – a very fun way to learn!

The children have also been working hard on their **assessments** recently. They should be very proud of themselves for all their effort, focus, and determination.

Finally, the excitement is building for our upcoming performances. Owls are busy preparing for **'The Greatest Show'** with Year 3 and 4 and our end-of-term Year 5 clarinet and flute performances .

We can't wait to showcase our talents and hope you'll join us to celebrate all of our hard work on Tuesday 24th March!





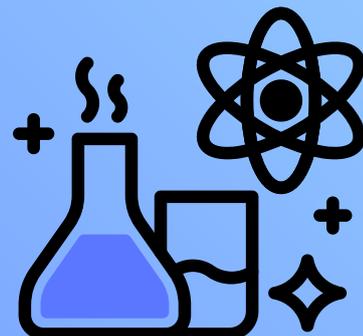
Science Week Round-Up

This week we celebrated Science Week at Fen Ditton, with pupils across the school enjoying a range of practical investigations and activities.

On Tuesday, we launched our **Science Challenge** in assembly. Children are invited to take or draw a picture of something interesting and ask a scientific question about it. The challenge encourages pupils to notice science in everyday life and to think carefully about the questions scientists ask when they observe the world around them. **The closing date for entries is Wednesday 18th April.**

The whole school then took part in Science Day, working in their house teams. Children from different year groups worked together on a series of investigations, including melting ice, testing how balls bounce on different surfaces, designing mazes to test magnetic strength, and finding out which surfaces tape sticks to best.

We ended the week with an exciting science show on Friday, which was enjoyed by everyone and provided a fun way to finish our Science Week celebrations.





Year 6 Leaver Hoodies



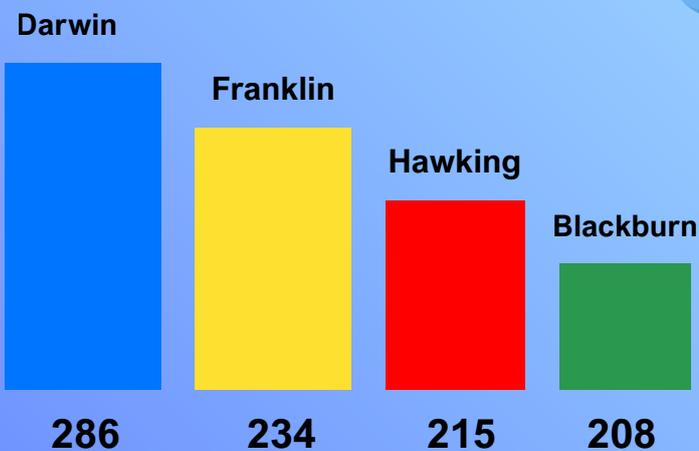
Parents/Carers of our Year 6 Badgers Class,

You are now able to access the shop via the order now tab below to order your child's leaver hoodie!

The PTFA very kindly cover the cost of the hoodies, we just need you to select the size that your child requires. If you haven't already done so, please click the order now tab below.



This Week's House Points



Charles, Butterflies Class

Conor, Dragonflies Class

Cymone, Squirrels Class



SIGN UP!

After School Clubs from Summer Term 1

We are delighted to be offering a range of free after-school clubs next half term. These clubs provide exciting opportunities for pupils to extend their learning, build new skills, and connect with others in a fun and supportive environment. If your child already attends a club this does not mean they are automatically enrolled, so please ensure you sign them up again for Summer 1.

All clubs will run from week commencing Monday 13th April 2026 and continuing until the 22nd May. Please be aware that there will be no football club on Monday 4th May due to it being a bank holiday.

Please see the clubs available below:

- **Home Learning Support Club (All Years)**

Led by Mrs Nicholls – Tuesdays, 3:35–4:35 pm (Maximum 25 places)

- **Multi sports (Reception – Year 2)**

Led by Cambridge United, Thursdays 3:35–4:35 pm (Maximum 20 places)

- **Rugby (Years 4, 5 and 6)**

Led by Miss Norman – Tuesdays, 3:35–4:35 pm (Maximum 20 places)

- **Girls' Football Club (Years 4–6, across both schools)**

Led by Mr Parker – Monday, 3:35–4:35 pm (Maximum 15 places)



If you would like your child to take part in one of these clubs, please **enrol them via MyChildatSchool (MCAS). You can do this from Monday 23rd March at Midday.**

Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have any issues signing up, please contact the Office team.



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Key dates for your diary.



- **Friday 6th- 26th March:** Easter Egg Raffle Tickets on sale - purchase via MCAS
- **Wednesday 18th March:** Dragonflies Class trip to Kettles Yard
- **Thursday 19th March at 9.15am:** Dragonflies Class Assembly: Parents Invited
- **Friday 20th March 3-3.30pm:** Year 5 woodwind performance, Parents invited
- **Tuesday 24th March:** Years 3-5 Performance, Parents Invited.
- **Wednesday 25th March 9-9.30am:** Butterflies Class Stay & Play Session
- **Thursday 26th March:** Rock Steady Music Concert, Parents Invited.
- **Friday 27th March at 3:30pm:** Easter egg hunt in School
- **Friday 27th March:** Easter Egg Raffle Draw
- **Friday 27th March:** Last Day of Spring Term
- **Monday 13th April:** Summer Term Begins



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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