

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4

## 18TH OCTOBER

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

Half-term draws closer even though the weather has more of a summer feel. The Pines outdoor space is rather special at this time of the year and we try and make the most of it. We teach the children about the different habitats that exist within our grounds and are proud of the variety of wildlife and plants that we attract.

In fact, a ‘Pale Tussock Moth Caterpillar’ landed on my shoulder during an online meeting which I was then delighted to share with Hedgehog and Squirrel Class!



There are, however, several areas of the school grounds that are deliberately left ‘wild’ in order to support the environment and therefore we politely ask everyone to stick to the paths when walking around. We have unfortunately had incidents of pupils and siblings getting injured when playing in prohibited areas.



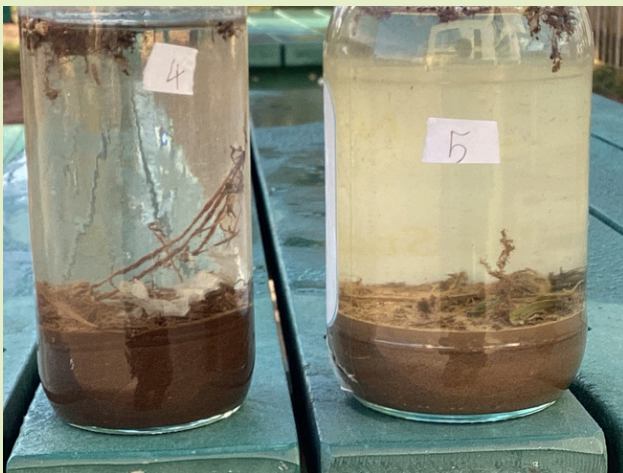


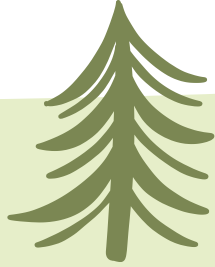
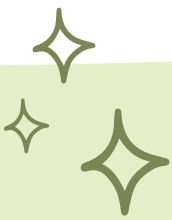
## HI-LIGHT OF THE WEEK!

Last week we were wowed by our Year 1 Superheroes who showed their models and shared their learning as well as entertaining us with their lovely singing.



Today, Year 3 educated us about the stone age to iron age. We saw the class's cave drawings and their spears.





## GREEN, GREEN GRASS...

We are pleased to inform you that the re-seeding remedial works have commenced. The initial ground preparations are expected to take approximately two weeks. During this time, the affected areas will be off-limits until the grass has fully established. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that children stay away from these areas, and we look forward to seeing lush, green grass in the near future!

Thank you for your support.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Wednesday, those in The Pines vicinity were treated to a lively performance of "Cauliflowers Fluffy" as we celebrated our annual Harvest Festival. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Lightwave for delivering an engaging and informative assembly. They were truly appreciative of the generous donations received for the food bank. A big thank you to everyone who contributed and participated in this wonderful event



## WELCOME BACK...

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Claringbold next half-term after her maternity leave. Mrs Claringbold will be returning to work in Year 5 and Year 2 (Fridays) as before.

## PARENTS CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has booked their parent meeting appointments via MCAS.

We look forward to welcoming you next Wednesday and Thursday in the school hall, (please enter through the hall doors). While you wait, you will have the opportunity to explore some of your child's work. As space is limited, we kindly request that you do not bring children to this event.

Booking closes on Monday at 9am so please make sure you book your slot before then.

## FUN AND DANCING!

We are looking forward to Fridays PFA events:



**HALLOWEEN DISCO**  
25th October, 2024  
Pine cones-2:15-3:00  
Reception/KS1 session- 3:15-4:00  
KS2 session- 4:15-5:15

Sibling discount available  
Price includes, non-uniform day, disco and treat bag

The poster features a bright orange background decorated with various Halloween-themed cutouts including bats, spiders, eyeballs, pumpkins, and streamers.



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2 x siblings tickets for £6  
3 x siblings tickets for £8

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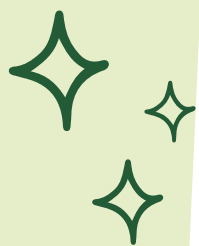
## ENGAGE AND EMPOWER DAYS!

