

Newsletter 9th January 2026

Headteacher's comments

Happy New Year and welcome to Spring Term 2026. The children have all settled so quickly back into the routine of school and particularly enjoyed playing in the snow on their first day back! As the weather is colder, please ensure your child comes to school prepared with a warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf (all named). If your child walks to school in wellies, please ensure they have a change of shoes for indoors.

The staff started the term enthusiastically with first aid training on Monday. All staff participated in the practical side and once they have completed and passed their eLearning they will all hold a 12 hour paediatric first aid qualification.

This term is already looking very busy, starting with our termly learn with parents sessions for Reception, Year One and Year Two next week- please have a look below for the final days and timings as some changes have had to be made.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend- try and stay warm!

Mrs Laura Fielding



Learn with Parents

This term the learn with parents has a maths focus. This is an opportunity for you to learn alongside your children and see some of the approaches used by the teaching staff. The days and times are below: (Please note the change of day for Daisy class)

Tuesday 13th January 1100-1200- Foxglove, Tulip and Daisy classes

Wednesday 14th January 1100-1200- Bluebell and Buttercup classes

Thursday 15th January 1100-1200- Poppy class

Rocket lunch

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a colouring competition running alongside for all children who order a school lunch on that day. There will be a prize for each year group for the winner. The colouring sheet is attached to this newsletter and all entries must be given to your child's class teacher by Thursday morning.

Car park

A reminder that the car park is only for permit holders. If you feel you could be eligible for a parking permit, please speak to the school office. All parents should park in the car park and should not drive down to the front office at any point. This is for school staff and taxi's only. Please also only park in the disabled bay if you have a disability badge. Over the next few weeks, Mr Peachey, Mrs Fowler and Mrs Fielding will be monitoring the car park and if unauthorised cars are in the car park the gates may be closed.

Cold weather

As the weather has taken a turn, please ensure your child has suitable clothing. If the school is forced to close due to severe weather and health and safety reasons, we will endeavour to make the decision as early as possible. The school protocol is to inform all parents by email, InApp message and the website will also be updated. Please also be careful when walking around the school site. While we have gritted as much as we possibly can, please do walk with extreme caution.

Foodbank

We understand that January is often a very difficult time financially. If you are struggling, please do come and speak to the office or Mrs Fielding and the school are able to issue foodbank vouchers.

Movie Night

The PTA have been busy organising a Movie Night on Friday 23rd January 1515-1600 for Reception and Key Stage One classes. The film is going to be Shaun the Sheep: The Farmer's Llamas and the entry fee of £2.50 will include popcorn and a drink. Please sign up on Arbor to confirm your child's space.

Clubs

Please ensure you look at all of the clubs on offer and book your child's space before the club gets booked up. Children eligible for pupil premium are entitled to one free school run club per term.

Parents lunch

22nd January- Clovers
4th February- Iris
11th February- Lily
4th March- Poppy
11th March- Daisy
22nd April- Butterfly
29th April- Caterpillar

Dates for your diary

5 th January	INSET day- school closed to children
6 th January	Spring term starts for children
7 th January	SEND coffee drop in 1430
13 th January	Year Two and Daisy class learn with parents- maths @1100-1200
14 th January	Reception learn with parents- maths @1100-1200
15 th January	Poppy learn with parents- maths @1100-1200
22 nd January	Clovers parent lunch

February 2026	
4 th February	Iris parent lunch
11 th February	SEND coffee drop in 1430
11 th February	Lily parent lunch
13 th February	Progress report home to parents
16 th February-20 th February	Half term
23 rd February	Children back in school
March 2026	

What have the children been learning?

Nursery / Pre-school

This week pre school have been using paper plates to paint and create their own dinosaurs while looking at features they wish to include, such as plates, wings, horns, and tails.

We have also been using our small world area to support our creative skills and develop a miniature dinosaur world, including moss, bridges, rivers and dinosaurs.

This week in Nursery we started our new book 'Dinosaur Roar'. We have been practising our fine motor skills by using tweezers to pick up small dinosaurs. We have used apples for paint printing on our dinosaur for our class display board. We have had fun dancing to the 'Dinosaur Stomp' song.

