



School Newsletter

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026

Headteacher's insight

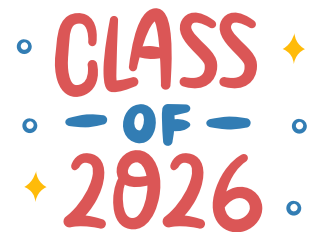
It has been wonderful to welcome the children back for the final half term of the academic year and to see them settle so positively into Summer 2. This is always a very special and important half term in school life; whilst there is still much learning ahead, it is also a time for reflection, celebration and preparation for new beginnings.

Over the coming weeks, our focus will be on ensuring that curriculum coverage is completed strongly across all year groups, whilst continuing to provide rich and engaging learning opportunities for every child. Alongside this, we will be supporting pupils carefully with transition into the next academic year, including welcoming our new children and families who will soon become part of our school community. As part of this transition process, children will complete their current school year on Friday 10th July before beginning the following week in their new classes with their new teachers from Monday 13th July. This important transition week will provide children with valuable opportunities to build relationships, become familiar with new routines and feel confident and prepared ahead of September.

This term also brings an important milestone for our Year 6 pupils. As they prepare for the next stage of their education, we look forward to celebrating all they have achieved during their time with us and giving them the memorable final weeks they deserve before they move on to secondary school.

Behind the scenes, our leadership team and staff are already working hard to ensure that everything is in place for September so that we continue to build on the excellent progress made this year and further strengthen opportunities for growth, development and success across the school.

There is also much to look forward to as a community over the next few weeks, including Sports Day on Wednesday 8th July, our Summer Fayre on Friday 26th June our whole school trip to Milton Country Park on Tuesday 14th July — events which always create wonderful memories for us all.



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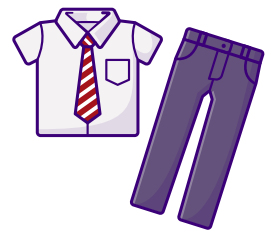
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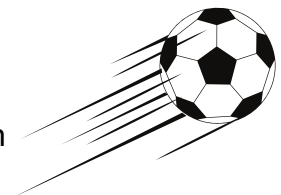
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As we begin to think ahead to September, we would encourage families to start preparing school uniform over the coming weeks. Our uniform guidance can be found on the school website, <https://fendittonprimary.org/uniform/> including reminders around expectations for footwear, PE kit and jewellery. We would also like to remind families that uniform items do not need to feature the school logo and can be purchased from a range of retailers. In addition, we continue to hold a stock of nearly new uniform in school which families are very welcome to access, with only a small cash donation requested where possible.



Please see the section on the next page that shares with you the teacher allocation for September 2026.

We are looking forward to enjoying the Premier SpeedKick event next Thursday (more information on page 4) and we thank you in advance for supporting your child to organise sponsorship as per the literature sent before half term and summarised in the section below.



We are set for a busy, successful and celebratory final half term together. Thank you.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



Teacher Allocations for September 2026

Class teacher team

Butterflies - Mrs Bailham, Mrs Sellars (cover) - Reception/Year 1

Dragonflies - Miss Brown - Year 1/2

Squirrels - Miss Easey (new to school) - Year 3/4

Owls - Miss Joynes - Year 4/5

Badgers - Miss Ridd - Year 6

Leadership team

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Thompson

Executive Deputy Headteachers: Mrs Parker, Miss James

Assistant Headteacher - EYFS: Mrs Sellars

SENDCo - Mrs Norman

Key Stage 1 Leader - Miss Brown

Key Stage 2 Leader - Miss Ridd

STEM Leader - Mrs McLachlan

PE and Sport Leader - Mr Parker

We have no teachers leaving the team at the end of this academic year and therefore if you don't see a name on the list it means they are teaching at our sister school, Marleigh Primary Academy, in September. We are looking forward to using the remainder of this academic year to prepare for a successful start to the new school year. The teachers are particularly looking forward to spending the final week of term with their new class for a transition week.



2026 World Cup Speed Kick Challenge

Fen Ditton Primary School and Premier Education have joined forces to run a Sponsored Speed Kick Challenge to get the children active whilst raising money for the school and a charity of the school's choice.

The competition enables each participant to take 3 kicks of the ball into the inflatable speed chamber, which measures the speed of the shot. Each child's most powerful kick is recorded, with the top scoring boy and girl in each class receiving a trophy. The activity is for boys and girls in all classes and the main aim is fun. No previous experience is needed.

The event will take place on Thursday 11th June 2026. This is perfect timing as we look forward to World Cup in America this summer. The event takes each class 30 minutes to complete.

