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Headteacher Update

- Thank you to Wimpole and Kelly's Kitchen for the fabulous Christmas workshops for our year 5 and 6 pupils on Monday.
- We were delighted to welcome our County Primary Advisor into school on Tuesday to join the Headteachers in a learning walk. Mrs Fuller commented particularly on the calm learning environments, clear routines and expectations, pupils who were on task and able to talk about their learning and the new curriculum materials which clearly set out the intended learning.
- On Tuesday, as we continue to implement our Emotions for Learning (E4L) curriculum, staff training centred on supporting our pupils to identify their emotions and problem solve.
- Thank you to the Royal British Legion and our Standard Bearers who accompanied year 6 to the village Remembrance commemoration on Tuesday.
- Well done Hazel class for sharing your learning so far this term in your class assembly yesterday!
- Thank you to Elm class for the delicious cake sale yesterday - there were so many delicious treats to choose from!



Collective Worship

This week, Amanda reflects on the story of the Good Samaritan as we consider how to be a good neighbour.

Together we reflect on how our understanding of compassion links to our behaviour policy and the choices we can make if we are a bystander.

Thank you to Hazel class for leading their class assembly on Wednesday.

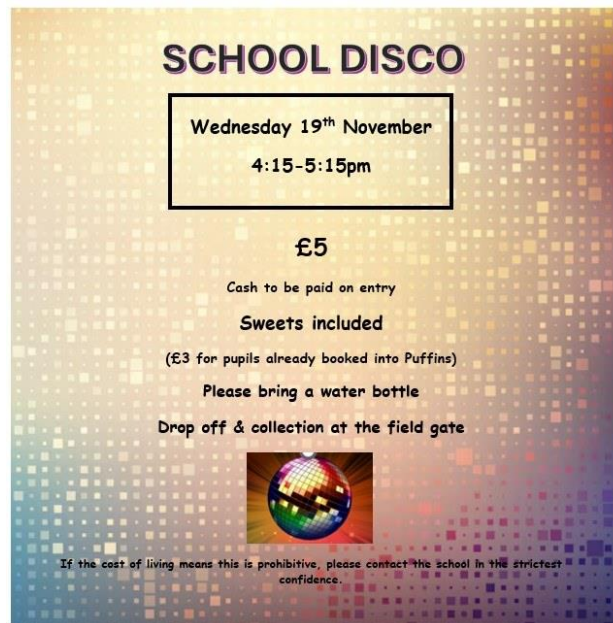
On the 26th November, we will hold our Christingle service. Children are invited to bring any coins to donate to the Children's Society if they would like to. This is a charity that shows compassion and we will be reflecting on their work during Christingle week.

Children In Need

Tomorrow - Friday 14th November - is Children in Need day and, for a small donation, the children can come to school in non-uniform. Please remember that whatever clothes children choose to wear, they must be suitable for a busy day at school including playing outside and taking part in PE.

This year, please donate direct to the charity at <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

School Disco



1 - We look forward to welcoming all our pupils to the disco!

School Disco - Wednesday 19th November - 4:15-5:15pm

£5 - Cash to be paid on entry - Sweets included - £3 for pupils already booked into Puffins

Please bring a water bottle - Drop off & collection at the field gate

The ingredient information for the sweets at the disco.



Fruit Flavour Gums with 2% Fruit Juice from Concentrate, Cola Flavour Gums and Sweet Foam Gums

Without Artificial Colours

Treat size

Now with fruit juice

Iconic favourites

[Read more](#)

Ingredients and Allergens

Glucose Syrup, Sugar, Dextrose, Gelatine, Fruit Juice from Concentrate: Strawberry, Lemon, Apple, Blackcurrant, Orange, Pineapple, Acid: Citric Acid, Flavouring, Fruit and Plant Concentrates: Apple, Bilberry, Carrot, Safflower, Spirulina, Elderberry, Blackcurrant, Orange, Lemon, Mango, Passion Fruit, Aronia, Grape, Caramelised Sugar Syrup, Elderberry Extract, Glazing Agents: Beeswax, Carnauba Wax



Book Fair - Thursday 20th - Tuesday 25th November

Our Book Fair starts next week after school on Thursday 20th November. It will run from 3.25-3.45 each day until Tuesday 25th November. Entry is through the front door of school. Please remember to bring your bank card with you to pay online as, due to the lack of mobile signal in the school building, phone payments (for example through Apple pay) often do not work. Please note, we cannot accept cash and there is no card reader.



Grafham Water Residential Visit - year 5 & 6

We very much look forward to our upcoming visit. Year 5 & 6 parents will receive an email this week containing:

- A parent presentation about the Grafham visit including a kit list.
- A permission form, including medical information, which needs to be returned by 20th November 2025
- Confirmation of the final payment. Please ensure you have paid for the visit in full by the deadline 20th November 2025.

Christmas Dinner

We ask that you complete this form [Christmas Dinner - 19th December 2025 – Fill in form](#) for all pupils to confirm if you are booking a Christmas Dinner for your child or if you will be providing a packed lunch on the last day of term.

The meal choice is either turkey or Quorn fillet with all the trimmings and a chocolate rice crispy cake.

All bookings need to be made by 23rd November as the cook needs to order in the food.

Please note, we will not be able to provide any meals that are not booked and paid for in advance.

Enter our Christmas Bauble Competition!

All pupils are invited to enter our Christmas Bauble Competition.

Entries cost £1 which should be brought to school with your bauble.

Baubles can come in any form, as long as they are safe to hang on the Christmas tree in school.

