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# NEWSLETTER



## Autumn Term has begun!

Welcome back! I trust that you all had a lovely summer and it has been great to hear from the children all of the things they got up to! They have come back full of energy and ready to learn which has been great to see.

We started the year by each class working on their contributions to the 150 Years of the Mordens exhibition. Each year group looked at a different aspect of life, and compared 150 years ago to now; from farming to shopping, schooling to record keeping. The exhibition is on display at Steeple Morden Village Hall from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September so please do pop along if you can to see the children's contributions.

I am in the process of finalising Autumn Term dates to send out to you as soon as possible but a couple of important **upcoming dates** are:

- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Individual **Photos** - these will be taken in the morning (9-11am)
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - **Year Ahead** meetings at 3.30pm and repeated at 4pm in all classes
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September - **Harvest Festival** 9-9.30am, Steeple Church, if children can bring an item which can be donated to local food banks that would be appreciated
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September - **Phonics Parent Workshop** at 5pm (ParentMail letter)

Teachers have been working hard to plan and cost out any **trips and visits** for the year ahead and they plan to share these with you in Year Ahead meetings. This year, our aim is to give you the planned cost for the full year ahead so that you can budget accordingly, with the option to pay as you go (per trip) or pay the total upfront.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at Year Ahead meetings on Wednesday.

*Mrs Housden*

## Stars of the Week

*Congratulations to our recent Stars of the Week...*

Friday 11th September -

Grace, Noah A, Marlee, Eric, Flora, Iyla C

Stars for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September will be in the next Newsletter (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October)



# CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

## Acorn Class

What a wonderful start!

We have had a lovely start to our time in Acorn Class! The children have been busy settling in, getting to know each other and learning how to shine. We have been exploring all the different areas of our classroom, both inside and outside, and beginning to learn our routines.

We have also been getting to know our wonderful Year 5 buddies. They have been joining us at lunchtime, helping us with our play and making sure we feel happy and confident in our new surroundings. It has been lovely to see friendships beginning to grow!

### 150 Years of the Mordens

We have joined the rest of the school in celebrating 150 Years of the Mordens. We have been thinking about what makes our school special and what we love about being part of our school community.

We took photographs of our first days at school, talked about the things we love about school and captured our handprints. These will be added to the time capsule, which will be buried for future generations to discover! It has been a lovely way to think about our place in the history of our school and the Mordens.

### Phonics has begun!

This week we started our Sounds-Write phonics sessions. The children have been listening carefully to sounds, joining in with activities and beginning to learn how sounds help us to read and write. We are very excited to see how their phonics journey develops!

We will be holding a Phonics Information Evening for parents soon, where we will explain how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home. Please keep an eye out for the date and further information.

### PE bags

Our PE bags will come home every Tuesday.

Please make sure they are returned to school by the following Tuesday, so that your child has everything they need for their PE sessions.

### Library books

We visited the school library on Friday and the children were very excited to choose their first books!

Library books will be sent home weekly. Please enjoy sharing the book together and return it to school ready for our next library visit.

Mrs Simon, Mr France and the Acorn Class Team

## Can you help?

We are in search of the following items

### Home Corner & Role Play

Doll's prams and buggies

Doll's cots

Dolls

Dolls' clothes and blankets

Baby baths

Hair brushes

Handbags

Purses

Scarves

Bags

Old suitcases, especially suitcases on wheels small

Old shoes

Wigs

### Small World Play

Toy cars

Plastic animals

Other small-world figures and vehicles

Trees, fencing, signs

### Creative & Loose Parts

Silicone cupcake moulds

Curtain rings

Nuts and bolts

Pine cones

Shells

Other interesting natural or recycled materials

### Classroom Storage

Plastic drawers

Small baskets and containers

# CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

## Ash Class

Welcome to the world of Year One at Steeple Morden Primary School!

The children have settled incredibly well and have adapted to the new rules and expectations that we have in Ash Class. Every morning the children are expected to bring their water bottles and homework wallets into the classroom. As parents and carers, please could you ensure that all coats, cardigans and other items of clothes likely to be taken off are named, thank you.

As you may be aware, we have PE on a Monday morning and a Friday afternoon. To help with timings please could children come to school wearing their PE kits on a Monday morning with their school uniform in their PE bags to change into afterwards. Similarly, on a Friday afternoon the children will change into their PE kits for PE and will come home wearing these with their school uniform in their PE bags.

In phonics we have been looking at the following spellings:

- ch as in chest
- sh as in shop
- th as in thin
- th as in them
- ve as in give
- ck as in back

Please read every day at home even if it is just one page. This will really help with fluency and confidence.

In Maths, we have been learning the order of numbers and looking at one more and one less than a number. We have introduced our Maths packs and learnt how to use number lines and tens frames with counters correctly.

In Art, we have been looking at primary and secondary colours and using them to create pieces of artwork based on artists such as Van Gogh.

