



School Newsletter

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2026

Headteacher's insight

As we reach the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank our children, staff and families for their continued hard work, support and commitment to our school community. The half term break provides a valuable opportunity for everyone to rest and recharge, and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Monday 1st June**.

Whilst we are all looking forward to a well-earned break, there is also much to be excited about next half term. Our calendar is packed with opportunities for children to learn, achieve and create lasting memories, including Sports Day, a range of sporting fixtures and events, educational visits, performances, enrichment experiences and many exciting learning opportunities. Some year groups will also be taking part in assessments, providing children with the opportunity to showcase the excellent progress they have made this year and demonstrate the strong foundations and fundamental skills they have worked so hard to develop.

A reminder that on **11th June** we will be holding our **Speedkick Sponsored Event**, organised by Premier Education. This promises to be a fun and energetic event for all involved whilst helping us raise valuable funds for the school. A number of parents have asked whether sponsorship donations can be made electronically; however, on this occasion, **donations will need to be made in cash only**. All proceeds raised will be invested directly into sports equipment and our current fundraising campaigns, helping to further enhance the opportunities and experiences available to our children.

Have you responded to the form for your child to attend the **whole school trip on Tuesday 14th July**. If not, here is the link as a reminder for you: <https://forms.office.com/e/BJRmrJQadh> We are busy planning an exciting day all together.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and enjoy spending time together as a family. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for an exciting final half term of the academic year.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



News from our classrooms

Butterflies Class

It's hard to believe how quickly this half term has flown by! The children have had a fantastic few weeks, filled with exciting learning opportunities, new experiences, and wonderful moments of curiosity and creativity. We are so proud of how much they have grown in confidence, independence, and their friendships. From exploring new topics to developing early skills in communication, number, and understanding the world, the children have approached each day with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. It has been lovely to see their personalities shine and to celebrate so many achievements, big and small.

In **art**, the children thoroughly enjoyed designing and making their own clay animals. They began by sharing ideas and looking at different animals, thinking carefully about shapes, features, and textures. Using their hands and simple tools, they explored how to roll, pinch, and shape the clay to bring their creations to life. It was wonderful to see their creativity and determination as they added details such as eyes, tails, and patterns. This activity not only supported their fine motor skills but also encouraged imagination, problem-solving, and pride in their finished work.





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In **Science**, the children have been applying their knowledge of plants in a fun and creative way by drawing and labelling them using chalk on the playground. They revisited the different parts of a plant, such as roots, stems, leaves, and flowers, and worked hard to represent these in their drawings. It was wonderful to see them confidently using their understanding to add labels and explain the purpose of each part. This outdoor activity not only reinforced their learning but also encouraged teamwork, discussion, and active engagement in a hands-on environment.

In **Geography and Forest School**, the children enjoyed exploring the outdoor environment as they searched for animal footprints. They learned to look closely at the ground, noticing different shapes and patterns, and discussed which animals might have made them. This activity encouraged curiosity about wildlife and habitats, while helping children develop observation skills and an understanding of the natural world.

As we approach the half term break, we hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest. Thank you, as always, for your continued support — it makes such a difference to the children's learning journey!





Squirrels Class

Squirrel Class have been enjoying lots of practical, collaborative learning!

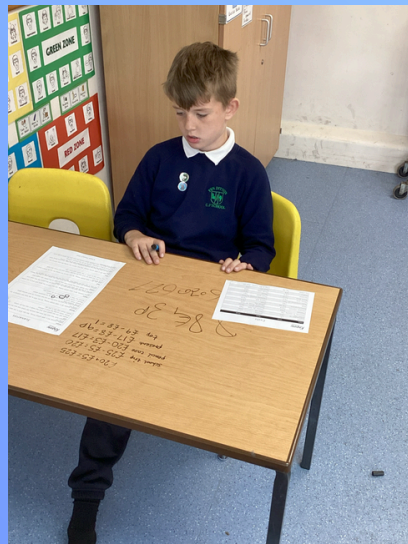
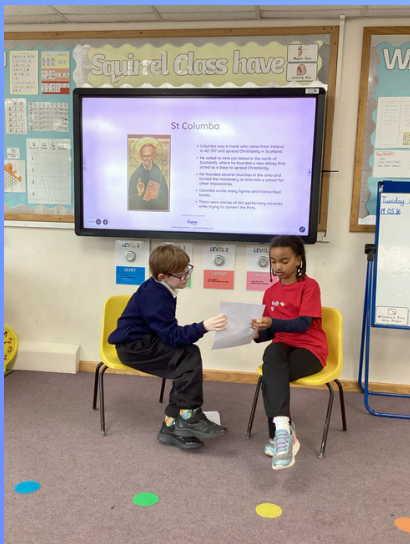
We have loved investigating circuits in **Science** and have demonstrated good teamwork to assemble the components correctly.



