



School Newsletter
Friday 27th March
2026

Headteacher's insight

As we reach the end of a **busy and rewarding Spring term**, it is a pleasure to reflect on all that our school community has achieved together. A particular highlight was the **Easter Egg Hunt**, brilliantly led by the PTFA, which provided a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and celebrate. It was a fitting way to round off the term and a reminder of the strength of our school community.

Across the school, children's **recent assessments** have shown the excellent progress being made in both their skills and understanding. It has been especially valuable to see such strong parental engagement in learner reviews, ensuring that families are well informed about their child's successes as well as their next steps. This shared understanding is key to supporting every child to thrive.

This term has also been enriched by a wide range of experiences beyond the classroom. **Trips** for every class have created engaging and memorable learning opportunities, while events such as **Funky Hair Day** and the **virtual duck race** brought plenty of fun and laughter. We were also delighted to see pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 take to the stage for **The Greatest Show performance** this week, showcasing their growing confidence and talent in the performing arts.

Looking ahead, the **Summer term** offers an exciting and productive period. With a longer term ahead, children will continue to build momentum as they work through the remainder of this year's curriculum. We will also be supporting pupils carefully as they **prepare for their transition to their next year group**—more information on how this will look (and how it will differ from previous years) will be shared soon.

There is **much to look forward to**, including another round of **trips for all classes, end-of-year reports, summer fairs, sports days and a variety of sporting events**. Year 6 pupils will begin spending time in their new secondary schools, while our new Reception cohort will visit us as they prepare for their exciting step into 'big school'. There are truly lots of opportunities ahead and we hope to experience them with the sunshine too!



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As always, we will continue to use this newsletter to celebrate successes, share insights into classroom learning, signpost local opportunities, and keep you informed of key dates and news—so please do keep an eye out each week.

Alongside this, we are already working on preparations for the next academic year. This will include improved communication with families to support planning ahead, as well as the introduction of an annual calendar to help with the practicalities of managing your child's schedule—because we know the need for parents to operate as highly skilled Personal Assistants, expertly juggling clubs, trips, themed days and everything in between and we want to assist you as effectively as we can!

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you all a restful and enjoyable break. **We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 13th April.** Wishing those who celebrate a Happy Easter.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



News from our classrooms

Butterflies Class

Our **Design and Technology** focus this half term has been making potato and leek soup, which has provided the children with a rich, hands-on learning experience. We explored a variety of ingredients, discussing where foods come from and how they grow. We discussed basic food preparation skills such as washing, peeling, and chopping and learned about kitchen safety and hygiene.

Throughout the process, the children observed how ingredients change when they are combined and cooked, noticing differences in texture, colour, and smell. They also had opportunities to make predictions about what might happen during cooking. We enjoyed a soup tasting lesson and evaluated our final product in contrast to the shop-bought ones, helping to build confidence, language skills, and an understanding of simple cooking processes.

We discussed packaging, sell by dates, preservatives and the RAG nutrition ratings. We came to the conclusion that fresh is best!



In **English** this week, we have been exploring The Easter Story by Brian Wilde. Through the engaging storytelling and meaningful illustrations, the children were introduced to the events of Easter and what they represent. The story encouraged thoughtful discussions about kindness, hope, and new beginnings, helping the children to reflect on the importance of caring for others and showing compassion. We role played Palm Sunday by making leaves and waving them excitedly, had our own Last Supper, enjoyed Hot Cross Buns and discussed the meaning of Easter Eggs!

As we come to the end of the Spring term, we are incredibly proud of all the children and the progress they have made. They have shown growing confidence, curiosity, and independence in their learning, and it has been a joy to see their enthusiasm each day. We loved welcoming so many of you to the 'stay and play' this week and thank you all for your continued support at home—it makes a real difference. We hope you all have a wonderful and restful Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the Summer term, ready for more exciting learning and new experiences.