Next Wednesday, it is the year ahead meeting, please come along to here more about your child's learning in Year One.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Monks and the Year One Team.



# CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

## Birch Class

A Busy Start in Birch Class!

We have had a very busy and exciting first few days in Year 2, and the children have settled into Birch Class brilliantly.

In English, we have been enjoying *The Three Little Pigs*. We have been thinking carefully about the characters, particularly how we can describe the Big Bad Wolf, and have now started to explore the setting of the story. We will continue with this work next week, developing our ideas and using lots of interesting vocabulary in our writing.

In Maths, we have been getting to grips with place value. The children have been partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones and exploring the different ways numbers can be represented using practical equipment, pictures and number sentences.

Our Science work has begun with the five senses. We have been thinking about how we use our eyes, ears, nose, tongue and skin to find out about the world around us. In Geography, we have started our new topic on spatial sense, looking carefully at what is around us and beginning to think about where places and objects are in relation to one another.

During PSHE, we have been getting to know each other even better. We have talked about the things we have in common, the ways in which we are different and, most importantly, the special qualities and talents that we can each bring to Birch Class.

It has been a fantastic start to the year and we are looking forward to seeing what the next few weeks bring!

A few reminders for home ...

Please remember to name all items of clothing, including jumpers and PE kit, as this makes it much easier to reunite lost items with their owners.

Children should have their book bag in school every day and be reading at home every day, even if it is just for a few minutes.

Please also make sure that PE kits are kept in school, so that everyone is ready whenever we have PE or an additional sporting activity.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping the children make such a positive start to Year 2!

Wishing you a good weekend from the Birch class team



# CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

## Hazel Class

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school. They have settled superbly into classroom routines and have made a fantastic start to the new academic year. We are very proud of how quickly they have adapted and embraced the opportunities of their new year groups.

In Maths, we have been focusing on **place value**, developing fluency in number representation and partitioning numbers using expanded form. The children have been learning to think flexibly about numbers and apply their mathematical knowledge to solve a range of problems.

We have begun reading **The Stone Age Boy**, which links closely to our History topic on the Stone Age. The children have enjoyed comparing the life of the modern-day boy in the story with Om, a Stone Age girl. We started by writing character descriptions and will continue using the text as inspiration for our own exciting **adventure narratives** over the coming weeks.

In PE, we have been developing our skills in **netball and rugby**. The children have been working on ball skills, pivoting, teamwork and communication. These activities have already helped to strengthen our class bonds and encourage positive collaboration.

### PE Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Please ensure children come to school with their PE kit and that any earrings are removed before school on these days. **Year 4 children will begin swimming lessons on Wednesdays**. Please look out for a ParentMail containing further information.

Homework will begin after our Year Ahead Meeting, so that expectations are clear for everyone. In the meantime, please encourage your child to continue reading daily and record this in their reading log and to consolidate their learning using:

- Times Tables Rock Stars
- Spelling Shed
- Athletics

We have an exciting and busy term ahead, which I look forward to sharing in more detail at the **Year Ahead Meeting next week**.

Have a restful weekend,  
Mrs Tidey and the Hazel Class Team



# CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

## Yew Class

Welcome to Year 5.

The typical day, in Year 5, runs as follows:

At the beginning of the day, when the children arrive, a morning activity will be set – this will more often than not be a maths activity but can be from any subject from the curriculum. The maths activity, that I call '5-a-day Maths', contains differentiated questions, and there are questions on a range of mathematical problems in order to keep different topics fresh in the children's minds. After morning collective worship there will usually be a SPAG type of activity for the class to do.



Next we complete our maths activities. Over the last two weeks, we have started looking at place value in Maths and numbers up to 1,000,000 before going onto rounding numbers.

In English (usually after break and before lunch) we are currently studying the book 'Pig Heart Boy.' We are reading the book and are discussing different aspects and all the features and punctuation associated with it. When we have completed this the children will write a number of texts linked to the book. This will be the pattern of our English lessons throughout the year.

In the afternoons we focus on the other curriculum subjects. For example, we have started looking at the creation story in RE, the human body in Science and we have also looked at the ancient city of Baghdad in History lessons. In PE lessons (Monday and Thursday), we are working on developing our tennis and netball skills.

More information about how we do things in Year 5 will be in the Year Ahead meeting next week. Thank you.

Mr Baker and the Year 5 Team



# CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

## Oak Class

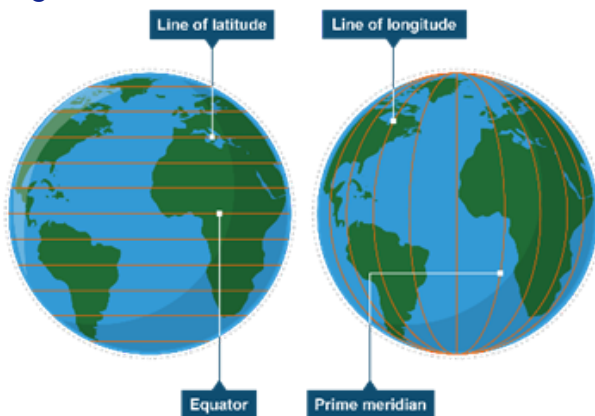
Welcome to Oak class.

