



Hello  
May

School  
Newsletter  
Friday 1st May  
2026

## Headteacher's insight

As we reach the midpoint of the half term, I want to thank you for your continued support—there is a great deal of positive work taking place across the school, and it is a pleasure to see the children so engaged in their learning. With the bank holiday weekend ahead, I hope families are able to enjoy some well-earned time together.

Looking ahead, we are **reviewing our communication approach as part of our planning for the next academic year**. We are keen to ensure that what we share is both purposeful and manageable for families. One proposal we are considering is to separate key operational information from richer insight into school life. This would mean a short, weekly Friday briefing communication focused purely on reminders, key dates, and information about upcoming school and local events, alongside a more detailed, half-termly newsletter that offers a deeper window into learning across the classes and the wider life of the school.

**We would really value your views on this. Please do take a moment to respond to the short form—whether you would welcome this change or have any reservations you would like us to consider. Your feedback will directly shape how we communicate moving forward.** [School Newsletters from September 2026 – Fill in form](#)

I hope you all have a positive **bank holiday weekend** and the additional day provides an opportunity for you to rest and recharge. We will look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday next week.



*Mrs Thompson*

Mrs Emily Thompson  
Executive Headteacher



## News from our classrooms

### Dragonflies Class

We have had another busy couple of weeks in Dragonflies Class, filled with lots of focused learning as well as lots of fun tasks!

Everyone has been working very hard on exploring **counting, comparing and adding** money. They have been using concrete coins to support them in recognising the different amounts of money and using their knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to support them with counting different amounts of money.



During **English** everyone worked very hard to write acrostic poems linked to the word 'unique' we explored what unique means and worked hard to develop sentences and phrases that we could put into a poem. The class really enjoyed writing them up neatly and sharing them with each other during our editing lesson.

In **History**, we are exploring the history of flight and how aeroplanes were invented and used for exploration. They also looked at helicopters and had great fun creating their own helicopters and testing how they work! In Art we are exploring the concept of 3D art, this week we used strips of paper that we folded, twisted and looped to create 3D artworks.



**Computing** has been a real hit this week, we learnt how to create stop motion animation films, using a large space background and objects such as space rockets and aliens. Using the iPads with the software, Stop Motion we took lots of photographs which then linked to create a short film. It was great fun and everyone is looking forward to creating more movies together



Lastly, the school got a very special message from an athlete who ran the London marathon on blades as he is a double amputee. The class loved watching his message about the mini marathon we are taking part in and were inspired by his words!



## Hedgehogs Class

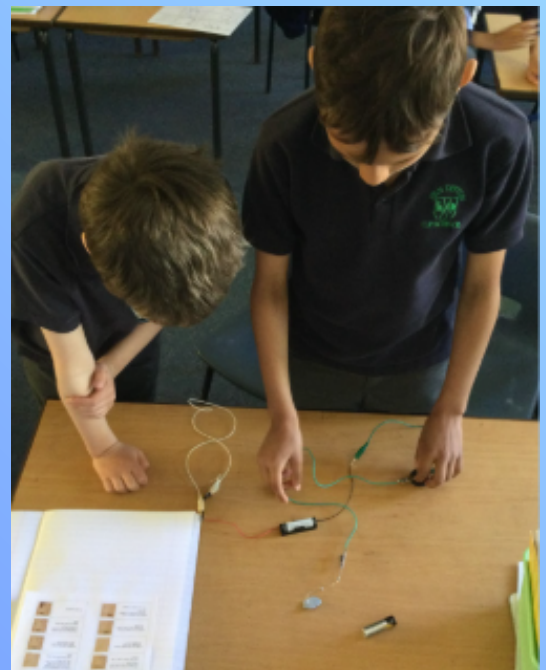


Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying their learning this week and have shown great enthusiasm across the curriculum. In **science**, we have been exploring circuits and investigating how electricity flows. As part of our learning, the children worked practically to create their own simple switches using Blu Tack and paperclips within a circuit. This hands-on investigation helped them to understand how a switch controls the flow of electricity, and they showed excellent curiosity and teamwork throughout.

