



I can't believe it is the end of January already!



What a wonderful couple of weeks it's been at school! There's been lots of busy learning happening in and around the classrooms, and it's been lovely to see so many classes making the most of our outdoor provision – even with the rainy weather trying its best to put us off. A bit of drizzle certainly hasn't dampened anyone's enthusiasm!

We've also had a fantastic run of trips over the past two weeks. We're so fortunate to live in an area with so many hands-on and enriching opportunities for the children. Read on to find out all about the Year 6 trip to the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, and keep an eye out in the next newsletter for write-ups of Year 5's visit to The Whipple Museum and Year 2's outing to The Fitzwilliam Museum.

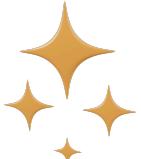
Meanwhile, our School Council have been busy too, meeting with great enthusiasm to discuss lunchtime equipment and share ideas about how we can make our outdoor areas even better for everyone.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and have a lovely, relaxing weekend.



**Chris Butler**  
Headteacher

## Year 6 Trip



Oak recently visited the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology to take part in a fascinating workshop all about the Ancient Maya.

We learned how archaeologists have built up their understanding of Mayan civilisation and used these skills to study a plaster cast of a real Mayan stela depicting a mighty king. We then had the exciting opportunity to handle genuine artefacts—some over 1,000 years old—and worked together to infer what they may have been used for and what they can tell us about life in the past.

The workshop was a fantastic hands-on experience that really brought our history learning to life.



## Year 3 Bike Ability

Year 3 recently took part in Bikeability training and had a fantastic time, even braving the cold weather with big smiles and plenty of enthusiasm!

Through fun, progressive games, the children developed greater control of their bikes in preparation for road cycling. They confidently pedalled independently, practised using their brakes to stop smoothly and quickly, and learned how to look behind over each shoulder while riding in a straight line. The children also challenged themselves by pedalling one-handed to signal, using gears where available, and safely avoiding hazards.

Despite the chilly conditions, their determination and enjoyment shone through, making the course a great success.



## School Uniform Reminder

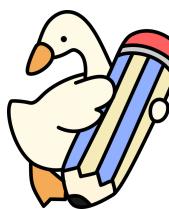
The wearing of correct uniform is an important feature in creating the sense of community at our school.

A reminder of School Uniform Requirements:

- Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece with or without the school logo.
- White polo shirt or shirt with or without the school logo.
- Smart trousers, shorts, skirts, culottes or pinafores in plain grey or navy.
- Blue and white summer dress.
- Plain grey, black, navy or white socks or tights.
- Smart closed-toe shoes or ankle boots in plain black, navy or dark brown. Trainers or casual shoes are not part of our school uniform.

More information, including PE Kit and outdoor wear can be found on our school website: [School Uniform](#)

## Year 4 Open Class



It was lovely to welcome Cherry Class parents into school to take part in one of our Writing Roots lessons.

During the session, the children were exploring how we can help to take care of the environment in our Wonderful World. They especially enjoyed interviewing one another, which led to lots of thoughtful discussion and laughter. The ideas gathered during these interviews will be useful in future sessions as the children begin to use dialogue more confidently in their writing.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us, we really appreciate your time and support.



## Rock Steady

We are delighted to share the successful launch of Rock Steady, which has already got off to a great start! We have multiple bands up and running, including The Rocking Ravens and The Blue Foxes, who have been busy rehearsing popular songs such as Dance Monkey, Golden and Seven Nation Army. The enthusiasm and teamwork shown so far has been fantastic, and we can't wait to hear how the bands progress as they work towards their first performance at the end of the spring term



# NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe



Earlier this term, Mrs Fitch wrote to inform you that our school is taking part in the NSPCC's 'Speak Out. Stay Safe' programme.

Next week, children will watch an age-appropriate assembly in their classroom with their class teacher. The following week, pupils in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 will also take part in workshops delivered by trained NSPCC volunteers. The sessions are designed to be engaging, interactive and appropriate for each age group.

The Speak Out Stay Safe programme aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse.

If you would like further information please visit the website [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout). Please also get in touch with your child's class teacher or Mrs Fitch with any further questions.