We have made such a fantastic start to year 6, the children have worked extremely hard to complete a set of assessments. These will help identify what support the children need and how to get the most out of our lessons. We have also spent some time getting to know the expectations for Year 6 and discussed the role of house captains and sports captains.



In English we have started *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman, it's a really interesting book that had us gripped from the first page. We have used our knowledge of biographies to write one about Malorie and have taken time to learn about how to edit work effectively.

In maths we have started our place value unit, looking at numbers up to 10,000,000! Our topics have started as well with our science lessons looking at the human body, whilst our history is looking at Baghdad. In geography we have been recapping lines of latitude and longitude, where as in art we have been looking at different styles.



We have welcomed GenR8 into the class for a fantastic workshop called 'Cool Choices', where the children have had the opportunity to discuss what influences their life and how to make your own decisions not be led into peer pressure. The children were really engaged and made some brilliant discussion points.

I look forward to welcoming you all in person at our year ahead meeting next week.

Miss Barrett and Oak Team.



## CAMBRIDGE UNITED FC SCHOOLS TICKET VOUCHER

APPLICABLE FIXTURES

  
 26TH SEP 2026  
15:00

  
 10TH OCT 2026  
15:00

  
 24TH OCT 2026  
15:00

  
 21ST NOV 2026  
15:00

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## CAMBRIDGE UNITED FC WOMEN BACK IN THE CITY

HOME FIXTURES

  
 20 SEP 2026  
CLEBARA ABBEY  
14:00 KD

  
 18 OCT 2026  
GRANGE ROAD  
14:00 KD

  
 08 NOV 2026  
GRANGE ROAD  
14:00 KD

  
 29 NOV 2026  
GRANGE ROAD  
14:00 KD

  
 06 DEC 2026  
GRANGE ROAD  
14:00 KD

  
 10 JAN 2027  
GRANGE ROAD  
14:00 KD

  
 11 FEB 2027  
GRANGE ROAD  
19:45 KD

  
 14 MAR 2027  
GRANGE ROAD  
14:00 KD

  
 25 APR 2027  
CLEBARA ABBEY  
14:00 KD

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TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW AT [CUFCTICKETS.COM](http://CUFCTICKETS.COM)

The vouchers offer one adult and one child ticket for just £12 when using the code on the voucher. The offer is available for the following home fixtures at the Cledara Abbey Stadium:

Saturday 26 September – 3pm – AFC Wimbledon

Saturday 10 October – 3pm – Blackpool

Saturday 24 October – 3pm – Plymouth Argyle

Saturday 21 November – 3pm – Stockport County

We also have a special offer for Cambridge United Women, with one adult and one child able to attend for just £6. This is available for their upcoming game at the Cledara Abbey Stadium, as well as games at their new home, Grange Road Stadium.

## Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

The EIFA team would like to invite parents/carers to our workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues for **September – October 2026**.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Supporting your child with angry feelings    | Tuesday 29/09/2026<br>12:00-13:30   | Book onto this workshop at:<br><a href="#">Supporting your child with angry feelings - EIFA core offer workshop</a> or    |  |
| Managing behaviours that challenge           | Thursday 01/10/2026<br>12:00-13:30  | Book onto this workshop at:<br><a href="#">Managing Behaviours that Challenge - EIFA core offer workshop</a> or           |  |
| Supporting your child with sleep             | Monday 05/10/2026<br>12:00-13:30    | Book onto this workshop at:<br><a href="#">Supporting your child with sleep - EIFA core offer workshop</a> or             |  |
| Managing sibling rivalry                     | Wednesday 07/10/2026<br>12:00-13:30 | Book onto this workshop at:<br><a href="#">Managing sibling rivalry - EIFA core offer workshop</a> or                     |  |
| Digital safety/internet safety               | Tuesday 13/10/2026<br>12:00-13:30   | Book onto this workshop at:<br><a href="#">Digital safety/internet safety - EIFA core offer workshop</a> or               |  |
| Supporting your child with feelings of worry | Thursday 15/10/2026<br>12:00-13:30  | Book onto this workshop at:<br><a href="#">Supporting your child with feelings of worry - EIFA core offer workshop</a> or |  |
| Supporting your child with angry feelings    | Tuesday 20/10/2026<br>12:00-13:30   | Book onto this workshop at:<br><a href="#">Supporting your child with angry feelings - EIFA core offer workshop</a> or    |  |

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact [earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)