In **English**, we have come to the end of our topic on stories with dialogue. The children have worked especially hard practising how to punctuate speech accurately, building confidence in using inverted commas, commas and capital letters correctly. Their progress has been clear to see, and they should be very proud of their efforts.

In **art**, Year 4 have been developing their sketching skills. They have been learning how to use shading techniques to show light and dark, helping to add depth and realism to their drawings. The children have approached this with patience and creativity, producing some fantastic work.

Well done, Year 4, for your continued hard work and positive learning attitudes!





## Badgers Class

Over the past fortnight, Year 6 have continued their exciting work on **Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance expedition**. The children have planned and written their own newspaper articles, focusing on the moment the Endurance first set sail from Plymouth. They have shown real maturity in using formal language, fronted adverbials and historical detail to bring this event to life.

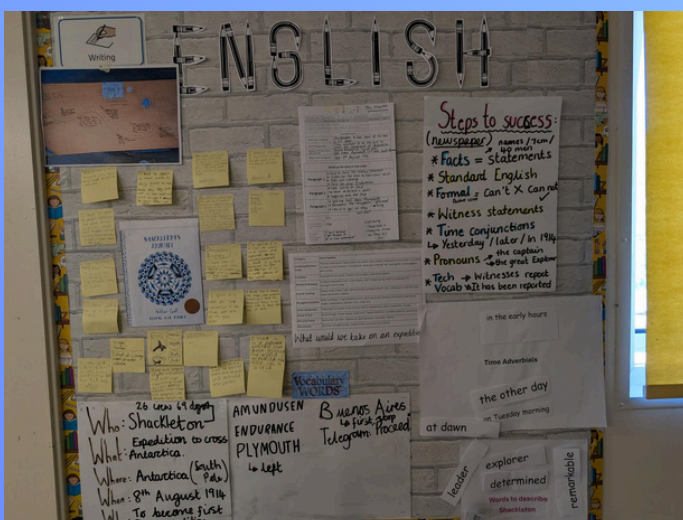


In **History**, we shifted our attention to the Blitz and explored how photographs can be used as historical evidence. The children impressed us with their ability to infer, question and explain what these images reveal about life during World War Two.

In **Maths**, we continued our revision looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. The children have worked incredibly hard to secure key methods and apply them confidently across a range of problems. This fortnight we developed our portrait work by completing an artist study. The children compared different artists' unique styles and learned new vocabulary such as multimedia. Their discussions were thoughtful, and their sketchbooks are looking fantastic.

And of course — how could we forget our wonderful **trip to the park**? The children were an absolute delight. After working so hard, it was lovely to unwind together, enjoy the sunshine and simply have time to play.

Well done, Badgers, for your effort, focus and positivity over the last two weeks. We are so proud of everything you have achieved.





## **Help and Support in Challenging Times**



If things feel difficult right now, please remember, you are not alone and there is support available.

### **Foodbank and Community Meals**

Find out about local Food Banks and help with hot meals or basic food supplies [here](#).

### **Cost of Living Support**

Further support with the cost of living is available through Cambridge City Council. This includes help with managing money, accessing grants and finding local support services. [Financial advice and cost of living support - Cambridge City Council](#)

### **Family Support**

If you are struggling with any aspect of parenting/caring for children, please consider contacting our [EIFA \(Education Inclusion Family Advisor\)](#). Saffron for 1:1 help with sleep, sibling rivalry, challenging behaviour and more. You can reach out for support by [completing this form](#).

Parents/carers of children with additional needs or disabilities may find the [council's Local Offer](#) useful for signposting and advice. [SENDIASS](#) or [PinPoint](#) are also brilliant for advice, helplines and resources.

You can find out about support across a wide variety of charities and organisations available throughout the county [on the How Are You Cambridge support finder](#).

### **How We Can Help**

If you feel that any of these services could support your family, please do reach out to them. If you are feeling overwhelmed and don't know who to turn to for help, speak with your child's class teacher or our Pastoral Lead, Mandy Futter ([wellbeing@fendittonprimary.org](mailto:wellbeing@fendittonprimary.org)). There is help available, and you will always be met with understanding and respect.



