



UPDATE FROM MR ASKEW

Dear All,

As we come towards the end of the autumn term, I wanted to start by saying well done to all the pupils for their hard work towards their learning. I hope they feel proud of their achievements this term.

It has been lovely to see all the performances this week. The KS1 Nativity, Baarmy Bethlehem, showcased the pupils singing, acting and speaking in front of two large audiences. The Early Years Sing-along on Thursday was so lovely to see, and it was very evident to see the pride and happiness beaming from the parents. The final performance this week took place at Bottisham Church. The musicians, readers and choir singers were amazing, and it was such a heart-warming evening.

I am sure you would like to join me by saying thank you to all the staff team who worked tirelessly to prepare and support the pupils for these events, but also the work they all do every single day.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in 2025 once we have all had a little rest.

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER
2024



BOTTISHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Hello, I want to introduce myself as the Young Carer Champion. This means that I look out for pupils who are Young Carers in our school. A Young Carer is simply a young person under the age of 18 who provides care, unpaid, for a family member with an illness or disability (including Special Educational Needs), mental health or addition.

We recognise that having siblings, parents or other family members who are managing these needs can require more time, energy and maturity from the children in the family and so we want to make sure they have someone in school they can talk to and support if they need it. We also want to provide opportunities for them to have fun and do something special from time to time.

If you think that your child could be a Young Carer, perhaps they have a sibling with Special Educational Needs or they a family member who has a disability that the family support and care for regularly. Please email me directly and confidentially at dheijne@bottishamprimary.org or call the school office to talk to me about how else we could look out for and support your child. You could also look at the Centre 33 website or contact them directly for advice by emailing youngcarers@centre33.org.uk or call 0333 4141 809

Did you know?

- You can ask your GP to code your child as a young carer
- You can [download a really helpful app just for young carers](#)
- When you child is 13+ they can [come to a Centre 33 Drop-In](#) and get free support
- Young Carers have [legal rights](#)
- There are lots of [support services that can also help you and your family](#)

**Any questions then please get in touch,
Debbie Heijne
Deputy Headteacher**



As CEO of Anglian Learning, the multi-academy Trust which supports your child/ren's school, I would like to share some key highlights of the work Anglian Learning has undertaken in the last few months. These activities have benefitted our pupils, workforce and communities of our Trust.

As a large school trust, we received £1.8 million in government funding to enhance the condition of our schools. While this does not meet all our needs, it has allowed us to prioritise health and safety improvements, essential repairs and the energy efficiency of our buildings. A major piece of work was the installation of solar panels across all our schools, reducing energy costs and our carbon footprint. The money saved can be allocated to other areas for the education of our young people.

Other important areas we have focused on include:

- Strengthening our IT infrastructure to protect against cyber attacks
- Reviewing safeguarding in all schools
- Introducing a Teaching and Learning Framework that sets out the principles of excellent classroom teaching to be adopted by each school
- Hosting leadership conferences for headteachers and deputy headteachers on creating strong teams, supporting positive relationships with pupils and much more
- Starting our 'Belonging by Design' strategy to improve pupil attendance, SEND support and mental health, supported by the funding we have received from Cambridgeshire and Suffolk Local Authorities.

Finally, in November, we celebrated our secondary school pupils' creativity with the Platform 24 art exhibition at The Michaelhouse Café. The exhibition featured inspiring work from our talented KS3, KS4 pupils and A Level students.

I wish all families a restful break and thank you for your continued support as we work to transform education together. For more information on our Trust's activities, please visit our website www.anglianlearning.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Jonathan Culpin, CEO

Cross Country Competition



On Monday 2nd December 2024 as part of our school's involvement in the Cambridge School Sport Partnership, we were invited to take part in a Cross-Country Tournament. The children completed a challenging course which was approximately 1500m, and the muddy hills gave it a very authentic Cross-Country feel.

I was incredibly proud of all of the children's efforts during the event. 25 schools entered runners across 8 individual events. We ended up finishing in 3rd place overall out of 25!

Congratulations to all of the children involved.

Clubs

Club bookings for Spring Term will be available from Friday 20th December 2024.

Many thanks,

Mr Green



Wear it Pink and Eat it Pink Day

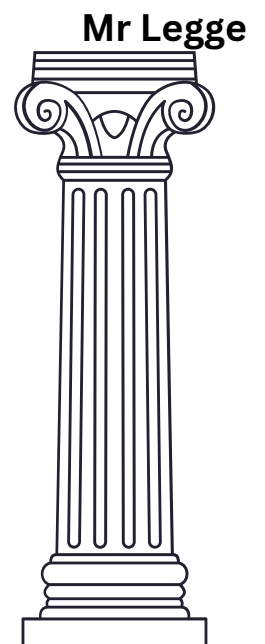
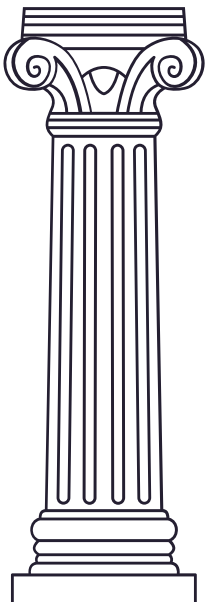


An amazing £500 was raised for The Cambridge Breast Unit at Addenbrooke's hospital. Bridget Parr, Community Fundraiser for Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust was delighted to receive this money and wanted to pass on her thanks to the whole of the Bottisham community.

