



Bottisham Primary School

Newsletter
Friday 2nd October 2026
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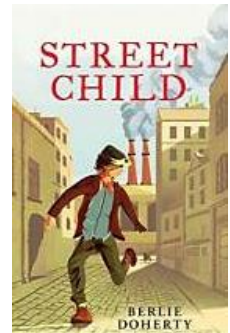
This week in school

This week we shine the spotlight on Cherry, Birch and Elm classes to find out a little of what they have been up to.

Elm Class

In Elm this week we have been planning and writing our own endings for the novel Street Child, about a boy in Victorian London. Will Jim find his sisters? Will he end up back in the workhouse? Will he get his happy ending? The children will decide!

We have been looking at the Industrial Revolution in History, and the effect it had on the people and landscape of Great Britain. The children drew some comparisons - here are the ones by Amber, Jessica and Hana.



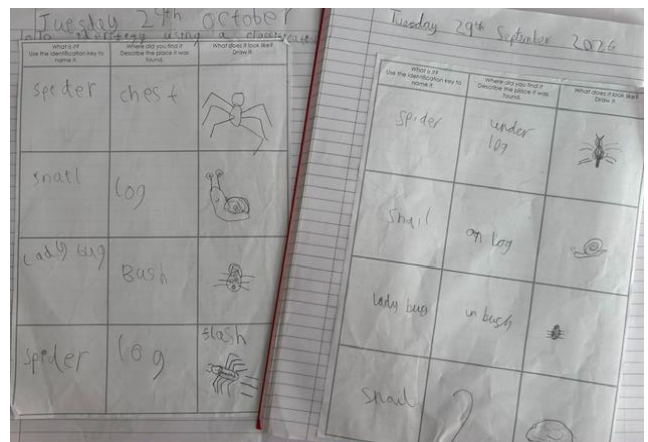
Birch Class

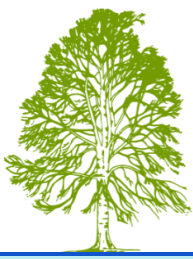
As part of our Science unit, Living Things and Their Habitats, Birch Class visited our wildlife area to explore the different creatures that live there. In previous lessons, we had learned how to use and create classification keys, and we applied these skills to identify the creatures we discovered. Although the pond contained very little water after such a dry summer, our careful exploration around the site was rewarded with a variety of fascinating wildlife. We found several animals that call our wildlife area home, including a smooth newt (pictured), a stone centipede, bullhorn snails and a very hairy white ermine moth caterpillar. We recorded the names of the creatures we found, noted details about their habitats, and sketched them to capture their appearance. It was a fantastic opportunity to see first-hand how a wide range of living things survive and thrive in different habitats. Here are the recordings of Freddie and Elias.



Cherry Class

This week in history Cherry class have been learning all about Stonehenge, why it was built and what it was used for. Mrs Palmer was very impressed by the class's curiosity and thoughtful questions. Here is Esma's recording of what she learnt.





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National Poetry Day

Thursday 1st October was National Poetry Day. This year's theme was 'Wonder'. Here are two **wonderful** poems written by pupils.

I wonder

I wonder how did clouds form?
What happens if you die?
How does a pencil get its name?
I wonder! I Wonder!
Why is the sky blue?
What's the highest mountain?
Can I climb that mountain?
I wonder! I Wonder!
What if my cat jumps out the window?
What if I get super powers and fly away?
I wonder!
By Sophia, Maple Class.

Wonder

I wonder why a dandelion flower turns into a poof-ball
And why in Autumn the leaves on the trees fall.
I wonder why giraffes are so very, very tall
And why ladybirds are so very, very small.
I wonder what time the sun will come up
And what makes some of us hiccup.
I wonder what I'll be when I'm older
And why the winter months get so much colder.
I wonder why the sky is blue.
I didn't know why, but my sister knew.
I wonder why all the trees are green
And why the Earth is not so clean.
By Olivia, Elm Class.

SEND Parent Group

Rebecca Brierley and Emily Cridland would like to set up a SEND parent group – the aim of this group would be for parents of pupils with SEND to meet each other to strengthen networks. We would also like to work closely with parents who have pupils with SEND at the school to strengthen our SEND provision further. The date for the first meeting is Monday 12th October at 9am. Please let the office know if you intend to join.

SEND Parent Whatsapp Group

One of our parents, Clare Hayes, has set up a whatsapp group for parents of pupils with SEND:

A group for the families and friends of children at Bottisham Primary who have additional needs. Kind, inclusive and supportive. We deserve a community too!
Here is the QR code if you would like to join the group.