## Summer Term - Key Dates



- **Wednesday 6th May:** Year 3 and 4 Sport Event afternoon with Marleigh Primary - all children
- **Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May:** Year 6 SATs
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 5 Bikeability
- **Wednesday 13th May:** Sports Alliance Year 5 and 6 Netball Fixture - selected teams
- **Tuesday 19th May:** Science Fair projects launch
- **Wednesday 20th May:** Year 1 and 2 Sport Event afternoon with Marleigh Primary- all children
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May:** Class Photographs
- **Friday 22nd May:** Dragonflies trip to Duxford Museum
- **Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May:** Half term
- **Wednesday 3rd June:** Reception Sport Event afternoon with Marleigh Primary - all children
- **Thursday 4th June:** Hedgehogs class assembly - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Monday 8th - Friday 12th June:** Year 1 Phonics Screening test
- **Wednesday 10th June:** Sports Alliance Year 3 and 4 Cricket fixture - selected teams
- **Thursday 11th June:** Squirrels class assembly - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Thursday 11th June:** Year 6 Bottisham Cup Sports event - all children
- **Tuesday 16th June:** Dragonflies class assembly - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Wednesday 17th June:** Year 5 Sport Event afternoon with Marleigh Primary - all children
- **Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th June:** Year 6 Residential trip
- **Tuesday 23rd June:** JTA trip
- **Wednesday 24th June:** Sports Alliance KS2 Sport Event - selected teams
- **Thursday 25th June:** Butterflies class assembly - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Friday 26th June:** Summer Fayre - after school
- **Wednesday 1st July:** Butterflies trip to South Angle Farm
- **Wednesday 1st July:** Year 6 Sport Event afternoon with Marleigh Primary - all children
- **Thursday 2nd July:** Owl class assembly - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Friday 3rd July:** Science Fair project presentations in school
- **Wednesday 8th July:** Sports Day - morning
- **Wednesday 8th July:** Sports Alliance Year 1 and 2 event - selected teams
- **Thursday 9th July:** Science Fair event - 3:30-4pm - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Friday 10th July:** Year 6 Play in a Week performance 1:45pm
- **Wednesday 15th July:** Sports Alliance Year 3-6 Athletics event - selected teams
- **Wednesday 15th July:** End of Year Disco - after school
- **Thursday 16th July:** Year 6 Leavers assembly 2pm - parents and carers invited to attend
- **Friday 17th July:** Last day of the academic year



## Attendance Matters



### Medical Appointments During Term Time

We kindly ask parents and carers to make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Regular attendance is essential for your child's learning, progress, and wellbeing, and frequent absences can have a significant impact over time.

We do understand that some appointments, particularly those with hospitals or specialists, may only be available during the school day. In these cases, please inform the school office in advance and provide evidence of the appointment where possible.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high attendance and ensuring every child makes the most of their time in school.

### This Week's House Points

Blackburn



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Darwin



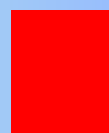
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Franklin



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Hawking



401

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Leo,  
Squirrels  
Class





### 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

### AUTUMN TERM 2026

Inset Day – Tuesday 1 September  
Inset Day – Wednesday 2 September  
Inset Day – Thursday 3 September  
(Transition session (pm) & meet the teacher meetings)  
Autumn 1 Term Starts – Friday 4 September  
Autumn 1 Term Ends – Friday 23 October  
Half Term - 26 October - 30 October  
Inset Day – Monday 2 November  
Autumn 2 Term Starts– Tuesday 3 November  
Autumn 2 Term Ends – Thursday 17 December  
Inset Day – Friday 18 December  
21 December – 1 January – Christmas Holidays

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for parents by parents



## PARENT CONNECT:

INFO AND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF  
CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

SWAFFHAM BULBECK PAVILION  
MON 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
10.30AM-12.30PM

*\*Please note: Parent Connect sessions are a space to pause and find out helpful ways to support your family. Kindly no children.*

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