



School Newsletter

FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026

Headteacher's insight

As we approach the final week of the academic year, this will be our last newsletter in its usual format. Next week, instead of a newsletter, I will be sending a letter to all families containing everything you need to know for September, including key dates, any routine changes, reminders and information about our extra-curricular club offer. Please keep an eye out for this during the week.



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for Sports Day this week. Whilst we needed to shorten the event due to the high temperatures, the enthusiasm, encouragement and enjoyment shown by our children certainly didn't diminish. We were delighted that we were able to go ahead safely rather than cancel, and the children should be incredibly proud of the determination and sportsmanship they demonstrated. It was also wonderful to enjoy our first Science Fair, where the children showcased such a fascinating range of creative, thoughtful and varied scientific investigations. Thank you for supporting both events and celebrating your children's achievements with us. It has also been a real pleasure sharing end-of-year reports with families this week and reflecting on the fantastic progress each child has made over the course of the year. We ended the week with a fantastic summer fair. Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for not only this event but for their support over the year. They bring so much to our school community and I'm very grateful for their support.



Do you have your child's disco ticket yet? Next Wednesday is our popular end of year disco and we are looking forward to this time together. We don't want any children to miss out so please do let me know if you are facing any barriers to your child attending as I'd like the opportunity to work with you to overcome that so they can join in.



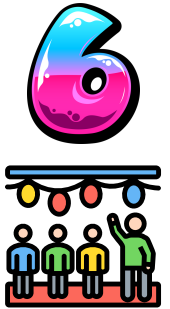
Today marks the final day in your child's current class. From Monday, Transition Week begins, with children spending the week in their new classroom alongside their new teacher. This is a valuable opportunity for them to begin the learning journey for next year, build relationships, become familiar with routines and expectations, and return in September feeling confident and ready to succeed. On Monday morning, children should go directly to the door of their new classroom, where their new teacher will be there to welcome them. The classrooms will all have a sign in their window to help parents navigate but the children themselves have been prepared for this. Our new Reception children have personalised transition timetables, including home visits and smaller group settling sessions throughout the week. All children moving into Years 1 to 6 will spend the full week in their new classes.





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Our current Year 6 pupils will spend next week continuing their preparations for secondary school while enjoying the final chapter of their primary school journey together. They should arrive at our current Year 5 classroom, which from September will become **The Studio**—our dedicated space for science and arts learning. We are looking forward to celebrating this wonderful group at their Leavers' Assembly later in the week. On Friday, we invite all families to join us for our Guard of Honour. Please arrive on the playground at **3:20pm**, where we will form a tunnel for our Year 6 children to walk through as they leave primary school. Once they have exited, all other children will be dismissed to their families from the front playground to begin the Summer holiday.



Finally, we are very much looking forward to our whole-school trip to Milton Country Park on Tuesday. Children will need a packed lunch, a named water bottle, comfortable clothing suitable for a day outdoors, suncream applied before arriving at school and, importantly, a sun hat. We are excited to spend the day together making memories as a whole school community and know it will be a fantastic experience for everyone.



Have a great weekend and I'll look forward to enjoying next week together.



Mrs Thompson
Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher



News from our classrooms

Butterflies Class

As we reach the end of a fantastic year in Butterflies, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the many wonderful experiences, achievements and memories we have shared together. It is hard to believe how quickly the year has passed and how much the children have grown since they first walked through our doors in September. What an incredible journey it has been!

Throughout the year, the children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and determination. We have watched them develop into confident, independent learners who are eager to explore, ask questions and take on new challenges. From making new friendships and learning how to work collaboratively, to developing key skills in reading, writing and mathematics, every child has made progress in their own unique way. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved and the resilience they have shown when faced with challenges.

This year has been filled with exciting learning opportunities, memorable trips, creative activities and special celebrations. Whether building and creating in the classroom, investigating the world around them, performing in front of an audience, or enjoying outdoor adventures, the children have approached each experience with energy and excitement. Their enthusiasm for learning and their kindness towards one another has made Butterflies a happy, nurturing and inspiring place to be.