Reception

'Space' is our new topic for this half term and already the children have been learning about gravity, astronomers such as Caroline Herschel and Galileo Galilei, as well as discovering that the Earth orbits the sun. They have enhanced their learning by making telescopes in the junk model workshop, collaging images of the Earth to show the land, sea and icy polar regions and writing labels for them. Our new focus text is Whatever Next by Jill Murphy and we are sure that the children are going to have lots of adventures just like the bear to inspire their writing! In maths we have been learning to identify zero and subitising numbers. We have launched our reading challenge to encourage the children to develop their love of stories, books, and reading so please look out for the letter about what that involves. As of next week PE will be on Wednesdays so please could the children have their shorts / jogging trousers and t-shirt in school to change in to.

Clover, Iris and Lily

In Clover class we have been making the most of the wintery weather and exploring the snow inside and outside! We also enjoyed an online sensory poem called 'wintertime, wintertime' where we used torches to shine on silver paper, plastic icicles and snowflakes and threw paper snowballs at each other!

In Lily class we have read the story Ridiculous! about a tortoise who ventured out into the snow. We have also loved being outside in the snow and conducted an experiment to see how long the snow would last inside our classroom.

Iris class also loved the snow, especially making footprints in the untouched snow on the playground! We started reading our sensory story of Room on the Broom, enjoying stirring up the cauldron and the feeling of wind on our faces from a fan.

Year 1

We have loved welcoming Year One back to school and hearing all about their Christmas break, especially how much everyone enjoyed playing in the snow. In Maths, we have been focusing on place value, exploring tens and ones, and practising building and writing numbers from 11 to 20. In Writing, we have enjoyed reading The Magic Porridge Pot and even created our own magical pots out of clay. In DT, we are beginning a textiles unit and have been investigating a wide range of different materials.

We have also started a new Geography topic all about the United Kingdom, as well as an exciting Art topic focused on architecture.

Year 2

Happy 2026! We were so excited to welcome back all the Year 2 children - especially with the snowy weather! This week, the children have began learning about money. We have looked at pounds and pence and practised 'buying' items using the correct amount of money. In English, we started looking at a story called 'The Tunnel'. The children completed a Cold Write about what they thought would be behind a fairy door. We had some amazingly creative ideas! In Art, we started looking at portraits and sketching some eyes. We are looking forward to drawing our own self-portraits in the next few weeks.

SUPPORTING YOUR ANXIOUS CHILD WORKSHOP

Cambridgeshire County Council

SUITABLE FOR PARENTS OF PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

ON THIS COURSE YOU WILL WORK ALONGSIDE YOUR TUTOR AND OTHER PARENTS TO INCREASE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF ANXIETY IN CHILDREN. YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO: -RECOGNISE THE SIGNS OF ANXIETY. - IDENTIFY SOME OF THE POSSIBLE REASONS CHILDREN HAVE ANXIETY. - DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO HELP YOUR CHILD MANAGE THESE FEELINGS IN A SUPPORTIVE GROUP.

DATE: 19TH JANUARY 2026

TIME: 12PM - 2PM

ONLINE



CALL 01353 613013 SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO

LEARN WITH PARENTS MATHS

TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY - FOXGLOVE, TULIP, DAISY CLASS
WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY - BLUEBELL, BUTTERCUP CLASS
THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY - POPPY CLASS
11AM - 12PM

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MOVIE NIGHT
Friday 23rd January 2026
15:15 - 16:00

Shammy Sheep The FARMER'S LLAMAS

Reception and KS1

£2.50 per ticket, book via Arbor.
Ticket includes popcorn and drink.

ACTIVE PLAY EDUCATION AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

From 13/01/26 til 24/03/26

MINI MAKERS POTTERY

Every Tuesday

Spring Meadow 15:15pm - 16:45pm
Infant School Price - £5.50

Children's Pottery Painting & Creating Class
Kids get to design, paint, and create their own pottery pieces! This fun, hands-on class teaches children how to use bright colours, simple techniques, and lots of imagination.

To book scan the QR code and book session one or session two for a longer stay and Play or alternatively

Please Place your child's emergency contact information, money, and other important details in a clearly labeled envelope. This can then be handed in at the office.

From 12/01/26 til 23/03/26

Creative Baking

Every Monday

Spring Meadow 15:15pm - 16:45pm
Infant School Price - £5.50

Join us on Monday's for some exciting baking and creating activities, where children will get to bake some sweet and savoury treats! A healthy snack will also be provided, and children will have the chance to unwind and play with friends after a busy day at school.

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