



School Newsletter



FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Headteacher's insight

There is something wonderfully hopeful about the beginning of a new school year. Fresh uniforms, new classrooms, renewed friendships and the anticipation of all that lies ahead bring a real sense of possibility. It has been wonderful to welcome our children and families back into school and to see how quickly the familiar rhythms and routines of school life have returned.



Every new beginning brings an opportunity to learn, grow and move forward with purpose. For our children, that might mean stepping into a new classroom, taking on greater responsibility, forming a new friendship or discovering something they did not know they could do. Already, in these first few days, we have seen children embracing those opportunities with enthusiasm, resilience and a real readiness to learn.



We are beginning the year with a renewed approach to our newsletters too. Thank you to everyone who shared feedback with us last year. Views were fairly evenly split: some families valued hearing from us more frequently, while others would prefer fewer communications. For this term, we will therefore continue with a weekly newsletter, while working hard to keep it streamlined, informative and visually appealing. We will include Insights from the Classrooms on a three-weekly cycle, giving families regular opportunities to see learning and school life in greater depth without making every edition overly long. Next week will be our first full newsletter.



As the year unfolds, these newsletters will continue to offer a window into school life: celebrating achievements, sharing important information and capturing some of the many everyday moments that make our schools such special places to learn and grow.





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Below you will find our meet the team posters for your reference. I am incredibly proud of the staff team we have to support your children and family and I know you appreciate their skills and efforts. It is a privilege of ours to educate and care for your children and we take this responsibility seriously. Please do take opportunities to connect with our staff as the stronger our relationships are the more your children gain from their experience of school.



A new year is now underway, and I am very much looking forward to seeing what we achieve together. Thank you as always for your support - together we can offer your child the very best educational experience.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher

WELCOME
BACK!

Your child's class teacher is your first point of contact for any questions or concerns. They play a key role in supporting your child every day and work closely with the belonging team to ensure all needs are met.



Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher
Belonging Executive
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Alice Parker
Executive Deputy Headteacher
Belonging Executive Deputy
Deputy Designated Safeguarding
Lead



Miss Charlotte James
Executive Deputy Headteacher
Belonging Executive Deputy
Deputy Designated Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs Emma Norman
SENCo



Mrs Mandy Futter
Pastoral Lead
Additional Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Andrea Lovell
Safeguarding and SEND Admin
Lead



Mrs Madeline Hooton
Attendance Admin Lead

What Does Our Belonging Team Do?

We're here to support your child's well-being and learning.

- Support children with SEND by working closely with staff and families to ensure their individual needs are recognised and met.
- Work in partnership with parents to help with any pastoral (emotional or social) concerns that may affect your child's development or learning.
- Support pupils directly by listening to and helping children who may be struggling with issues such as low self-esteem, anxiety, bereavement, friendships, or big feelings.
- Be available when issues arise, offering calm and caring responses to situations as they happen in school.
- Work closely with school staff to make sure every child feels safe, respected, and supported in school.
- Meet with parents/carers to talk through any concerns and work together to find positive solutions.
- Connect families with outside support, helping you access services that may be able to offer further help.

If you want to get in touch with us, please do come and speak to us in person or email the relevant email address below and we will get in touch:

For SEND related enquiries:

Fen Ditton Primary email: SENDe@fendittonprimary.org
Marleigh Primary email: SENDe@marleighprimary.org

For well-being/pastoral related enquiries:

Fen Ditton Primary email: wellbeing@fendittonprimary.org
Marleigh Primary email: wellbeing@marleighprimary.org

Meet the Fen Ditton KS1 Team



Mrs Thompson
Executive Head Teacher



Molly
School Dog



Miss Brown
KS1 Phase Lead
Dragonflies Class Teacher



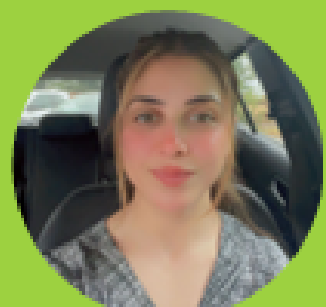
Mr Parker
Dragonflies Class PE
Teacher



Mrs Nicholls
Dragonflies Class
HLTA/Computing Teacher



Mr Madden
Dragonflies Class Music
Teacher



Mrs Hasan
Dragonflies Learning
Support Assistant

Meet the Fen Ditton KS2 Team



Mrs Thompson
Executive Head Teacher



Miss Ridd
KS2 Lead
Badgers Class Teacher



Mrs Parker
Executive Deputy
KS2 cover teaching



Molly
School dog



Miss Easey
Hedgehogs Class
Teacher



Miss Joynes
Owls Class Teacher



Mr Parker
PE



Mrs Nicholls
Cover Teacher



Mr Madden
Music teacher



Miss Robinson
KS2 Learning Support
Assistant



Miss King
KS2 Learning Support
Assistant



Key Dates/Events

Events - Autumn term

There are several curriculum events being held during school time that your child will be able to tell you about and we will share in the newsletter and on social media. Below are a list of only dates that we feel are most important for parents to be aware of or may require some support/action. We hope it is helpful to have these dates in advance.

SEPTEMBER

- **Friday 25th September:** Macmillan Coffee Morning - children only, more details for how to support will follow

OCTOBER

- **Thursday 8th October:** Harvest Festival (food donations encouraged for collective donation to local food bank)
- **Thursday 8th October:** Individual and sibling photos
- **Friday 9th October:** Learner Review schedule and booking information for Learner Reviews shared with parents (see below for dates of Learner Reviews)
- **Monday 19th October:** Parent and Child Workshop Reception and Year 1 - Phonics 3:30-4pm
- **Friday 23rd October:** PTFA Halloween Bake Sale
- **October half term:** 26th - 30th October

NOVEMBER

- **Monday 2nd November:** INSET Day - School not open for children
- **Monday 2nd November:** Book Advent Calendar Raffle tickets go on sale
- **Tuesday 3rd November:** Tea towel order deadline for parents and carers
- **Friday 13th November:** Non uniform day - donations welcomed to support the Christmas Fair
- **Monday 16th to Friday 20th November:** Learner Review meetings for each pupil and parent/carer from Reception to Year 6. Each family will make a 10 minute appointment and attend in person or online to review their child's learning with the class teacher.
- **Friday 27th November:** Confirmation of Spring term clubs schedule and arrangements for securing places to be shared with parents and carers
- **Sunday 29th November:** Deadline for Book Advent Calendar Raffle tickets purchasing
- **Monday 30th November:** Winners of Book Advent Calendar Raffle announced and prizes given

DECEMBER

- **Thursday 10th December:** Parent and Child Workshop Year 3 and 4 - Times Tables 3:30-4pm
- **Friday 11th December:** Christmas Fair 3:30-4:45pm
- **Friday 11th December:** Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 17th December:** Last Day of Term - School closes for Christmas



FOLLOW US



AUTUMN TERM 2026

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

SPRING TERM 2027

Inset Day – Monday 4 January
Spring Term 1 Starts – Tuesday 5 January
Spring Term 1 Ends – Friday 12 February
Half Term - 15 February - 19 February
Spring Term 2 Starts – Monday 22 February
Spring Term 2 Ends – Thursday 25 March
Friday 26 March – Friday 10 April – Easter Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2027

Summer Term 1 Starts – Monday 12 April
May Bank Holiday – Monday 3 May
Summer Term 1 Ends – Friday 28 May
Half Term - 31 May – 4 June
Summer Term 2 Starts – Monday 7 June
Inset Day – Friday 2 July
Summer Term 2 Ends – Wednesday 21 July

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