



UPDATE FROM MR ASKEW

Dear All,

We have come to the end of a very long eight week half term, and pupils and staff alike are all ready for a well-earned break. There are so many positives that I have been reflecting on this term, from the educational visits to successes with inter school sports competitions, as well as all the individual certificates that have been awarded, often linked to our new values and habits.

In addition to this, we have received a series of quality assurance visits from Anglian Learning Executive team members, who have monitored our attainment data, behaviour, attendance and safeguarding. These visits identified that our academic results are above national standards. Our attendance is now in the top 15% of school nationally. The behaviour around school is very positive, particular in class, which sees most pupils focussed and engaged on their learning. Our safeguarding is very secure, and it was noted how pupils are very enthusiastic about our new values and habits, with pupils stating that these are making them think about their own behaviour and how they should interact with others.

Later in this newsletter, there is some further information about the new Anglian Learning Inter Schools Sport Alliance that we are now part of. We were previously part of the Coleridge Sports Partnership, and following feedback from Mr Green, we decided to make a change. Although some of the competitions delivered by the previous partnership were excellent, some of the others were less so. However, the main driver for change was due to the previous partnership not providing the professional development for teachers, which was part of this contract. I see this as a significant factor for us to provide high quality PE. There are now 12 primary schools in our Trust, and this is the first time that this new partnership has operated, and I am delighted that we are part of it. My ambition is for 50% of pupils to have attended an inter schools sports event by the end of this year.

On behalf of the staff team, we hope you have a lovely break.

Kind regards
Mr Askew

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BOTTISHAM COMMUNITY PRIM. SCH. NEWSLETTER

COURAGE, CURIOSITY, COMPASSION, COMMITMENT & RESPECT



Harvest collection ready to go to the Cambridge Foodbank

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KS1 Educational Visit to Hunstanton

On Wednesday 8th October, Key Stage One enjoyed a fantastic visit to Hunstanton Sea Life as part of their 'Into the Blue' topic. The group toured the aquarium, took part in a rockpool class session and spent time on the beach. Ice-lollies were enjoyed by all! The teaching staff on the trip were extremely impressed by the behaviour of all the children and the way that they represented the school's values.



**Thank you to the adults who volunteered to support the trip;
without your help we wouldn't be able to offer these
experiences to the children.**