This week, we enjoyed our much-anticipated Teddy Bears' Picnic! The children were delighted to bring their favourite teddy bears to school and spent the day taking part in a range of fun activities with their special companions. We made sandwiches and fruit kebabs, shared stories, sang songs, played games and enjoyed a lovely picnic together. The children loved introducing their teddy bears to their friends and talking about why they are special to them. It was wonderful to see their confidence, communication skills and imagination shine throughout the day. The Teddy Bears' Picnic was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of a busy and successful year, creating some very special memories for everyone.





Butterflies Class Continued....

As a team, we feel incredibly privileged to have been part of your child's early learning journey. Watching their confidence grow, hearing their imaginative ideas and celebrating their successes has been a true joy. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement, partnership and involvement have played a vital role in helping the children thrive and achieve their best.



As we look ahead to the next stage of their education, we know the children are ready for the exciting challenges that await them. We hope they leave EYFS with happy memories, a love of learning and confidence in their own abilities. We wish all of our families a wonderful summer break and thank you for making this year such a special and successful one.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Mya, Hedgehogs Class

Reuben, Badgers Class





Squirrels Class

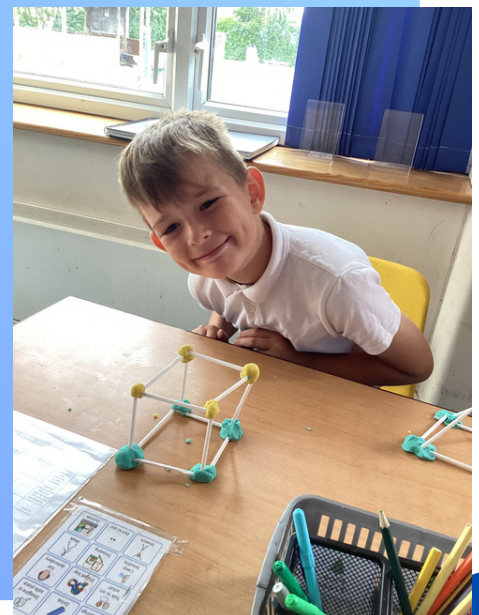
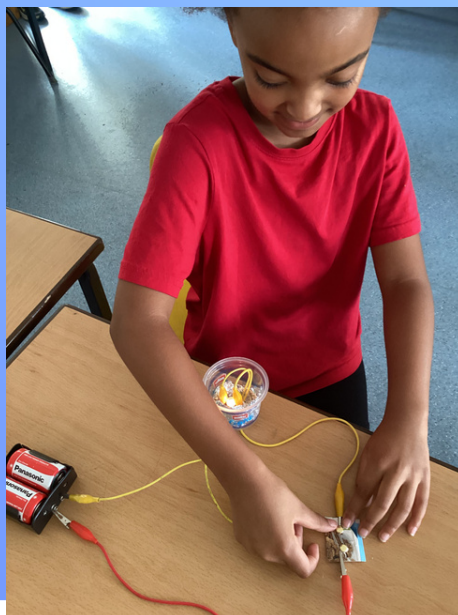
In **English**, Squirrel class have been using the inspiration of the author Eric Huang (writer of Guardians of the New Moon) to write our own fantasy stories. We discovered we were either born in the Year of the Dog or the Rooster. After drawing our fantasy island maps, we wrote about how the Chinese Lunar creatures solved mysteries of the missing items.



In **Maths**, we concluded our unit of shape by drawing 3D cubes on isometric paper. We also made 3D shapes using paper straws and playdough. Although it was tricky, we were pleased with our drawings and structures.

For the **Science Fair**, several Squirrel class members prepared items which the showcased to the class. These ranged from torches, insulators and conductors of electricity, planets and the habitat of the endangered Tiger. We discovered that there are over 100 Skittles in a packet before we drew the data on a pictogram and then used the Skittles for a Science experiment. Of course, we also got to taste a few! The highlight was watching a volcano erupt and a balloon blow up my mixing vinegar and bicarbonate of soda.