We have also enjoyed finding out about how the **Anglo-Saxons** converted to **Christianity**. We participated in a drama activity, taking on the role of interviewer or historian to explain how some saints had impacted the spread of Christianity.

We have continued practising telling the time on an analogue clock in **Maths** and have enjoyed playing time-themed Bingo.

As well as all this, we have learned about outward signs of religious beliefs in **RE** and how to stick to a budget in **PSHE** - we learned that we can't always buy everything that we want!





Owls Class

What a positive and productive final week we've had!

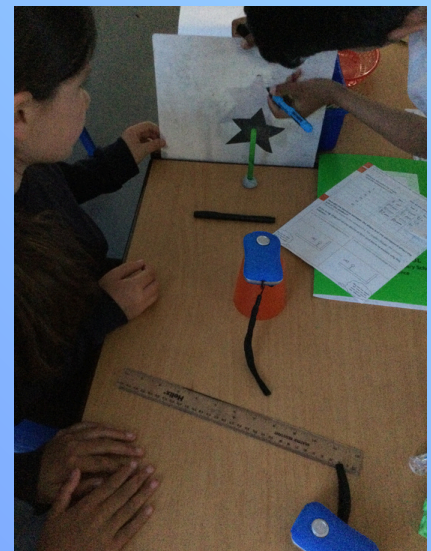
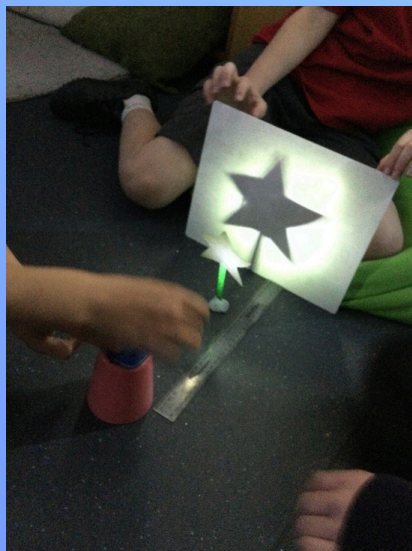
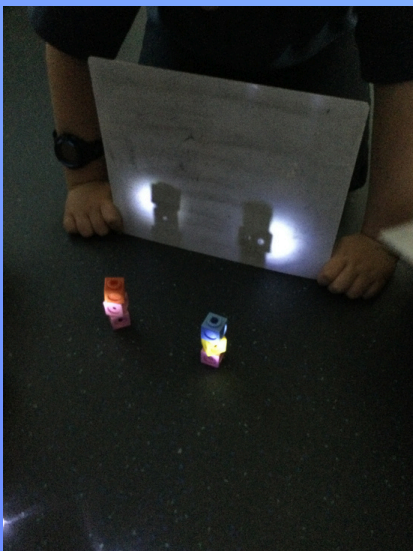
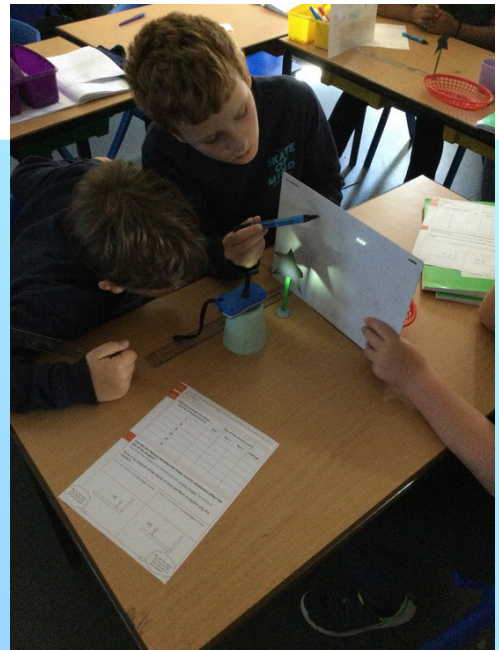
In **English**, the children enjoyed designing their own imaginative jungle creatures, thinking carefully about their habitat, diet and appearance. They then created detailed newspaper reports about their creations, including key features and lots of descriptive language. The standard of writing has been fantastic, and it has been lovely to see their creativity and confidence shine through.