**Here are some extracts from the recounts of the visit that have
been written by Year Two**

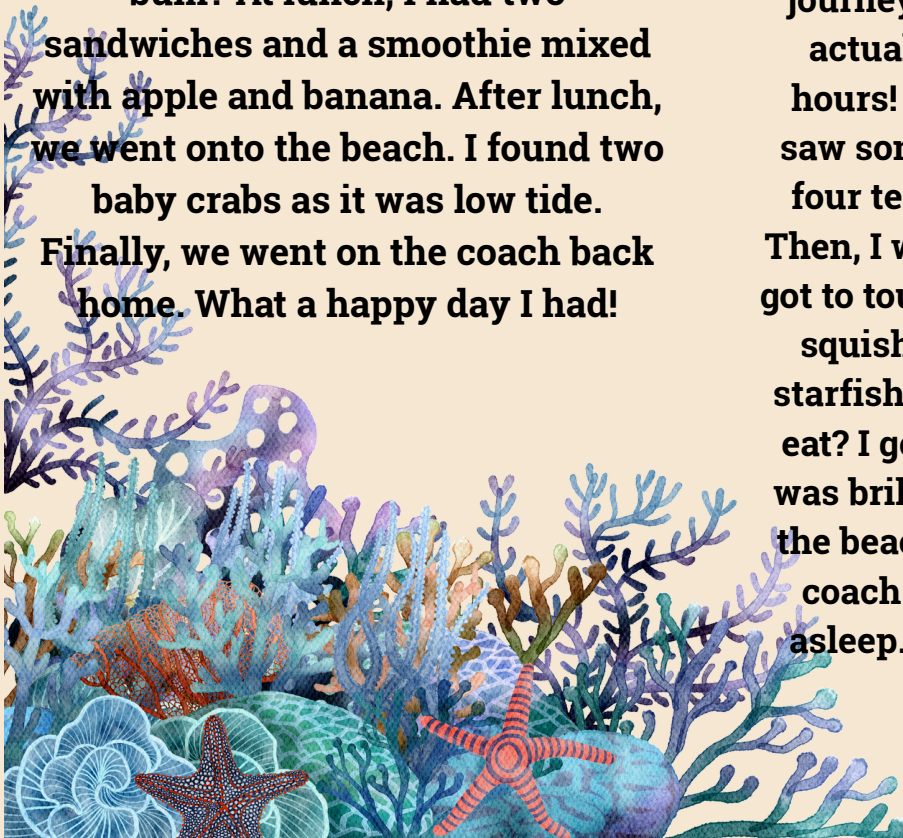
**Our Trip to Hunstanton by Brendan
M**

On Wednesday 8th October, Year 1 and Year 2 went to Hunstanton. We went on a double decker. Everyone was screaming and clapping! When we got there, the boats were bobbing on the ocean and there were so many. We had ice-cream. I saw some sharks and clownfish. I saw jelly fish and a big turtle. His name was Ernie. It was so funny! Before lunch, Beech Class had their rock pool session. We got to touch a starfish! I was very excited! Did you know that if you touch the middle of a starfish, you are touching its bum? At lunch, I had two sandwiches and a smoothie mixed with apple and banana. After lunch, we went onto the beach. I found two baby crabs as it was low tide. Finally, we went on the coach back home. What a happy day I had!



**Our Trip to Hunstanton by
Francesca M**

On Wednesday 8th October, Key Stage One travelled to Hunstanton to see Sea Life. It was INCREDIBLE! We travelled on a big double decker bus and I sat next to Sienna. To us, the journey took one second, but actually it took nearly two hours! When we had a tour, I saw some funny fish that had four teeth that smiled at me. Then, I went in the classroom. I got to touch a starfish and it felt squishy! Did you know that starfish stick their belly out to eat? I gobbled up my lunch. It was brilliant. Then I played on the beach. Finally, I got on the coach and some people fell asleep. What a brilliant day I had!





Cross Country Champions



Our second event of the year in the bag! What an event it was! As a runner myself, I'm always a big fan of Cross Country but have always been critical with how they are managed. This an example of how they can (and should in my opinion!) be run. Every child's score counted, awards for 1st male and female, genders running together, children cheering each other on, responsibilities such as Marshalling etc and just a big festive atmosphere, so thank you to all of your staff and your students for making the event a success!

Results:

1st Bottisham 303 points

2nd Stapleford 242 Points

3rd Marleigh 168 Points

4th Fen Ditton 161 Points

5th Icknield 115 Points



Ryan Parker, Anglian Learning PE Leader

Congratulations to all of our runners: Erin, Matilda, Reggie, Ralph, Madison, Savanna, Jamie, James, Jessica, Cecilia, Henri and Alex

If you or your child is interested in running, then why don't you consider Junior parkrun. This is free, weekly, timed 2k event that happens every Sunday at 9am and various destinations across the country. Our closest events are Milton Country Park and Coldham's Common.

Cambridge Junior Park Run

Coldhams Junior Parkrun



Anglian Learning Sports Alliance



This year we are part of the very first Anglian Learning Sports Alliance. There is a wide range of tournaments, festivals and a swimming gala on offer this academic year. We will endeavour to attend as many of these events as we can, and provide a wide range of pupils with a positive sporting experience.

The tournaments:

Curling/boccia KS1
Cross country KS2
UKS2 football (7 a side)
Athletics KS2
Cricket KS2
Golf (tri and foot) KS2
Netball UKS2

The Festivals:

Penathlon (Pupils with SEND needs)
KS1 Multi Skills
Early Years
Friendship games (KS1)
Yoga (LKS2)

Swimming Gala:

UKS2 + pupils with SEND needs

Girls Football League:

KS2 (9 in a team)

In addition to these events there is some professional development training for school staff as part of the offer.



Anglian Learning's primary schools join forces with Stapleford Granary for Inspire25



Pupils from Bottisham Community Primary School were invited to attend Stapleford Granary to take part in a 60-minute immersive musical and theatrical experience.

Guided by an experienced team of artists and practitioners from Anglian Learning and Stapleford Granary, The Tin Forest encourages pupils to step inside the story through movement, listening, sound, and song. From mechanical birds and human sound machines to body percussion and choral singing, pupils became part of the story itself.

All pupils who took part contributed beautifully to the unique showcase and should be proud of their creativity and collaboration with other primary schools from across Anglian Learning.

We are thankful to Kate Romano, CEO and Co-Artistic Director of Stapleford Granary, for providing our pupils with this aspirational opportunity, to Emma Mason, Music Subject Lead at Linton Heights Junior School (a Lead School for the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Music Education Hub (MEH), for successfully leading the event and to all staff for helping to prepare pupils for their performances and supporting on the day.

You can read more about the immersive musical experience by visiting <https://anglianlearning.org/primary-schools-join-forces-with-stapleford-granary-for-inspire25/>.

This project evolved from The Small Grains twinning project between Stapleford Community Primary School and Stapleford Granary. You can read more about this here: [Small Grains Report | Insights from Stapleford Granary](#)

Laura Rawlings, Deputy Director of Primary Education at Anglian Learning

Collection for Cambridge Food Bank



The team at the Cambridge Food Bank wanted to pass on their thanks to everyone in the Bottisham community for donating to this important charity.