As a finale to our **D&T project**, we made torches using an electrical circuit. We needed to include a switch to light the bulb up.





Owls Class

Owls Class have enjoyed a fantastic end to the term, filled with creativity, perseverance and plenty of achievements.

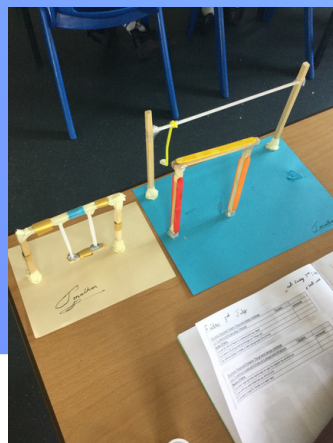
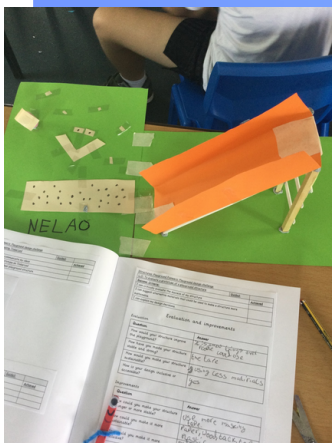
The children produced brilliant complaint letters to the sun, experimenting with rich language features. They used personification such as “please sun, stop glaring at us”, bold hyperboles like “It’s so hot outside I feel like I’m melting into a puddle.”, and effective repetition to strengthen their arguments. Their final pieces were expressive, humorous and wonderfully imaginative.

Owls completed their final **maths** unit of the year on measurement — a challenging topic that they tackled with determination. They worked on converting grams to kilograms, metres to kilometres and centimetres to metres. They even explored converting metric to imperial units, showing great resilience throughout. The term ended on a high with The Pirate Game, a lively activity focused on coordinates that brought plenty of excitement to the classroom.

In **PSHE**, the children reflected on the responsibilities they will take on in Year 6. They discussed what it means to carry out a responsibility well and the values they will need as leaders of the school. Their thoughtful contributions showed real maturity.

DT has been a highlight of the term. Owls designed and built their own playground equipment using everyday materials, demonstrating creativity and problem-solving skills. Their models included swings, slides, roundabouts and even ziplines — all impressively constructed and carefully thought out.

Owls should feel incredibly proud of everything they have achieved this year. Their hard work, determination and positive attitude have shone through all year. They are ready to be outstanding role models in Year 6 and will no doubt continue to uphold our school values beautifully.





Summer Term - Key Dates

- **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 2.45pm - parents and carers invited to attend
 - **Friday 17th July:** Last day of the academic year
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- **Tuesday 1st September:** Inset Day
 - **Wednesday 2nd September:** Inset Day
 - **Thursday 3 September:** Inset Day – (Transition session (pm) & meet the teacher meetings)
 - **Friday 4 September:** Autumn 1 Term Begins

FEN DITTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

SCHOOL DISCO

Wednesday 15th July 2026
KS1: 3.30pm - 4.45pm
KS2: 5.00pm - 6.15pm

£4

SNACK INCLUDED

Tickets will be on sale at Sports Day. You can also buy tokens from 9th - 15th July at drop off and pick up, on the school playground. Tickets can also be purchased during school hours from the school office. Cash and card payments taken. Fen Ditton Primary School children only.

All proceeds to benefit Fen Ditton CP School

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2026 Summer Reading Challenge

READ to the BEAT

Explore music and sound this summer through amazing books and activities.

Complete this year's challenge and receive your very own 'Read to the Beat' medal and certificate!

Sign up for free at your local library from Saturday 4th July

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Find out more here

Collect your special 'Read to the Beat' stickers from Sat 18th July



Cambridgeshire libraries

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Cambridgeshire County Council

Useful Links

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library/children-and-young-people-in-libraries/summer-reading-challenge>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWEImfcMHiw>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/read-to-the-beat-lego-club-barnwell-road-library-tickets-1992210860312?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

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SUMMER TERM 2026

**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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