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Privacy Notice for Pupils and parents/Carers

Anglian Learning Privacy Notices have been updated and are available to read on the Anglian Learning website.

[Privacy Notices](#)

This privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989.

Improving Breaktime Provision

We want to ensure that pupils have improved opportunities for play at breaktimes. We will be working with school council to find out the views of pupils over the coming weeks.

This week we introduced two table tennis tables to the KS2 playground. Thank you to the PTA for funding the new bats and balls.

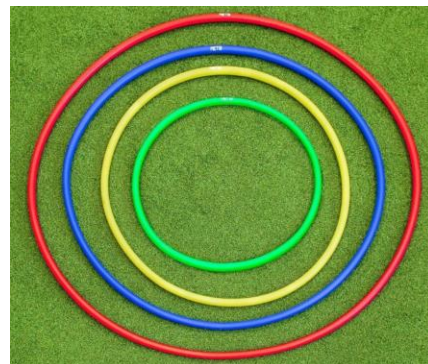


Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended parents consultations this week. If you weren't able to make either day or times, please contact your child's class teacher/s and arrange an alternative time.

Midday Supervisor Role

We are looking to recruit a midday supervisor to help at lunchtimes. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in the role, the link to the job advert is here: [Job search](#)



Next week, we will be introducing hula hoops to the Key Stage 1 playground. If any of you have play equipment you no longer want that you think would enhance playtimes, please let us know via the school office.

We will also be welcoming Connor Coe to the school who will be working alongside Mr Fitch to lead organised games and play at lunchtimes.



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October is ADHD Awareness Month

Every child who comes to our school should be proud of their uniqueness.

"The most interesting people you'll find are the ones that don't fit into the average cardboard box. They'll make what they need. They'll make their own boxes." (Temple Grandin)

"For decades ADHD was defined as a disorder of attention. ADHD is not primarily a disorder of attention. It is a disorder of self-regulation. Specifically it is a disorder of executive function – the brain systems responsible for regulating behaviour, emotion, time, and effort across time." Dr Russell Barkley.



Simone Biles is considered by many to be America's most successful gymnast. She has 7 gold Olympic gold medals. Simone Biles has ADHD. She has used it to hyperfocus on the things she loves – movement!

Express Yourself - ADHD Awareness Month 2026

The best way to change people's views about ADHD is to let them know: it's not about somebody else, it's about someone they know!

Some people describe their ADHD with [stories](#) or [art](#). Some make [videos](#). And still others [use humor](#) to tell their stories.

Read some [inspiring stories](#) about living with ADHD.

Check [out some of the images](#) that people have shared describing their way of life.

Watch some [previously submitted videos](#).

How have you succeeded with ADHD?

Bring in your art work, tell us your story, write a poem, create a video. We would love to share it in class, or assembly – whatever you would like to do. Speak to Ms Brierley if you have something to share.



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October is Black History Month

This year's theme is: "Honouring Our Communities," highlighting everyday contributions of Black people across Britain. We wish all our families, who are celebrating Black History Month a wonderful time, engaging in important cultural, educational and community events. We'd love to hear about them from you or the pupils.

Listings for BHM in Cambridgeshire

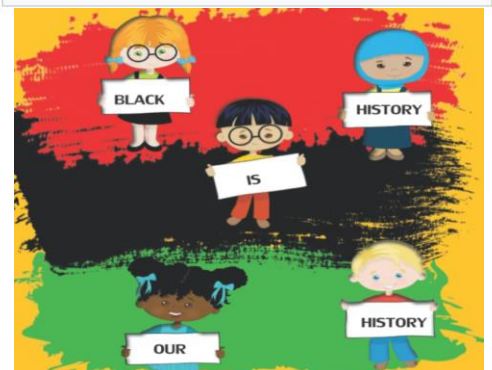
[Black History Month - Cambridge City Council](#)



Sierra Leonean physician [Davidson Nicol](#), who was the first Black African to attain a first-class degree at Cambridge



Next week, we will be watching the Black History Month Assembly.





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We are excited to announce that on Monday 5th October, Tiny Concerts will be performing to children in Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 as part of our wider curriculum offer. You could try reading some fairytales by Hans Christian Andersen to help prepare them for the show.



TINY CONCERTS ARE COMING!

**Curious about
Hans Christian Andersen?**

GET READY FOR THE SHOW!

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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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Key Dates for the Autumn Term

Monday 21st September, 7pm online: PTA AGM

Tuesday 29th September & Thursday 1st October 3:40pm – 6:30pm: Parents consultations.

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th October: Oak Class balance bike training

Tuesday 13th October: School photographer in – individual photographs

Friday 16th October, 9am-10am: Meet the Headteacher session for parents.