On the day your child will receive a letter to confirm how hard they managed to kick the ball to enable them to collect their sponsorship money. **All monies must be handed in to the school office in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the front by Wednesday 17th June 2026.** A cheque for the amount of money raised will be presented to the school in an assembly, along with certificates and the relevant prizes earned by the children on Thursday 2nd July 2026.

The event is due to take place on the school field so children will be required to bring **outdoor sports shoes**. In the event of bad weather, the event may take place in the school hall.

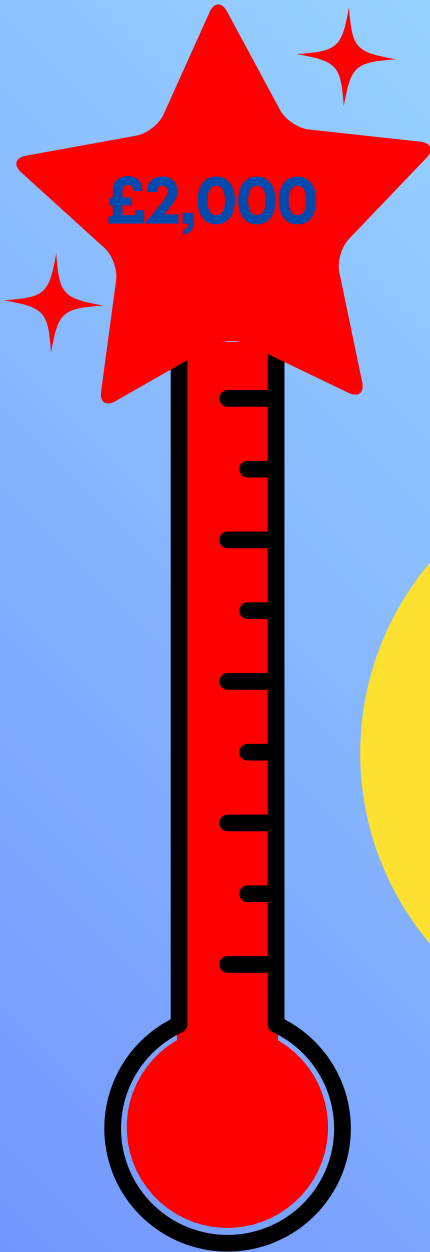
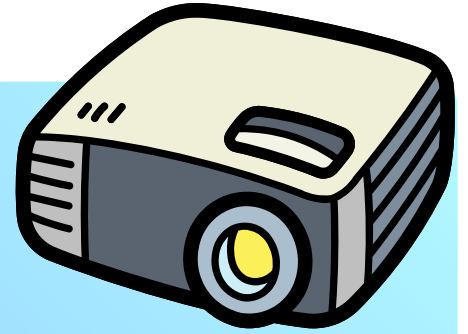
Your child now has a couple of weeks to collect as many sponsors on their form as possible, with your guidance. We have advised the children who the people are they can SAFELY ask for sponsorship.

All children will receive a certificate, and we can also provide the following fundraising incentives:

- The highest scorer in each class (Boy & Girl) will receive a trophy.
- Any child raising £20 or more will receive a water bottle.
- Any child raising £40 or more will receive a water bottle and a PE bag.
- Any child raising £60 or more will receive a water bottle, a PE bag and a branded leather football.
- The child that collects the most sponsorship money in the school will also receive the replica shirt of a team of their choice.



New Projector



We would like to thank all of the Parents/Carers who made a donation to the projector fund.

We are very excited to announce that we are going ahead and having a new laser projector and new screen fitted to the school hall over the summer holidays!





SUMMER FAYRE

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED!

Our Summer Fayre is fast approaching, and the PTFA would be grateful for any support from our wonderful parent and carer community.



VOLUNTEER HELPERS NEEDED!



We are looking for parent/carer volunteers who would be willing to help run a stall for a short period during the Summer Fayre.

If you are able to spare some time, please express your interest by emailing the PTFA.



Email the PTFA:

ptfa@fendittonprimary.org

DONATIONS WELCOME!

We are also seeking donations for:



ADULT TOMBOLA



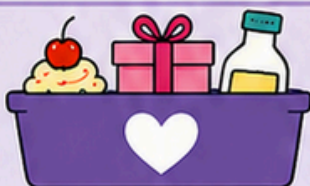
CHILDREN'S TOMBOLA



RAFFLE PRIZES



BAKED GOODS FOR THE CAFÉ



All donations should be brought to the school office, where they will be collected and passed on to the PTFA.



Thank you for your support.

Every donation and volunteer contribution helps make the Summer Fayre a successful and enjoyable event for our school community.