Baubles should be brought to school on the Thursday 27th or Friday 28th November. Please do not bring them into school any earlier as the Christmas tree will not be ready!

A prize will be awarded to the 2 baubles judged as the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 winner.

We look forward to the baubles decorating our Christmas tree in December. At the end of term, these will be returned to pupils to bring home for their own Christmas tree so please do ensure each creation is named discretely but clearly.

Diary Dates

November

- 14th Children in Need Non-Uniform day for a donation
- 18th EYFS Parents' Lunch (prebooked) – 12 noon
- 19th Yew and Rowan Class Assembly - 9am
- 19th EYFS (Reception 2026) tour 9am – join us if your child is due to start school in September 2026
- 19th EYFS Parents' Lunch (prebooked) – 12 noon
- 19th School Disco 4:15-5:15pm
- 20th - 25th Book Fair
- 26th Christingle at church – 9:30am
- 27th or 28th FOPS Christmas Bauble- please bring your baubles in on either Thursday 27th or Friday 28th November.
- 28th FOPS Dress Down day for a donation (small hamper gift or £1)

December

- 3rd Governor Meeting – FGB
- 5th Rocksteady Concert - tbc
- 9th EYFS & KS1 Christmas production 1:30pm
- 10th EYFS & KS1 Christmas production 10am
- 12th National Santa Dash – Christmas jumpers can be worn (optional)
- 15-17th Yew and Rowan residential visit
- 19th EYFS Nativity (with year 6 readers) at church – 9:30am
- 19th School Christmas dinner 12pm-1pm (Children can wear a Christmas jumper)
- 19th 3:15pm School Closed for Christmas Holidays

Community News



2 - FOPS

Your PTA needs you!

The Friends of Petersfield School, known as FOPS has been running for many years and organising community events and fundraisers that enrich our children's time at school.

The EGM, on November 19th, will either nominate a new organising committee - or vote on the resolution to dissolve the Friends of Petersfield charity, formally.

In recent years FOPS have funded children's reading books in KS1, Mathletics subscriptions, White Rose Science subscriptions, Young 'Uns folk music workshops, a space VR Day, the Cambridge Community Arts Giraffe project, EYFS book bags, as well as subsidising parent costs for class trips and leavers hoodies and maintaining a hardship fund to be sure that no child misses out on key school experiences regardless of family circumstances

This valuable work and funding is at risk as **we currently have no organising committee for the current academic year, and therefore the charity is at risk of dissolution.**

Please do consider if you can step up to help form and join an organising group to keep FOPS going and lead and define its initiatives.

Thank you so much,

Your outgoing FOPS committee

Christmas Activities

Date: 4.11.25
Contact: Martin Purbrick
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For the attention of:

Parents and carers of pupils who receive benefits-related free school meals.



Dear Parent/Carer,

Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

We're excited to let you know that this Christmas, eligible children and young people, aged 4 – 16, can enjoy 16 hours of free holiday activities at local holiday schemes – there are some great family experiences available too!

Booking opens on 10 November 2025

Visit the [HAF Provider Directory](#) or www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/HAF from 10 November to see what's on offer near you.

The HAF Programme runs during Easter, Summer, and Christmas holidays, offering free holiday scheme places for eligible pupils.

On 10 November, you'll receive a voucher by email or text from hello@holidayactivities.com. This will include:

- Your booking code
- A link to the HAF Provider Directory to view the holiday schemes and family experiences available and find out how to make a booking

Does your child have special educational needs or disabilities?

Please contact your chosen holiday scheme early so they can chat with you about any extra support your child might need.

Questions?

You can email the HAF Team at HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk (preferred contact method) or phone and leave a message for us on 01223 706133.

Yours sincerely

Martin Purbrick
Executive Director: Children, Education and Families
Cambridgeshire County Council

Orwell Methodist Church
25th Christmas Tree
Festival
Saturday 13th December 2025

12:30pm until 5pm
With cake and gift stall
Soup and roll at lunch, tea and coffee available all day

Sunday 14th December 2025

3pm until 5:30pm
Christmas carols and songs will be played from 4pm

Quiet Time 15th December 3pm-5pm



Please come and celebrate 25yrs of Festivals



3 - Christmas at Church Farm Ardeley

[Read all about it!](#)

Thanks to our local authors Richard and Ute Maria, this term, we are again adding a chapter a week to our website as we continue the next exciting instalment of their story. You can find the next chapter on our [Reading is Fun](#) page

[YOUUnited](#)

YOUUnited offers support to children and young people aged 5 to 17 with their emotional wellbeing and mental health.



Communication

The Office Opening Hours are:

- 8:30am - 8:45am
- 8:55am - 11am
- 1:30pm - 3:15pm

When the school office is closed, a phone message or email can be used for communication.

Staff are always available at the school gate, before and after school, should you need to pass on a quick message.

Puffins staff are available to speak to when children are dropped off to or collected from Puffins. Puffins staff may also answer the phone and respond to emails during Puffins opening hours, if this is possible.

Code of Communication: We are really proud of our staff team who are dedicated professionals and experienced in seeing the bigger picture and meeting the needs of all children. Our staff work so hard to make school the best it can be for your child. As nothing in life is ever perfect, if you have a concern or a mistake is made, please do speak to the member of staff to enable us to address the matter – making mistakes is a central part of the learning process whatever age we are. Please do take a moment to read our Code of Communication, which has been updated, as all members of our school community, including staff in their workplace and other parents, are entitled to be treated with respect and courtesy at all times.

Love - Trust – Peace – Friendship – Creativity