At the start of this term we launched our Engage and Empower days which have already been shown to have had a really positive impact on our school community.

Each 'Empower and Engage' day is designed to welcome children on the transition back to school after time spent with their families. Children participate in nurturing and mindfulness activities, along with exploring one of our six essential C's. This focus helps bolster their self-esteem and confidence as they re-enter the school environment. The Engage part of the day features an exciting 'hook' that connects to the theme of the term. This engaging introduction ignites curiosity among our learners but also sets a lively tone for the learning experiences awaiting them in the weeks ahead.

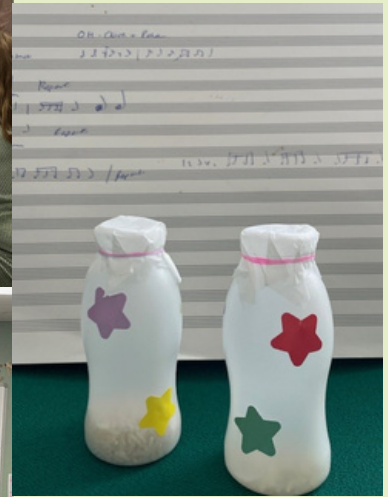
The staff have been planning our next set of days and here are a few teasers of what is to come...

- An exploration of Artic base camp
- Toys
- How cold is too cold?
- Have you got what it takes to become a hero?
- What is crime and punishment?



## SAMBA BAND

Last Thursday Year 5 experienced the rhythms and joy of the Samba, from using everyday items to make their own instruments, to stamping, clapping, vocalising and improvising. We had such a great afternoon; we could have been in Rio de Janeiro during carnival !!!!



## EARLY YEARS OPEN EVENING

If you have a child who is set to start Reception class in September 2025, we invite you to our Open Evening on Thursday 7th November, from 5 pm to 6 pm. During this event, you will have the opportunity to hear a brief introductory talk, followed by a chance to explore the Reception learning space and engage in conversation with our team.



## PLATFORM 24

Platform 24 is a joint exhibition of artwork from pupils across Anglian Learning's secondary schools and sixth forms. The exhibition will showcase the inspiring work taking place in our art departments and include work from across the age ranges, covering a variety of techniques and media, including painting, textiles and photography, in both traditional and more abstract styles.

This year's exhibition runs from 11 to 23 November 2024 at Michaelhouse Café in central Cambridge. The café opens from 9 to 5 Monday to Saturday (12 to 4 on Sundays) and has an estimated 2,000 visitors a week, so is a first-rate venue in which to share our pupils' creativity. All are warmly invited to visit the exhibition.



 ANGLIAN LEARNING

Anglian Learning presents

# PLATFORM 24

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an exhibition of artwork from Anglian Learning  
secondary schools and sixth forms

**11 - 23 November 2024**  
Michaelhouse Café, Trinity St,  
Cambridge, CB2 1SU

Featuring artwork from:

- Bassingbourn Village College
- Bottisham Village College
- Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport and Sixth Form
- Linton Village College
- The Netherhall School
- Sawston Village College





# Christmas Crafternoon

for parents & carers

1-3pm

Wednesday

27th November

All craft resources provided

Suggested Donation £2 (towards the PFA)

Coffee  
and mince pies



Save  
the  
Date



# PFA NEWS



We are delighted to announce that there are a series of fabulous events on the horizon planned by our wonderful PFA:

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25th October 2025  
*Non-uniform day*

Pupils are welcome to wear their costume\*/ own clothes £1 included in price of disco if not attending disco and would still like to wear own clothes donation of £1 can be given to class teacher or using the sum up link / QR code

\*no masks or props please

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



21st Oct

Y6 Trip to Mildenhall Museum

22nd Oct

Y3 Stone Age Trip

23rd &  
24th Oct

Parents' Evening - book now on MCAS!

24th Oct

Hedgehog Pebble Laying at 2.45 pm

25th Oct

Halloween Fancy Dress day and PFA Disco

28th Oct

Half term


4th Nov

Y6 Pony Academy starts



7th Nov

Early Years Open Evening



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



27th Nov

Crafternoon 1-3pm

29th Nov

PD Day - Non Pupil Day

