



School Newsletter
Friday 20th March
2026

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Headteacher's insight

As we move through the Spring 2 half term, it is hard to believe how quickly the weeks have passed. With this being a shorter half term, we already find ourselves with just one more week remaining before the **Easter break**. It has been a busy and productive period across the school, and it has been wonderful to see the continued enthusiasm for learning in classrooms and the many ways our pupils challenge themselves each day.

Over the past few weeks, recent **assessments** have played an important role in helping us refine and sharpen our teaching. Staff have been carefully analysing outcomes to ensure that learning is precisely matched to pupils' needs. This work allows teachers to build on strengths, address any gaps quickly and maintain a strong pace of progress for all learners. Our aim is always to ensure that every child is supported to reach their potential while also being stretched intellectually so that they develop confidence, curiosity and a genuine love of learning.

Alongside this, the **development of key skills** remains a central focus in all areas of the curriculum. These foundations – particularly in reading, writing and mathematics – enable pupils to access the wider curriculum with confidence and independence. **Families play a vital role in this journey**, and these skills can be supported meaningfully and impactfully at home through regular reading, practising number facts and encouraging children to talk about their learning. Small, consistent moments of support outside school make a significant difference over time.

As we approach our final week of the half term, we are also looking forward to coming together as a community for our **Easter egg hunt**. Events like this are always a highlight for the children and provide a lovely opportunity for us to **celebrate the season together**.

We look forward to ending the half term on a positive and joyful note before the Easter break.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher





EASTER RAFFLE

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

**TICKETS
£1 PER ENTRY!**

**DRAW DATE:
Friday 27th March**

**MORE ENTRIES =
"MORE CHANCES"
TO WIN!**

**Purchase Tickets via
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FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL CAMPAIGNS!

Click here to
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for the egg
hunt!

Fen Ditton CP School PTFA

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Friday 27th March, 2026 | 3.30 - 5pm

at Fen Ditton Primary CP School

BAKE SALE & REFRESHMENTS

EASTER EGG RAFFLE & LOADS OF HIDDEN EGGS

TICKETS FOR SALE

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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 1202353



News from our classrooms

Dragonflies Class

Dragonflies have had an incredibly busy but fulfilling week of activities and learning!

Our **trip on Wednesday was a huge highlight**. The children were amazing, they asked inquisitive questions, listened well to the workshops, created some fun artwork and explored art both new and old.



Another highlight was our class assembly. It is always a joy to share our learning with everyone and the children enjoyed showing off all their knowledge they have been building over the year.

In **English** this week we have started working on our final writing unit. Writing our own narratives based on one of the characters from our book 'Voices in the Park'. The children used comic strips to begin planning their narrative and have had a big focus on using past tense verbs as well as third person in their writing. This is not all, on top of this they have also started learning and understanding how to use speech in writing and even how to punctuate it correctly!

Our **multiplication and division maths** unit has concluded and we have started exploring length and height. We have worked hard this week to understand different measurements and use rulers/metre sticks accurately to measure different objects and furniture around the classroom.

DT has been a big hit over the last couple of weeks. The class spent time preparing and taste testing ingredients which they will be putting into their final designs. They used graters and knives safely to prepare vegetables and then became taste testing experts: exploring texture, smell and taste. We can't wait to make and eat the final products!





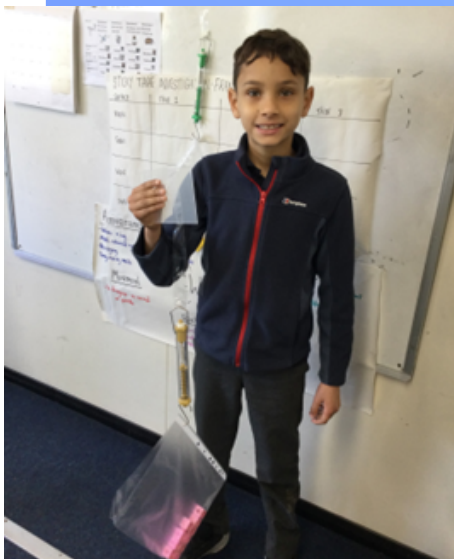
Hedgehogs Class

This fortnight has been full of excitement and discovery for Hedgehogs Class. We began by celebrating **Science Day**, where the children took part in a range of hands-on investigations. Their curiosity and enthusiasm shone through as they explored different scientific questions and worked together to test their ideas.

We also enjoyed a **wonderful trip to the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences**. The children learned all about fossils and discovered the inspiring story of Mary Anning, one of the earliest and most important fossil hunters. During our scavenger hunt, the class worked together to find a hippopotamus skeleton hidden among the exhibits. We were amazed to learn that mammoths once roamed near Cambridge and that one was even discovered locally, which brought history to life in a truly memorable way.

In **Maths**, the children have continued their work on fractions. This week, they have been finding equivalent fractions and using visual models and practical activities to help build their understanding. Their resilience and teamwork have been wonderful to see.

In **English**, the class has been writing character descriptions of witches. The children have practised adding descriptive details and subtle clues to help the reader spot them. Their ideas have been imaginative, spooky, and wonderfully creative!





Badgers Class

It's been a wonderfully busy couple of weeks in Badgers Class, and we are so proud of how the children have risen to every challenge. As we move into the **revision stage of our maths learning**, the children have been concentrating incredibly hard and showing real determination. Their **effort, focus and resilience are shining through**. We also want to say a huge thank you for the **excellent attendance**, being in school every day at this point makes such a difference, especially when each lesson builds on the last.

