



Parent newsletter Friday 10th October 2025

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Headteacher's Welcome

We have had another busy week and the team are taking steps forward to develop practice in our school. As part of our SEND and inclusion strategy, Miss Turner has recently attended

training on the Cambridgeshire Therapeutic Thinking approach. This focuses on how all children can be supported, particularly in terms of their emotional wellbeing and mental health. The programme also helps to develop an understanding of how to respond to those who may be communicating through their behaviour. CTT is characterised by an inclusive culture and underpinned by best practice, policies, and planning. The approach uses a range of resources to analyse a pupil's behaviour to better understand their needs. This supports better planning for the pupil, their class and the wider school by highlighting the learning or experiences that the pupil needs.

I was pleased to meet with a small group of parents this morning for our first Parent Working Group. We looked at the vision and values of the school and discussed ways to measure the success of the school in delivering against these. Our existing values have been refined to three: 'Respect, Responsibility and Resilience', still encapsulating 'hardworking' and 'readiness' within responsibility, and 'kindness' within Respect. Work will be completed with children in the coming weeks to support their understanding of these values and their application in the classroom, around the school, in the playground and local community and towards the environment. Our revised vision and values will be updated on the school website early next week. We also opened conversations around home learning – an element raised in the recent parent survey and 'Meet the teacher' sessions. We will be working collaboratively to formulate a questionnaire to capture detailed parent voice around this. I would love to hear the views of more parents at the next session and will be sharing a TEAMS invite for those that struggle to attend in person during the working day.

History has been a strong focus in our curriculum this half term, with enrichment opportunities linked to this. Purple class enjoyed a trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum as part of their topic on World War Two this week. Yellow class looked fabulous on Thursday, travelling back in time to London in 1666 whilst participating in a themed day linked to the Great Fire of London. We have included some photos of the events below.

To keep you informed and up to date with practice in school, we will be launching our parent presentation sessions, starting with **Assessment on Thursday 20th November 2025 at 3.30pm**. In this session, I will be sharing the research and evidence behind our adopted assessment practices including marking and feedback, which will outline how this helps your child to know what they have done well in their learning, and what they need to do next.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Strange

Headteacher

Parent consultations next week

We look forward to welcoming you to parents evening next week where you will have the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher and view their current writing and maths books. For consistency, teachers will be sharing information on:

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Pastoral needs
- Current achievement against our assessment frameworks
- Targets to close any gaps in learning following our baseline assessments

You may notice subtle changes in your children's books; we are introducing strategies to increase pupil involvement in the feedback process - this includes self and peer marking (using coloured pencils), and teacher intervention at the point of learning (using blue pen).

Values Winners



YR- Delsa

Y1- Jack R

Y2- Salvador

Y3- Lily

Y4- Joe

Y5- Akira

Y6- Jessica

Personal Achievements

Children can bring in something once a term to share in the Friday assembly.



- Victor Y1- Red belt in Karate
- Jessica Y6- Black belt in Karate
- Owen Y3-Brown & White belt in Karate
- Alyssa Y4- Ballet Primary Grade "Merit" award
- Parker Y2- 5m front crawl leg kick certificate
- Iris Y2-Rainbow theme award certificate
- Seb Y2- Award for being brave in the hospital recovery room after his operation.

Golden Table Winners

Brihas Y4

Vikram Y2

Evalyn E-A Y4

Class catch ups - Green Class

Each week, the individual classes will take it in turns to share some details about the exciting events happening in their classroom. This week, it is the turn of Blue class!

Green Class has had a brilliant start to the term, with lots of fantastic learning and exciting experiences. One of the highlights was a special visit from the Whipple Museum, where the children explored the human body in more detail. We also celebrated our first pebble jar treat of the year with a cosy pyjama day and a film. In English, we've been looking at explanation texts linked to our science work on the digestive system and teeth. The children began by creating their own podcasts to practise explaining ideas clearly, before planning and writing their own explanation texts. More recently, we've started exploring nonsense

poetry, focusing on *Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll. The children have had great fun inventing their own silly poems. In Maths, we've been working with 4-digit numbers, starting with place value and moving on to column addition and subtraction to strengthen our arithmetic skills. We've also been practising our Times Tables, especially the 7s and 9s, in preparation for the multiplication checks later this year. In Science, our focus has been the human body, with a particular emphasis on the digestive system and teeth. The children loved our messy digestive system experiment involving squashed bananas, water, and tights! We also investigated how different liquids affect tooth enamel by observing changes to hard-boiled eggs left in various drinks over time. Well done to everyone in Green Class for your enthusiasm and hard work - you're nearly at the half-term break and it's very well earned!