In **Maths**, we continued our Position and Direction unit, focusing on co-ordinates, translation and symmetry. The children have shown great progress, and it's been wonderful to see their understanding and confidence grow.

In **Science**, we carried out an investigation into shadows, exploring how their size changes when the distance between an object and a surface is altered. Using torches as a light source, the children created shadows and carefully measured them as they moved the object further away from the surface. The children asked thoughtful questions, made predictions, and enjoyed seeing their ideas tested in a practical way.

In **PE**, we developed our Athletics skills with the triple jump and shot put. There were some very impressive performances, and the children showed great determination and teamwork.

A brilliant end to the term. Well done Owls





After School Clubs from Summer Term 2

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 2.

All clubs will run from week commencing **Monday 1st June 2026** and continuing until the **17th July 2026**.

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)

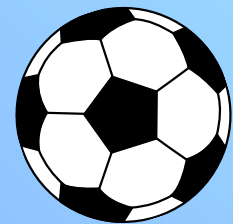


- **Multi sports** (Year 3 - 6)

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

- **Nature club** (Years 3 4, 5 and 6)

Led by Mrs Tabram – **Mondays, 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.

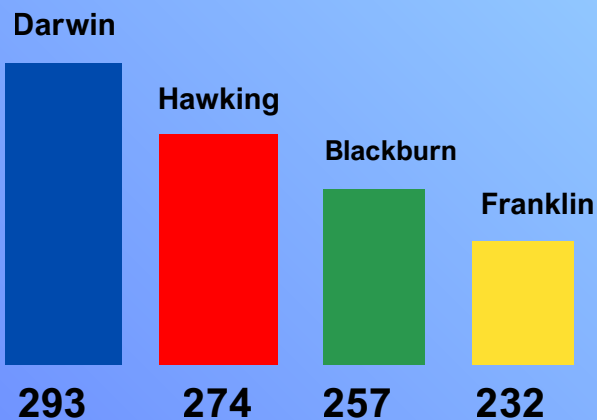


Thank You, Mrs Hearn!

We would like to share that Mrs Hearn will be starting the transition to a new role at a local school from 1st June. We would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment as one of our Executive Deputy Headteachers, and we wish her every success in her new post.



This Week's House Points



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Borys, Owls Class

Maya, Hedgehogs Class

Mikey, Hedgehogs Class





REMINDER

Fen Ditton's First Science Fair!

We launched our first ever science fair to the children in assembly on Tuesday this week. It has been fantastic to hear the ideas about projects already being discussed. Half term is a great time to get a head start on your science fair projects.

Key Dates

- From now, children can be working on their ideas and projects. Bring in your finished projects on Friday
- **3rd June for in-school presentations** . The best projects will then be chosen for our Science Fair **Showcase on Thursday 9th July**.

All participants will receive a certificate, with awards for creativity, scientific thinking, and presentation. Families – we'd love your support in helping children explore their ideas at home We can't wait to see Fen Ditton's young scientists shine!

Summer Term - Key Dates



- **Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May:** Half term
- **Monday 1st June:** Summer Term 2 Begins
- **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
- **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



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RAFFLE RAFFLE

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!

FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR
FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are looking for raffle prize donations from local businesses to help us raise funds for vital resources and activities for our children!

We will proudly promote and thank businesses via school communications and social channels

YOUR DONATION CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE!

We would be grateful for:

- VOUCHER Gift vouchers
- Experiences and days out
- Gifts and bottles

If you would like to get involved or donate a raffle prize please email ptfa@fendittonprimary.org



Fen Ditton Parish Council

We would like to invite all parents to respond to the consultation to encourage a 20mph zone being introduced outside of the school: A consultation is taking place to make the roads in Fen Ditton a 20mph speed zone. The only road however that isn't being proposed is Horningsea Road (past the school).

Please see the link to read more and express your views - <https://fenditton-pc.gov.uk/20mph-project>



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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