

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2

2ND OCTOBER 2026



‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’ 



Over recent weeks, our assemblies have focused on two important themes:
Belonging and Communication.

When exploring the theme of belonging, children reflected thoughtfully on what it means to belong both personally and within their class communities.

They shared ideas about how we can support one another and help everyone feel welcomed, valued and included. These discussions highlighted the importance of kindness, respect and understanding in creating a strong sense of community across our school. The awareness shown by the children demonstrated their embodiment of our school values.



Our second theme has been communication, and we are launching a renewed focus on how children communicate with each other and with staff. We are encouraging the use of important social courtesies such as “Good morning”, “Good afternoon”, “How are you?”, “Please” and “Thank you”, as well as responding in full sentences. These simple but powerful habits help children develop confidence, build positive relationships and show respect for others. They are an important foundation on which to develop of further oracy skills.

Children have also taken part in collective art workshop sessions with Mrs Stopps, supported by other members of staff, where effective communication played a key role in supporting creativity and collaboration. In addition, the whole school enjoyed an inspiring poetry workshop led by renowned poet Brian Moses, who demonstrated the power of words and communication as tools for self-expression, creativity and fostering a sense of belonging.

Together, these experiences have reinforced the message that the way we communicate with others helps us build connections, express ourselves and contribute positively to our school community.

We would like to thank the PFA for kindly funding the visit which helped to support our pupil enrichment programme.



Don't forget that you can purchase copies of his poetry books directly from him. Any books ordered through this offer will be personally signed by Brian and delivered to the school (unless otherwise agreed). If you are interested, simply view the books available via the link below and email your order to Brian through the email link on the book catalogue page. You can view Brian's website and book offer [here](#)

As an added benefit, if families choose to purchase books for their homes through this offer, Brian will donate free copies of his poetry collections to our school library. This will help us further enrich our reading resources and enable even more children to enjoy his work in the future.

Engage and Empower!



Squirrel Class - Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed sharing all of our favourite toys during our Engage and Empower day. We had dolls and dinosaurs and a lot of different teddies, all of different shapes and sizes. We spent some time exploring them and comparing them to some old Victorian style toys. We looked at some similarities and differences between them. We also shared why our favourite toys were so special to us. It was a fabulous was to begin the new school year!

Nightingale Class- Year 3



This half term we have been exploring The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be going on an exciting trip to Wandelbury for the immersive Iron Age experience including making, and cooking bread over a campfire. In English we have been writing a narrative story based on The Stone Age Boy, and we will also be learning about holiday brochures and writing our own brochure for Skara Brae and working on our persuasive language skills.



Owl Class - Year 5

Owl class have been taking the time to settle into new class rules and systems which they have done so well with. They have already shown great enthusiasm in their writing and knowledge with Maths and will soon be starting a sculpting project with clay.

THE NEST (WRAPAROUND AFTER SCHOOL CARE) IS FINALLY ABLE TO SHARE THE NEWS THAT IT IS OFFICIALLY OFSTED REGISTERED! 🏡 🌳

This means they can now welcome children from The Pines AND Pinecones.

They will be starting with a small number of spaces initially, which will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. As they settle in and see how things work in practice, they will review our capacity and hopefully be able to offer more spaces.

And there's more exciting news... they are also registered to provide holiday clubs! 🎉 These won't be starting immediately, but it's something they are really looking forward to developing and sharing more about in the very near future.

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported The Nest so far. We can't wait to welcome your children!

A COUPLE OF Q & A'S BELOW :

★ **WHEN WILL YOU OPEN?**

👉 **MONDAY THE 5TH OCTOBER!**

★ **HOW DO WE BOOK?**

★ **WILL I BE ABLE TO USE TAX FREE CHILDCARE ?**

👉 **ABSOLUTELY. I HAVE APPLIED FOR MY TAX FREE CHILDCARE CODE, AS SOON AS THIS ARRIVES I WILL BE ABLE TO GET SET UP TO ACCEPT THIS.**

👉 **HERE IS THE LINK TO OUR BOOKING FORM**

Please complete & attach this to an email, to thenest@cgmcaregroup.co.uk, a FB message, or WhatsApp.

👉 Please complete a registration form too, as well as a 'Get to Know You' form, which will help them to support and get to know the children, so that they get the most out of The Nest 😊

TINY CONCERTS

On the 14th October Years 1 to 6 will be experiencing a concert in school which has kindly been funded by the PFA. If you child has any Hans Christian Andersen stories at home, please bring them to school so we can read them with the children.



TINY CONCERTS ARE COMING!

**Curious about
Hans Christian Andersen?**

GET READY FOR THE SHOW!

A dazzling alchemy of chamber music, stories and pictures, set in a life-size Victorian paper theatre. Three of Hans Christian Andersen's best-loved tales are woven into the story of Andersen's own extraordinary life; his childhood home in deepest poverty, his unshakeable belief that he was destined for greatness, his passion for paper-snipping and his love of theatre. Illustrations by Jonny Boatfield conjure up stories of emperors, nightingales and swans, in a curious toy-like world of fantastical backdrops and intricate silhouettes. Music by Felix Mendelssohn, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Igor Stravinsky, Sergei Prokofiev, Henry Purcell and Maurice Ravel is performed live throughout the show.