News from our classrooms

Dragonflies Class

Dragonflies Class have had an amazing start back to Summer 2! They have already started some amazing learning and been engaged and enjoying all the work they have been doing.



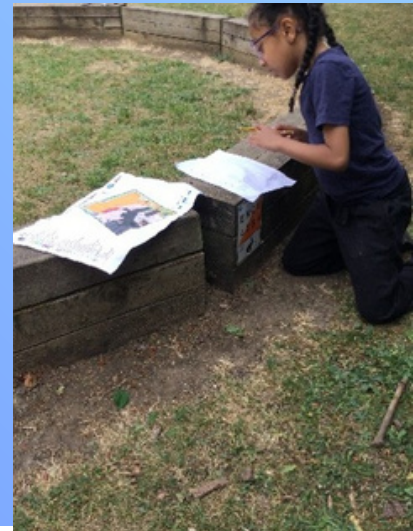
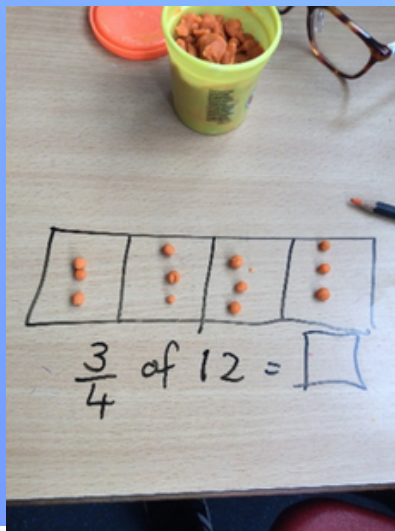
In **English**, we are exploring a new text called 'Lizzy and the cloud' the class have been very creative and written persuasive adverts to try and convince someone to buy a floating cloud as well as beginning to learn all about new descriptive techniques and working very hard to develop their writing skills for this final term!

In **Maths**, we have finished off our fractions unit. This is a unit that the class found a challenge but rose to it and worked hard to understand the concept.

As we wrap up this year our **science** unit is linking all of our learning that we have completed this year. We are focusing on ocean predators and how habitats, food chains and humans impact our oceans. This week we focused closely on the habitat of rockpools and enjoyed exploring the types of species that live in these and where they can be found.

Finally, it would go without saying that our final day of Summer 1 was a huge hit as we **spent the day at Duxford**. The children had an absolute blast and were so engaged and intrigued by all the vehicles they explored there. They were able to go onto a concorde, watch old WW2 planes take off and land as well as exploring the largest planes in the world.

Here's to an amazing final term in Dragonflies class!





Hedgehogs Class

Our first week back after the May half-term has been a positive one. Hedgehogs returned full of energy and enthusiasm, settling quickly back into their routines. A real highlight of the week was our **class assembly**, where the children confidently showcased their learning. We were incredibly proud of how clearly they spoke and the effort they put into sharing their work.

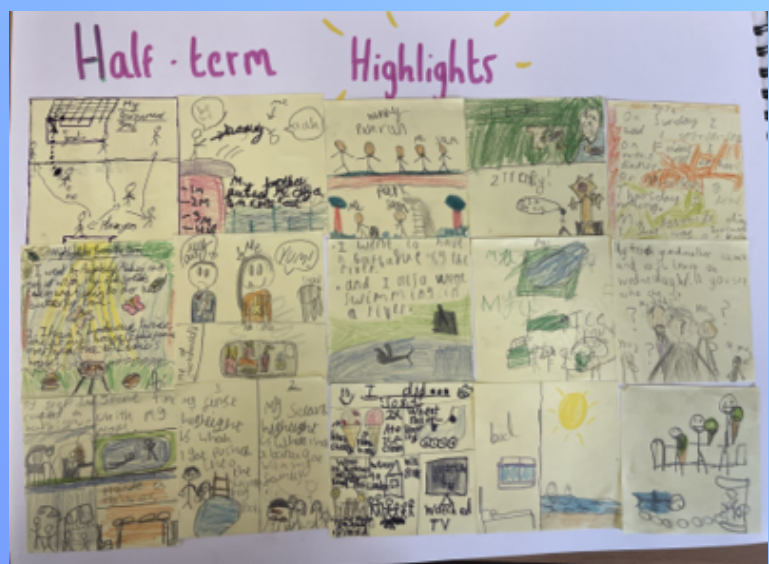
In **Maths**, Year 4 have been focusing on preparing for the Multiplication Tables Check. The children have been working hard to improve both their speed and accuracy, showing great determination and resilience. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing as they practise their times tables.