Y5 Duxford trip

This week, Purple Class had a trip to Duxford to support with their History topic: WWII. We really enjoyed seeing the WWII planes and learning about the history of aviation. One of the highlights was being able to go inside some of the planes, including Concorde, and we loved hearing the impressive facts from the knowledgeable guides there. There is so much to see at Duxford that it would be well worth the children visiting again in the future with their families.





Y2 History off the page visit

Yellow Class have had a very exciting day learning about the 'Great Fire of London'. In the morning, they became shop workers and experienced making dough, completing leather work, sewing, making ink, creating apothecary bags and making the casts for metal works. They learnt further about how the fire spread and acted this out in class. In the afternoon, pupils were given a range of artefacts and had to decide which shop they had come from. This was a great day full of lots of fun activities and new learning.





Year 6 children's newsletter - Class updates

Red class

Red class are reading the book 'Super Duper You' and have been learning the sounds h and b. They are also looking at the number 2 in Maths.

Blue class

Blue class have read a book called 'A House in the Woods'. They have also been painting pictures of Hurdwick Woods.

Yellow class

Yellow had their 'Great Fire of London' day. They have made ink, bread, learnt how to be an apothecary and used hammers to make leather bookmarks.

Orange class

Year 3 have been planning their own fable and have started doing addition and subtraction. They have also had a history visitor come in to look at artefacts.

Green class

Green class have been doing nonsense poetry in English. In maths, they have been doing column addition with 4-digit numbers.

Purple class

Purple class have had an exciting ~~to~~ two weeks, they have had their bikeability last week and this week they had their trip to Dunford.

Silver class

Year 6 are starting to write their comics. In maths they have been doing multi-step problems.

Junior Travel Ambassadors

The JTAs are looking forward to presenting their first campaign in next weeks key stage assembly.

The campaign is 'Be bright, Be seen' they will be reminding children of the importance of being bright as we approach the darker early evenings. During their Wednesday patrol the week after half term (5th November) they will be on the look out for any bright coats, helmets or any reflective clothing worn by the children. They will give a prize to a given child in each key stage for being bright and seen.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Gibbs and the JTAs

Y5 & Y6 extra PE day next week

*Years 5 & 6 will have an extra PE day next week due to the parents consultations on Thursday.
Please send your child in wearing their PE kit on that day.*

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

Parent/Carer Information

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Diary Dates



Dates for the Diary

2025/2026 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING		
Date	Event	Time
Monday 20th October	Switch off day (no electricity)	All day
Wednesday 18th October	Parent consultations	4.00pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 18th October	K51 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Thursday 16th October	Parent Consultations	8.00am-11.00am
Friday 17th October	Green class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Thursday 23rd October	Rainbow Raffle non-uniform day	All day
Friday 24th October	Training day-no pupils in school	All day
Monday 27th-Friday 31st October	Half term	All week
Wednesday 5th November	K52 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 7th November	Purple class celebration assembly	2.40pm
7th November	School Disco	5.00pm
Tuesday 11th November	Y8 Vision Screening	9.30am
Wednesday 12th November	YR 4 Y6 Weighing & Measuring	9.00am
Friday 14th November	Y3 Bikeability	9.00am-3.00pm
Friday 14th November	Silver class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Monday 17th November	Waste free lunch	12.00pm-1.15pm
Wednesday 19th November	K51 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 21st November	Red class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Friday 21st November	Chocolate/bottle non uniform day	All day
Tuesday 26th November	Flu Vaccines in school	9.00am-12.00 pm
Friday 28th November	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am
Friday 28th November	Blue class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Saturday 29th November	Christmas Fair	2.00pm-4.00pm
Tuesday 2nd December	K51 Nativity	9.30am
Wednesday 3rd December	K52 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Wednesday 3rd December	K51 Nativity	2.00pm
Friday 5th December	Orange class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Thursday 11th December	Panto visit: Sleeping Beauty	9.30am-1.15pm
Friday 12th December	Orange class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Wednesday 17th December	K51 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 19th December	Term ends	3.20pm
Tuesday 6th January	Spring term begins	8.40am
Wednesday 21st January	Young Voices @ O2 Arena London	10.00am-11.00pm
Friday 30th January	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am
Friday 30th January	Break the rules day	All day
Friday 20th March	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am
Friday 8th May	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am
Friday 26th June	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am

1 - Dates with an * against them are new added dates since previous newsletter