THE SHOW LASTS 60 MINUTES

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 **Goldfield**
PRODUCTIONS

Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

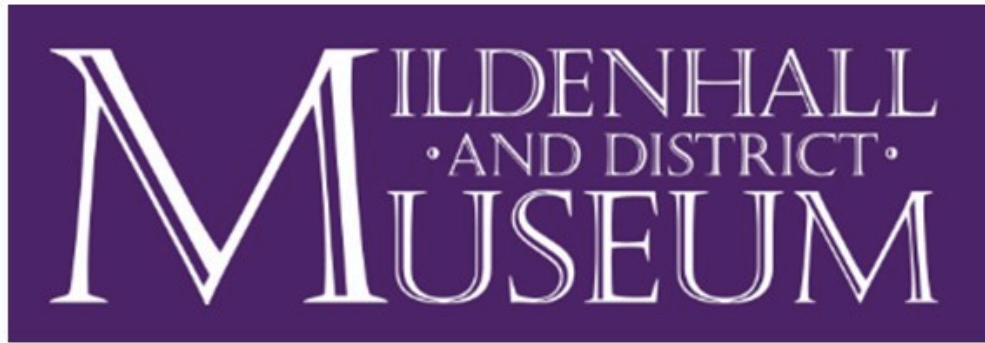
To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

DOG-FREE SITE



Whilst we appreciate you carrying your dog whilst on site, we would like to remind you that we are a dog free site and dogs should be left either at home or accompanied on the public path. Please try to avoid tying them to the fence. Some children are frightened of dogs and we have noticed some dogs are being left near the gate unattended.

Mildenhall and District Museum are inviting students, families and staff to thie
Open Day in Half Term on October 30th. The day will be filled with activities
such as making a pot, mosiac and Roman Coins and having a go at digging for
Treasure. Tickets will be sold from the museum during opening hours and also
Mildenhall Library and you can keep up with updates on thier FB page



Open Day October 30th 2026 11am- 3.30pm

Tickets: Mildenhall Museum and Mildenhall Library.



**Dig for
Treasure!**



Make a pot

**Create a
mosaic**



**Make a
Roman coin**

**Plus:
The Mildenhall Treasure talk
Creating the The Lakenheath Warrior**



Scan for more details on Facebook

PFA NEWS



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer at the Autumn Disco so far. We really appreciate your support. Ticket information, including details on how to purchase tickets, will be shared next week.



WINTER FAIR RAFFLE PRIZES

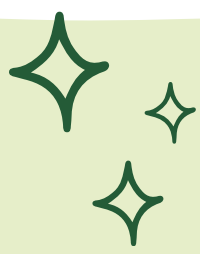
We're looking for raffle prize donations for our Winter Fair on 4th December.

If you own or work with a local business and can donate a gift, voucher, or experience prize, we'd love to hear from you at pfa@pinesprimary.org

As a thank you, we will promote your business through our Facebook pages and school newsletter!

BRIAN MOSES POETRY EVENT

The PFA was delighted to support this week's Brian Moses Poetry Event with a £100 contribution towards the cost of the visit. We hope the children enjoyed this inspiring experience.



PFA NEWS



BOOK NOOK UPDATE

We're making great progress with the Book Nook project. Quotes have been obtained and a location has now been identified.

We are currently looking for support with laying a concrete slab foundation. If you have experience in this area, or work for a business that could donate materials or offer a discounted service, we'd love to hear from you.

We're also seeking contacts for suppliers and builders of wooden garden rooms to help us make our sponsorship funding go even further.

Please get in touch at pfa@pinesprimary.org

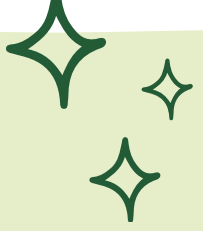


CREATING CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

We're looking for sponsors to help provide a Christmas tree and Christmas crackers for the children's festive celebrations this year. If you, your employer, or someone you know may be able to support us, please contact us at pfa@pinesprimary.org

In recognition of your support, we would be delighted to promote your business through our PFA Facebook pages!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



9th
Oct

Harvest Assembly

9th
Oct

PFA Tuck shop

12th
Oct

Y3 Wandlebury Trip

13th
Oct

YR Pebble laying ceremony

14th
Oct

Tiny Concerts

16th
Oct

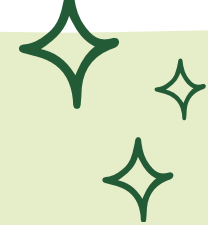
PFA School disco

19th
Oct

Flu vaccinations



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



21st &
22nd Oct

Parents evening - Booking now live

25th
Oct

Half term

2nd
Nov

Staff training day - No pupils on
site

3rd
Nov

Pupils return to school

3rd
Nov

Hedgehog Parents - Phonics info
evening 5-6pm

11th
Nov

Remembrance Assembly for Pupils