Wednesday 21st October, 5-6pm: KS2 Autumn Disco

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October: Half-term

Monday 2nd November: Staff training day – **SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS.**

Wednesday 4th November, 3:30-4:30pm: KS1 Storytime session.

Friday 27th November: Flu vaccinations take place in school.

Friday 4th December, 4:30-6:30pm: Christmas Fair.

W/B Monday 7th December: Elfridges

Tuesday 8th December at and Wednesday 9th December at 2:15: Year 1 & 2 Nativity

Tuesday 8th December: Rocksteady concert (for parents of pupils in Rocksteady)

Thursday 10th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 10th December, 6-7pm, Holy Trinity Church: School Carol Service.

Friday 18th December: Break up for Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January: School opens to pupils for Spring Term.

Letters sent out this week

- Opt out email for School Photographer
- Parent / Carer Survey
- KS1 Geography walk
- Jon Culpin CEO Letter

Meet the Author Event



Bottisham Community Library Presents

MARIAJO ILUSTRAJO

Award-Winning Writer & Illustrator

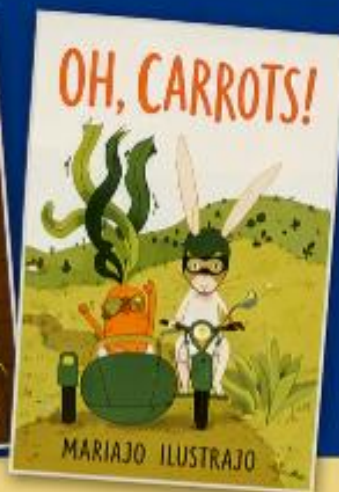
Author of:



Unexpected Guests



Oh, Carrots!



Saturday 3rd October



10:30 AM

Join us for a fun and inspiring morning with Mariajo Ilustrajo!

- Discover her wonderful books
- Hear her read some of her favourite stories aloud
- Learn about her love of illustration
- Take part in exciting draw-along activities



Book Signing Opportunity

Books will be available to purchase and have signed by Mariajo.

Cash only, please.

Donations Welcome

Donations on entry will help support Bottisham Community Library.



1st Bottisham Cubs

Be
Part of
Something
Great!

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Monday Nights
6:30pm – 8:00pm



Children need to be
8 – 10 years old
to join



**At Bottisham
Scout Hut**

All are Welcome!

We do lots of exciting activities, including...



Learning
new skills



Hikes



Developing
leadership and
team work skills



Working
towards
badges



Camping at weekends
or holidays



External activities
and local visits, like
Clip 'n Climb!



For more information, contact

cubs@1stbottishamscouts.org.uk





Art and Craft After School Club

Bottisham Primary School
Years 1 - 6

Free taster

Wednesday 7th October

3.30pm to 4.30pm

please email

Victoria.wildatart@gmail.com

to book a place



Mosaic painting

collage

Clay

Printing

Paper
craft



A group of five diverse children (three girls and two boys) are smiling and posing together outdoors. They are all wearing teal Premier Education vests over their school uniforms. The background is a blue sky with stylized yellow and white geometric shapes.

**AFTER
SCHOOL**

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

Bottisham Primary Community School

AUT 1: Starts w/c 7th September, Finishes w/c 19th October

AUT 2: Starts w/c 2nd November, Finishes w/c 14th December



EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AT YOUR SCHOOL...

Day:	Activity:	Year(s):	Time:	Price
Monday	Gymnastics	Y1 - 6	08:00 - 08:45	£6 per session
Monday	Dodgeball	Y3 - 6	15:30 - 16:30	£6 per session
Thursday	Performing Arts	Y1 - 6	08:00 - 08:45	£6 per session
Thursday	Cricket	Y1 - 6	15:30 - 16:30	£6 per session
Friday	Nerf	Y1 - 4	15:30 - 16:30	£6 per session



We are pleased to inform you that we will be running the above listed clubs at your school this term for boys and girls of all abilities. Full details are available on our website.

To book, please follow these simple steps:

1. visit www.premier-education.com
2. search your postcode in 'book a course'
3. select your school and click BOOK NOW
4. complete your details and receive email confirmation of your booking.

Please note booking remains open throughout the duration of the course, the price will adjust on the payment page! If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, the payment can be paid for by the school. If your family circumstances have changed since being awarded the Pupil Premium grant and you feel you could make a contribution or pay the full payment, it would be very much appreciated.

Any questions email info@premier-education.com

CLICK HERE TO BOOK

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/297/>

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If your child
will be aged 4
by **31st August**

You need to
apply **NOW**
for a School
place



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**Apply by
15th January
2027**

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

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER



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**OPEN
EVENING**

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.

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

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