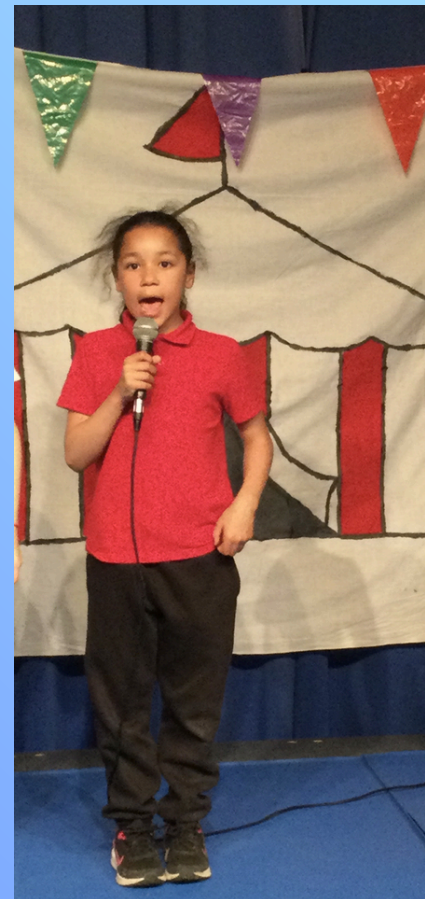
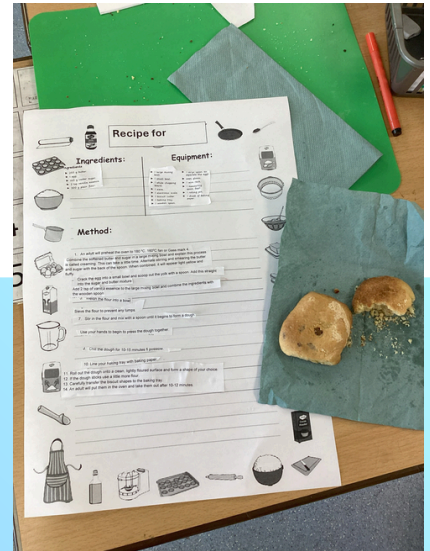
Squirrels Class

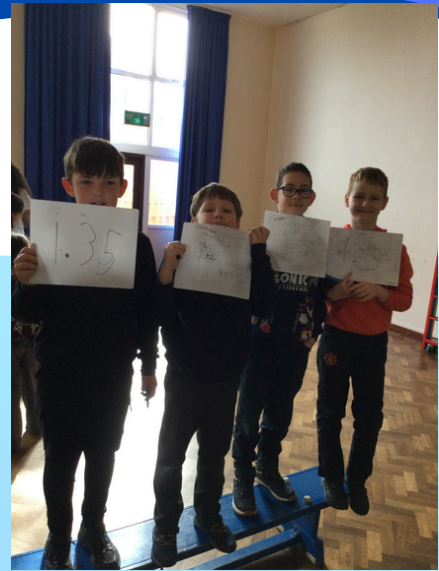
Squirrel Class have had a very busy but exciting few weeks!

We loved our school trip to **The Sedgwick Museum**, where we consolidated our learning about rocks and fossils. We were lucky enough to hold some fossils from millions of years ago!

We have also been courageous and resilient when practising for our version of **The Greatest Show**. It's been a journey from auditions to rehearsals to the performance this week, but we've been amazing!

This week, we have also really enjoyed **cooking and evaluating our own biscuits**. The overall agreement was that they tasted great!





Owls Class

In **English**, Owls class stepped into the shoes of the Grand High Witch, crafting persuasive speeches to warn fellow witches that humans are beginning to suspect their wicked plans. They skillfully used modal verbs, emotive language, direct address and rhetorical questions to bring their speeches to life, creating powerful and dramatic pieces of writing.

In **Maths**, we continued to strengthen our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages. The children practiced rounding decimals, explored what percentages represent, and worked on ordering decimals in both ascending and descending order. A particular highlight was our active maths session, where each child was given a decimal and worked together to arrange themselves in the correct order — all while balancing on a bench.