School would like to thank Rev. Max Osborne for delivering a harvest assembly to KS1 pupils as well.



Mrs Morrison and Mrs Palmer dropping off the donations

Apply now



for a Reception school place for September 2026

If your child
will be aged 4
by 31st August

You need to
apply NOW
for a School
place



Apply by
15th January
2026

For further information please visit
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions
or contact your local School

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

School Admissions ALC2605, PO Box 761, Huntingdon, PE29 9 QR or
email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

The EIFA team would like to present our newly updated workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues for November and December.

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

Digital Safety	Tuesday, 4 November 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Sibling Rivalry	Tuesday, 11 November 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Understanding and Responding to Challenging Behaviours	Tuesday, 18 November 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Supporting Your Child with Sleep	Tuesday, 25 November 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Tuesday, 2 December 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Tuesday 9 December 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



As part of the Mental Health strand of our Belonging by Design strategy, Anglian Learning is pleased to be offering a series of free webinars across this academic year for parents and carers.

These webinars are an important way for us to launch Anglian Learning's early-intervention approach to supporting young people's mental health and wellbeing. By working in partnership with families and professionals, we aim to strengthen understanding, build resilience and promote positive mental health across our school communities.

The 'Mental Health: It's Not All In The Mind' webinar series shares practical, evidence-based strategies, grounded in the latest research and medical understanding, to support your own and your children's mental health. Topics include: what causes depression, how everyday factors can affect our wellbeing, and ways to create opportunities for positive behaviour change.

The webinars are presented by Peter Templeton and Charlotte Catignani from The Foundation for Young People's Mental Health, whose work is rooted in scientific research and real-world practice. You can read more about their work and research by clicking here. <https://www.ypmh.org/>

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Camilla Saunders
Director of Inclusion at Anglian Learning
Look out for webinars on the following:

MindEd For Families

How to talk to primary age pupils about mental health

How to talk to teenagers about mental health

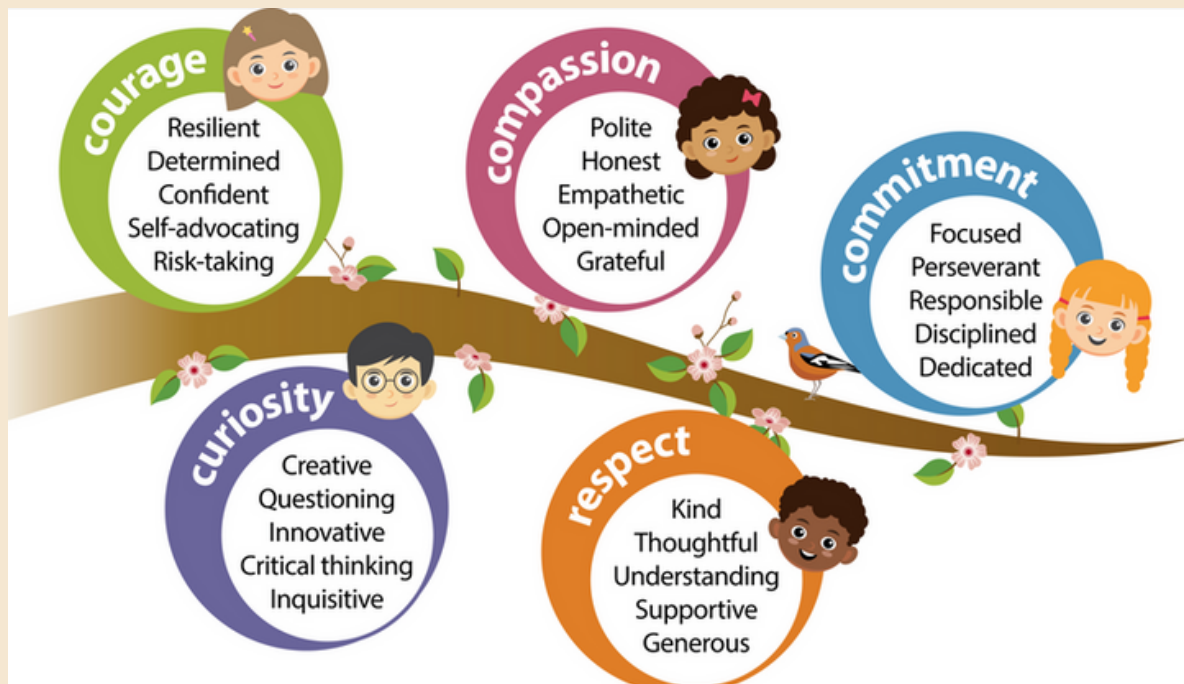
How to talk to primary age pupils about mental health

Movement and mental health - Mental Health UK

Food and mental health | Tips for everyday living | Mind

Depression - It's really not all in the mind | YPMH

Our Values and Priorities



Embed a strong values culture across the school

A shared positive and ambitious vision, ethos and culture, based upon the highest expectations of all members of the Bottisham's community.