## Attendance Reminders

In the last newsletter, we shared some guidance on what to do when your child is unwell and unable to attend school.

If you feel your child is struggling to access school, contact the class teacher in the first instance. We are here to help; we can support transitions and help with any worries they may have. Please also find here other available resources to support your child if they are struggling with anxiety or emotional based school avoidance:

[Parent Page General - Nessie](#) - NESSie parent support offer for EBSA and other needs. Parents can call the Parent Support line for initial advice and triage. You will also be able to request a webinar recording and implement strategies at home. If strategies do not work, you can then request 1to1 targeted support.

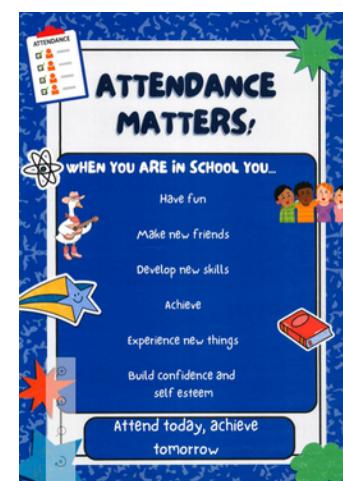
[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) - 24/7 access to text- based counselling – for ages ten and above

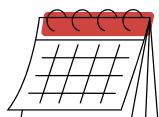
Key features of Kooth:

- **Anonymous & Free:** Users can access support without revealing their identity, and it is fully funded in many areas, often through the NHS.
- **Professional Counselling:** Text-based chats with qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners, available at specific times (e.g., afternoons/evenings).
- **Peer Support:** Moderated forums where young people can connect and share experiences with others.
- **Self-Help Tools:** Articles, activities, journaling, and mood-tracking resources to build emotional resilience.
- **Accessibility:** Available on computers, tablets, and smartphones, making support easily accessible.
- **Early Intervention:** Works with local services to prevent crises and offer timely support to young people struggling with their mental health.

[www.stopbreathethink.org.uk](http://www.stopbreathethink.org.uk) - a UK mental health charity providing free, accessible online counselling and wellbeing support for young people aged 8-21.

**Our main aim is for staff and parents to be working together to help all children attend school happily and feel safe and supported.**





## Upcoming Dates

### February

**5th February 09:05 - 10:00:** Year 3 Open Class

**9th – 13th February:** Mental Health Awareness Week

**16th – 20th February:** Half Term

**24th February:** Young Voices at The O2

**26th February:** Year 3 Sedgwick Museum Trip

### March

**5th March:** World Book Day

**17th March:** Year 6 Duxford Trip

**17th March:** Parent's Evening

**19th March:** Parent's Evening

**25th March (2pm):** Year 2 and 3 Production

**30th March:** Easter Holidays Start

## Celebration Assembly

Well done to all of the children who were presented with a Celebration Certificate last week.



Last week's (23rd January) certificate winners are:

**Ash:** Roi and Fionn

**Maple:** Vova and Elly

**Birch:** Darius and Amelia

**Lime:** Reuben, Frankie and Mia

**Cherry:** Griffin, Luca and Sophia

**Willow:** Evelyn and Leonardo

**Oak:** Leah and Dominik



This week's (30th January) certificate winners are:

**Ash:** Xander and Ralph

**Maple:** Isla and Amelia

**Birch:** Hamish and Katherine

**Lime:** Navya and Alf

**Cherry:** Thomas and Lucy

**Willow:** Harry and Josephine

**Oak:** Teddy and Mia





## House Points

Congratulations to this week's House of The Fortnight: **RED HOUSE**



Here are this fortnight's totals:



583



475



440



346





Dear Parents and Carers,

In a few short years smartphones and social media have become the new frontier of parenting, and families everywhere are having to navigate this with very little help or support.

After the success of our previous efforts, we are hosting another event for all Parents and Carers of Histon and Impington (and anyone else who is interested!) to discuss our children and their access to smartphones and social media.

If you have questions about how to approach the topic, would like to learn more about what others in our community are doing and have a chance to look at smartphone alternatives, then come along to chat with other parents and share perspectives and experiences.

Amy Ruffell, Cambridgeshire Regional Representative from the Smartphone Free Childhood movement will be there, alongside Chris Gee, Assistant Principal and Social Media Lead at Impington Village College.