In **Science**, we have started an exciting new topic investigating whether food affects muscle fatigue. The children have already begun thinking like scientists by asking thoughtful questions, making predictions, and discussing how we might test our ideas. We are looking forward to developing this investigation further in the coming weeks.

In **English**, we have begun our new poetry unit, inspired by the work of Michael Rosen. The children are particularly excited about creating their own recipe for the ultimate chocolate cake, using imaginative language and drawing on ideas from the poem. We have already seen some fantastic creativity and enthusiasm for writing.

In **Design and Technology**, we have recapped our prior learning on electrical circuits. This will support the children as they begin working towards designing and creating their own torches. They have enjoyed revisiting key concepts and are eager to apply this knowledge in a practical way.

In **Computing**, we finished our weather data topic where we created weather forecasts.





Badgers Class

Badgers Class have had a fantastic and productive week! We kicked things off with an exciting **Ultimate Frisbee morning led by Premier Education**. The children showed great teamwork, determination and enthusiasm as they developed their skills and enjoyed some friendly competition.



In **English**, we have begun our new unit inspired by the music video for Titanium. The children have produced some wonderful setting descriptions, using similes and metaphors to create vivid imagery. They have also been developing their understanding of "show, don't tell" techniques, helping them to bring characters and emotions to life in their writing.

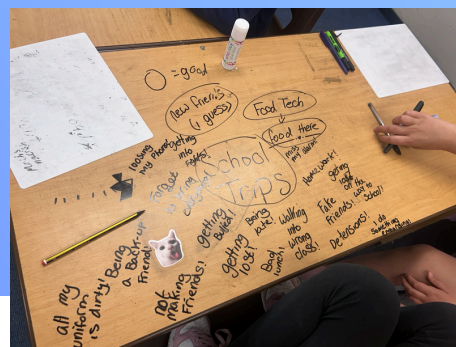
In **Maths**, we have started an exciting new project called Futures. This project explores how maths plays a vital role in everyday adult life. So far, we have been learning about salaries, tax, and bills, helping us understand how mathematical skills are used beyond the classroom.

In **Geography**, we have been learning about why energy sources are important and how they help power our homes, schools, and communities. We have explored both renewable and non-renewable energy and discussed how our choices can help protect the planet for future generations.

As part of our preparations for the next stage of our education, we also took part in a **transition workshop focused on the exciting move to secondary school**. The children discussed their hopes and questions about the future and explored ways to make the transition as smooth as possible. Some of our pupils have also started meeting visitors from their secondary schools this week, helping them to feel confident and excited about the journey ahead.

We have also spent time reflecting on our achievements this year and **writing personal reflections** that will be included in our end-of-year reports. It has been wonderful to see the children recognising their progress and celebrating their successes.

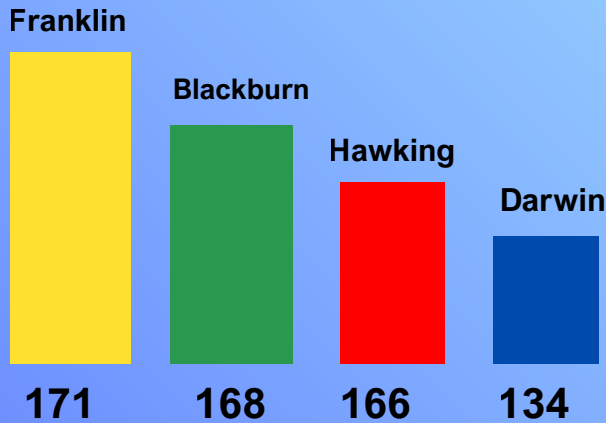
It has been a really positive week in Badgers Class, and we are looking forward to all the exciting opportunities and events planned for the rest of the half term!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This Week's House Points



Daisy, Badgers Class

Phoebe, Hedgehogs Class



Help Shape the Future for Children



What would your child like to change about their school, community, or the world around them?

The Children's Commissioner for England is inviting children and young people to take part in **The Big Future** – a national survey designed to give children a voice on the issues that matter most to them.

The survey asks about their hopes for the future, the things they care about, and what they think would make childhood better for young people today. The results will be used to help inform decision-makers and ensure children's views are heard at a national level.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to share their experiences and contribute to conversations that could help shape future policies and services.

The survey is open to all children and young people aged 0–18 and can be completed online at:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture - please complete before the deadline of Friday 23 October.

Thank you for supporting your child to have their say.



Summer Term - Key Dates

- **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
- **Tuesday 16th June:** Year 6 Art Workshop in school & afternoon trip to St John's Innovation park
- **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



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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