High quality teaching and learning

Highly effective teaching and learning which enables successful outcomes for all learners
Teaching is inclusive, reflecting high expectations for all pupils, regardless of need or background.



Inclusion – Sense of belonging

An increase in academic engagement and achievement. Pupils have improved self-esteem and better mental health, as well as increased attendance rates for all cohorts.



Additional Areas of Focus

In addition to our 3 main strategic priority areas, we recognise that there are always other areas of school development that require some focus on a **yearly basis**.

Parental controls guides

Activate parental controls to manage children's devices, apps and platforms, to give them safer online experiences.

 FIND A GUIDE

SEE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Activate



The link below will take you to a brilliant website. Parental controls can be used to manage screen time, block inappropriate content, prevent accidental spending, and keep strangers away. Research shows they improve digital wellbeing when used alongside regular conversations about online activities.

Parental controls and privacy settings guides | Internet Matters



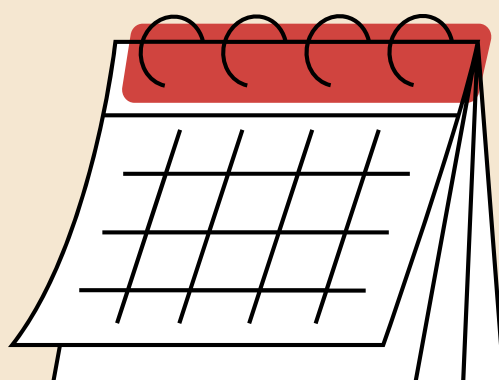
Parental controls & privacy settings guides

Learn how to set up parental controls and privacy settings on devices, apps, and platforms to help keep your child safe online.

 Internet Matters

Autumn Term 2025

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Date	Event
1 st October	Sycamore and Willow classes to visit Ely Cathedral
W/B 6 th October	Harvest – Food donation
7 th October	Parents' Evening
8 th October	Year 1 and 2 visit to Hunstanton
8 th October	Y4 and Y5 (Maple) to visit Stapleford Granary Art Centre
9 th October	Parents' Evening
14 th October	Individual pupil photographs
23 rd October	Last day of term
24 th October	Teacher INSET day (school closed)
3 rd November	School opens
4 th November	Early Years Light and Dark Evening
5 th November	Willow Class Assembly
W/B 10 th November	Sycamore Class Assembly (Date TBC)
11 th November	Flu vaccinations
28 th November	Teacher INSET day (school closed)
9 th and 10 th December	KS1 Nativity
11 th December	Christmas jumper day & church carol concert in the evening
16 th December	Rocksteady concert
19 th December	Last Day of term



PTA Events



Event	Date	Time/Location
PTA AGM	22 nd September 2025	7 pm online
Autumn disco	22 nd October 2025	5 pm School Hall
Christmas fair	5 th December 2025	4:30 – 7 pm in School Hall
Elfridges	15 th December 2025	9 am in ???
Disney singalong	4 th February 2026	4:30 – 6:30 in school hall
Movie night	4 th March 2026	4:30 – 6:30 in school hall
Easter trail, crafternoon and cakes	20 th March 2026	3:30 - 5:30 in school hall and school field
Lolly Fridays	From 17 th April 2026	After school on field
Break the rules day	1 st May 2026	During school day
Summer fair/Circus**	3 rd July 2026	Field 3.45 – 7 pm
End of year disco and leavers party	16 th July 2026	5 – 8 pm School Hall

Attendance

Last year we managed to hit our ambitious target of 96% for our overall school attendance. We wanted to thank you for your support. This meant that our school was in the top 15% of all schools nationally. We would again appreciate your support to maintain these levels as there is a direct link with pupils achieving excellent outcomes and good attendance.



Current Attendance League Table

Year Group	Attendance %
2	98.4
R	97.6
5	96.9
6	96.6
3	94.7%
4	93.7%
1	92.6%

Overall attendance is 95.1%

Can we politely remind parents and carers to inform the school office if your child is unwell. Where possible try to avoid being late as this can be very disruptive for the rest of the class and unsettling for your child too. The doors open at 8:50am. Register is taken at 9:00 am

Data Protection

If you have changed address or telephone number or you need us to amend our records please speak to the school office. 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