We'd love you to join us for this judgment-free evening of open discussions at one of our local schools.

Best wishes from the Event Organisers...who are also a group of local parents!



# SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Histon & Impington

The solution is to  
work together

# Parent Talk: Raising Kids in the Smartphone Era

Practical ideas and friendly conversation about helping kids thrive in the age of smartphones. We'll look at what's working for families right now and hear about the approach being taken by our local schools, including IVC. No judgement, just real talk.

## When

📍 Histon &  
Impington Brook  
Primary School

✉️ No need to RSVP...just come  
along!

## Where

📅 Weds 4<sup>th</sup>  
February 2026  
⌚ 7.30-8.30pm

We will be joined  
by Amy Ruffell,  
Regional SFC  
Lead and Chris  
Gee, Assistant  
Principal at  
Impington  
Village College

# The Chorister Experience

Sunday 1 March 2026, 2-5pm, at Great St Mary's



Do you  
know a child  
age 6 to 8  
who loves  
to sing?

Warm-up  
and musical  
games with  
our Voice Coach

Singing workshop  
with our choristers

Observe  
a chorister  
singing lesson

Take part in a  
real service of  
Choral Evensong

After the event,  
participants will be  
able to sign up for

**Chorister  
Voice Trials**  
14 & 21 March

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We also have chorister  
places for children  
currently in Y2, Y4  
and Y6.

To arrange an audition  
please email us at  
[music@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:music@gsm.cam.ac.uk)

info@smartkidzplayandlearn.co.uk

# WHAT?!

## OMG

## Wow!

## BOOK NOW

Ad-hoc and emergency bookings available as long as you are registered with us!

## WRAP AROUND CARE AT GIRTON GLEBE

Monday to Friday

7:30am to 18:00 (term time only)

[www.smartkidzplayandlearn.co.uk](http://www.smartkidzplayandlearn.co.uk)

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# SCHOOLS

## TICKET VOUCHER

### APPLICABLE FIXTURES



24TH JAN 2026  
15:00



14TH FEB 2026  
15:00



14TH MAR 2026  
15:00



21ST MAR 2026  
15:00



11TH APR 2026  
15:00

# ADULT AND U18 FOR £12!



THIS CODE ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO 1X ADULT & 1 X U18 SEATED TICKET IN THE MEAD PLANT & GRAB FAMILY SOUTH STAND FOR £12.00. THIS CODE CAN BE REDEEMED FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE APPLICABLE FIXTURES VIA [CUFTICKETS.COM](http://CUFTICKETS.COM). REDEMPTIONS ARE LIMITED TO ONE PER PERSON AND ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

PLEASE NOTE ALL FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE,  
PLEASE CHECK [WWW.CAMBRIDGEUNITED.COM](http://WWW.CAMBRIDGEUNITED.COM)  
FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION.



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Please scan the QR code located on the front of the voucher and the code will automatically be applied to your basket, when one adult ticket and one under 18 ticket in the Mead Plant & Grab South Family Stand are added to your basket or enter the code SCHOOLS0126 at checkout, alternatively please call the Ticket Office on 01223 566500.



## HOW TO GET HERE...

The easiest way to get to the Cledara Abbey Stadium is via the Park and Ride. It costs £3.50 to get a return bus ticket from the Newmarket Road Park & Ride, which is located at CB5 8AA. After sorting your ticket/s and checking out the Kids' Zone, head for the Mead Family South Stand turnstiles, which can be found via the path which goes through Coldham's Common. If you have any queries on the day, please talk to our 'Abbey Helpers', who are dotted around the ground ready to take your questions and be of assistance.

## JUNIOR U'S KIDS' ZONE...

Once you have arrived at the Cledara Abbey, why not stop off at the Kids' Zone, which is located just outside of the Club Shop. Open from 1pm-2:45pm at every Saturday home Matchday, it features an inflatable goal, games such as Giant Connect 4, Table Football and Subsoccer, and you may even see an appearance from our First Team players! The Kids' Zone is also the place for our Junior U's to get their Matchday Passport stamped! Ask our staff about becoming a Junior U member - there are loads of fun benefits!