Year 3 & 4 Roman Day



On Wednesday 5th December, Year 3/4 were transported back to AD 65, when Britannia was under Roman Rule and Boudicca's army was gaining momentum. Thanks to Sophie from History Off the Page and parent helpers that generously gave their time, the pupils were immersed in a variety of hands-on activities. In the afternoon, children were treated to a Roman feast. During which, pupils performed re-enactments of famous fables, dance routines and Centurion Goddard showcased his well-trained legionnaires. The children had lots of fun, created lot of craft pieces and learned much about Roman life in Britain.



Sycamore Class

D&T Project

The children produced these Victorian toys using cam designs.



Maple Class Victorian Pop-Up Toys

Maple had the opportunity to share their Victorian pop-up toys they had made with Pre-School and Reception children. Teaching staff were very impressed with the leadership role of the older children and the careful and loving way they played alongside the children. Brilliant skills year 5/6!



Mrs Claydon, Acorn class teacher, was delighted to welcome some of the pupils from Maple Class to the Pre-School. *"It was super to see the toys they had made, and also share some of our toys with them. It was lovely to see how engaged, patient and supportive the older children were with our little ones."*



School Events

Date	Event
Tuesday 17 th December	Rock Steady Concert – 09:30 am – 10:15 am
Weds 18 th and Thurs 19 th December	Year 4 Burwell House Visit
Thursday 19 th December	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Pupils return for the spring term

PTA Events

Event	Date	Time/Location
PTA AGM	30th September 2024	7 pm School hall
Autumn disco	23rd October 2024	5 pm School hall
Christmas fair	6th December 2024	4:30 – 7 pm in School hall
Wreath making	11th December	7 pm School hall
Elfridges	13th December 2024	9 am
Film night	January TBD	3:30 in school hall
Silver Smarties (Acorns to Y4)	Throughout Feb/Mar	Deadline 14 th March 2025
Young Apprentices (Y5 & Y6)	Throughout Feb/Mar	Showcase Friday 7th March 2025 Deadline 14 th March 2025
Mother's day	20th March 2025	9 am
Easter crafternoon and cakes	4 th April 2025	3:30 - 5:30 in hall
Mr Green Marathon event fancy dress run to coincide	27th April 2025	TBD
Lolly Fridays	From 25 th April 2025	After school on field
Film night	2nd May	After school in hall
Father's day	5th June 2025	9 am
Summer fair/Circus**	Friday 4 th July	Field 5 – 7:30 pm
End of year disco and leavers party	Mon 21st July 2025 (Term ends 23rd July)	5 – 8 pm School hall

School Menu for the Spring 2025

MENU WEEK 1		SERVED W/C: 6 th Jan 27 th Jan 17 th Feb 10 th Mar 31 st Mar			Innovate IFG
	Classic main meal	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEAL	Sides	FILLED ROLLS	SWEET TREATS
MONDAY	Creamy Tomato & Salmon Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, with Wedges	Sweetcorn	Ham Roll Cheese Roll	Strawberry Yoghurt with Strawberry Sauce
TUESDAY	Classic Beef Lasagna	Vegetarian Lasagna	Italian Vegetables	Chicken Roll Egg Mayonnaise Roll	Original Flapjack
WEDNESDAY	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Vegan Sausage Puff & Gravy	Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables (Carrots, Swede & Leek)	Ham Roll Cheese Roll	Strawberry Jelly & Mandarins
THURSDAY	Creamy Chicken Korma with Mixed Rice	Baked Mac & Cheese	Tomato, Cucumber & Carrot Salad	Tuna Mayonnaise Roll Cheese Roll	Apple & Chocolate Sponge with Custard
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers & Chips	Vegan Vegetable Nuggets & Chips	Baked Beans	Ham Roll Egg Mayonnaise Roll	Vegan Lemon Shortbread

AVAILABLE DAILY	SALAD AND HOMEMADE BREAD <small>served with all main meals</small>	BAKED POTATO <small>topped with Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Baked Beans</small>	FRESHLY COOKED PASTA	A CHOICE OF JELLY, FRUIT OR YOGHURT
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Attendance

This year we have set an ambitious target of 96% for our overall school attendance. The national benchmark is for an academic year is 95%, and last year our attendance was 94% We would appreciate all of your help to achieve our target.

Current attendance in each Year Group:



Reception - 94.64 ↑

Year 1 - 96.6 ↓

Year 2 - 95.5 ↓

Year 3 - 96.1

Year 4 - 96.9 ↓

Year 5 - 95.3 ↑

Year 6 - 96.6 ↓

Data Protection

Thank you to parents for completing the data collection sheets regards use of photographs. We will be reminding parents who have not yet completed these forms to do so over the next few weeks. Can we also remind you that you can opt out at any time for your child's photograph to be used by any third party

Safeguarding



We take the Safeguarding of the pupils at Bottisham Community Primary School as our upmost priority. If you have any worries about a young person, please do not hesitate to contact the school and ask to speak to a member of our designated safeguarding team. Alternatively you can email head@bottishamprimary.org¹