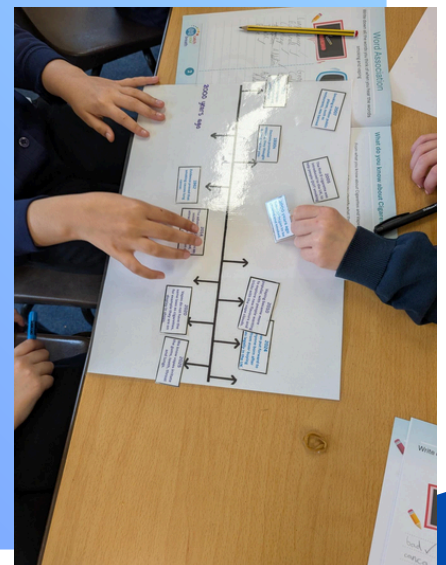
In **PSHE**, the children took part in an eye-opening session about smoking and vaping. They explored how these products work, what substances they contain, and the impact they can have on the body. The children asked thoughtful questions and showed real maturity throughout.

Science has been a real highlight recently. We enjoyed a brilliant STEM day, followed by an interactive workshop on Friday that absolutely captivated the class. A particular favourite moment was watching air being compressed to create a spark - a fantastic way to bring scientific concepts to life.

In **English**, the children have now completed their fact files and are moving on to writing newspaper articles. We've been building an evidence wall to explore how Roxy and Aidan know that Alfie is different, and the children will be using this to plan and structure their reports.

To finish the week, Badgers Class added the next pages to their **class cookbook**. The recipes are now ready - and we can't wait to get cooking next week!

Well done, Badgers - what a brilliant fortnight it has been.





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 at Midday (next week)**

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

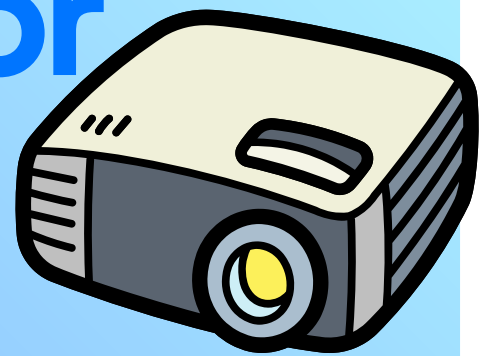
If you have any issues signing up, please contact the Office team.



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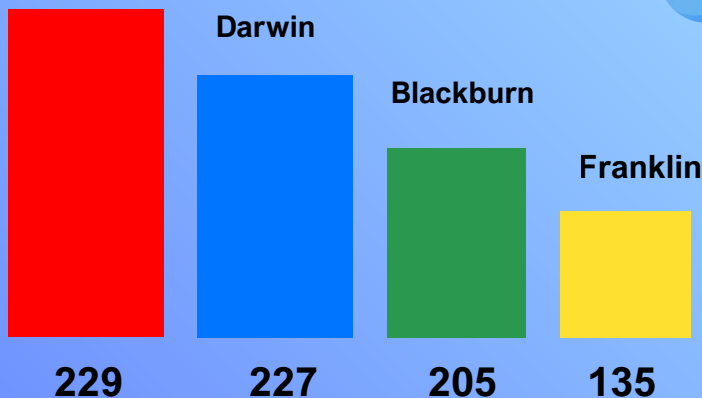
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This Week's House Points

Hawking



Happy Birthday

Livia, Squirrels Class
 Monir, Owls Class
 Xander, Dragonflies Class
 Drew, Squirrels Class
 Harrison, Owls Class
 Mudaser, Owls Class

Free Webinars for Parents & Carers



Parents & Carers Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

Please note there are two parts to the parent events, and you will need to register for each independently. This session is suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This is an opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world.

If you think these events may be of interest to others, please forward this information on to them.

For any questions, please email us at cyberprotectorsou@beds.police.uk.

Parents Event - Pt1 - Introduction to Cyber Choices and Online Risks

This session will introduce you to the [Cyber Choices programme](#) and will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also receive an overview of:

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

These events are **free**, and you can book your tickets directly via:

Wednesday 11 th March	14:00 – 15:00 - Link
Thursday 7 th May	13:00 – 14:00 - Link
Monday 6 th July	10:00 – 11:00 - Link
Wednesday 23 rd September	16:00 – 17:00 - Link
Tuesday 10 th November	11:00 – 12:00 - Link

Parents Event - Pt2 - Tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family

This session will:

- Provide advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Help you to identify and protect your (and your children's) key accounts.
- Identify threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Highlight the benefits of family accounts.
- Identify parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's [Stop! Think Fraud](#) and the National Cyber Security Centres [CyberAware](#) campaign.

These events are **free**, and you can book your tickets directly via:

Wednesday 18 th March	10:00 – 11:00 - Link
Thursday 14 th May	13:00 – 14:00 - Link
Monday 13 th July	10:00 – 11:00 - Link
Wednesday 30 th September	16:00 – 17:00 - Link
Tuesday 17 th November	16:00 – 17:00 - Link



Key dates for your diary.



- **Tuesday 24th March 2pm:** Years 3-5 Performance, Parents Invited.
- **Wednesday 25th March 9-9.30am:** Butterflies Class Stay & Play Session
- **Thursday 26th March 2.45pm:** Rock Steady Music Concert, Parents Invited.
- **Friday 27th March at 3:30pm:** Easter egg hunt in School & PTFA Second Hand Uniform Sale
- **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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