We also enjoyed a very special moment in **Music** as the children showcased their fantastic progress on the clarinets and flutes. Their hard work, focus and enthusiasm was clear to see, and they should feel incredibly proud of their performance.





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).**

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

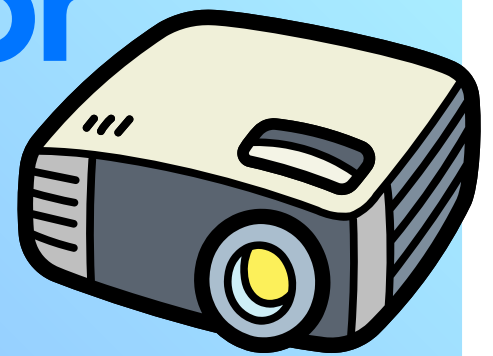
If you have any issues signing up, please contact the Office team.



A huge thank you to all of our families for your support in buying tickets for our Easter Egg Raffle. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to contribute £148 towards our current GoodHub fundraising campaign for a new projector, bringing our total raised so far to **£537.25** — **over 26% of our £2,000 target**. We really appreciate your continued support.



New Projector



£2,000

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

Every contribution helps, thank you for your support!

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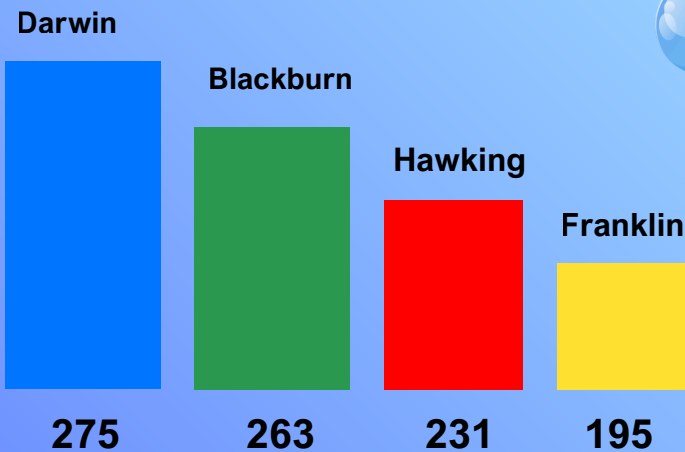
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This Week's House Points



Happy Birthday

Harry, owls Class
Milo, Hedgehogs Class
Hugo, Dragonflies Class
Jayden, Dragonflies Class
Sienna, Dragonflies Class
Abigail, Hedgehogs Class
Zeyna, Butterflies Class

Key dates for your diary.



- **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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal OPTION 1 OPTION 2	Penne pasta with house tomato sauce	Pea-powered vegetable stir fry with carrot rice	Roast Quorn fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Pea-powered mild chilli with rice	Vegetable sausages, chips & tomato ketchup
Veggies	Broccoli	Peas	Carrots & broccoli	Sweetcorn	Baked Beans
Filled OR Jacket Roll OR Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese Tuna mayo Baked beans or Beans & Cheese	Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese Tuna mayo Baked beans or Beans & Cheese	Ham Cheese or Tuna mayo	Jacket Potato with Cheese Tuna mayo Baked beans or Beans & Cheese
Sweet Treats	Lemon shortbread biscuit	Chocolate & banana brownie sponge	Orange jelly & mandarins	Watermelon wedge	Raspberry jelly

Available Every Day - Crunchy Colourful Salad Bar & Homemade Bread

KEY Wholegrain Vegetarian
Nutritionist's Choice Vegan

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New School Menus for Summer Term

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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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JOIN US FOR

Easter Craft Making

Including an Easter
Garden & Snacks

All Ages Welcome

Saturday 4th April

11am to 1pm

St Mary's Church,
Fen Ditton

See you there!

