



# OLD FLETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Weekly Update - Monday 20th October 2025

As we reach the final four days of the half term, it's been lovely to see such a positive and purposeful atmosphere in school. There is much to celebrate and also moments to reflect on as we continue our journey of improvement and growth together.

### C – Celebrate Success

This week, many children have proudly earned their Lily Passport medals, demonstrating the powerful habits of neuroplasticity and metacognition – two terms we've explored together in my assemblies this half term and last. It's inspiring to see how confidently our children are talking about how they learn, not just what they learn. They are becoming self-aware, reflective learners – and that's something to be truly proud of.

We also look forward to some exciting site improvements over the break. The Year 5/6 House will receive further repairs including decorating, crack filling and new carpets – finishing off the works that began over the summer.

Additionally, bespoke new canopies are due to be installed for both our Nursery and NEST provision, allowing our youngest children to enjoy the outdoors even in less favourable weather. These additions will make a huge difference to their everyday experience.

### A – Aim High

Whilst we've achieved so much this term, it's also important to acknowledge where things haven't met our usual high standards.

Unfortunately, we had two instances in the dining hall this last couple of weeks where incorrect meals were served. For a school built on care and trust, I want to be clear that we are aware this is not acceptable – especially when it comes to food allergies or dietary requirements.

As Headteacher, I take the care of your children incredibly seriously and immediate action has been taken:

✔ Meals are now served on colour-coded plates to match both the meal ordered and the band children are wearing (e.g. green plate for a vegetarian meal with a green band).

✔ Children with allergies or specific dietary needs will now always be served first at the hatch, with a second adult observing the preparation and service of their meal.

I am so grateful to the families affected for their understanding, calm and trust. We are always open to feedback and will never shy away from being transparent when things go wrong. When we can do better, we will.

### R – Respect People, Property and the Environment

With some big site updates taking place over half term, we continue to show our commitment to maintaining a safe, welcoming and inspiring environment. These changes are not always flashy – sometimes they're beneath the surface or tucked away in corners – but they show our belief that every space matters in a child's school experience. The fire safety work carried out last week cost close to £15K alone. This is a significant impact on our budget but invaluable in keeping us all safe.

There is an opportunity to take part in a Halloween Litter Pick event in Peterborough during half term - encouraging our children to take pride in the city, whilst also learning and enjoying a treat or two - see details overleaf.

### E – Embrace a Challenge

Learning about metacognition and neuroplasticity isn't easy, but our children are embracing it with enthusiasm and understanding. They are starting to believe in their ability to grow and change through effort, and that's the heart of embracing challenge.

As a staff, we too have been challenged – and have responded swiftly when mistakes were made. Whether it's about learning or leadership, our commitment remains the same: we listen, we improve, and we care deeply about getting it right. Thank you for a fantastic half term. I hope you all have a safe, restful and joyful break. We look forward to seeing everyone back, ready for another exciting half term ahead.

**Happy Half Term!**

### Diary Dates

#### Nursery Stay & Play

Thursday 23rd October

#### Y1 Tour of Peterborough

Thursday 23rd October

#### Half Term

Friday 24th - Friday 31st October

(Friday 24th is a training day so no children in school)

#### Anti-bullying Week

Monday 10th - Friday 14th November

#### Children in Need

Friday 14th November

#### Y6 New Theatre - Author

Monday 17th November

#### Y6 Harry Potter Trip

Friday 28th November

### Attendance

(13th Oct - 17th Oct)

RLH	97.1%	3EB	98.7%
RML	94.9%	4RP	96.8%
1NG	88.9%	4SF	96.8%
1CF	91.3%	5SM	93.8%
2JR	98.2%	5BT	98.7%
2AM	96.5%	6SS	95.4%
3JM	97.6%	6UB	96.4%

👻 Join Us for a Spooktacular Halloween Litter Pick! 🧹👻

Help keep Peterborough clean and green this Halloween! We're inviting schools, community groups, families, and eco-heroes of all ages to take part in our Halloween-themed litter pick.

Halloween Family Fun Litter Pick Trail – Peterborough 2025

Organised by: Peterborough City Council in partnership with the Peterborough Litter Wombles and Co-op.

Supported by Project Abundance, Key Theatre and BSH recycling.

Date & Time: Friday 31st October 2025, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Route: Starts at Railworld Wildlife Haven at 11 am passes through Lower Bridge Street, and ends at the Key Theatre (Embankment). This is a self-guided route and all the information will be at our stands in Railworld and Bridge Street, we encourage you to start at 11 am or 12 pm so we can aim to be all around for the prize giving and bulb planting from 1 to 3 pm at the Key Theatre.

👻 What's in it for you? Everyone who joins will receive at the end of trail at Key Theatre:

- 📖 Activity Booklets
- 🌻 Packets of Wildflower Seeds
- 🍪 Sweet treats from The Coop.
- ❓ **Spring bulbs to plant.**
- ❓ **Sense of pride of looking after our city! (clues along the way to learn about litter)**

🏆 And you could win one of these fang-tastic prizes: (best costume, best recycled costume, most amount of litter pick)

- 🏃 2 Hampton Vivacity Premier Fitness Day Passes
- 🎭 4 Pairs of Key Theatre Pantomime Ticket
- ❓ 2 Halloween Circus tickets.
- 📖 Halloween-themed Books from the National Literacy Trust

👻 Final Stop: Key Theatre At the end of the route, head to the Key Theatre where you'll find:

- 🍪 Treats from the Coop stand
- 🎨 Crafts and gifts from Family Hubs
- 🌱 Bulb planting activity (in partnership with PECT and Project Abundance) — help us grow something beautiful for spring!

Let's make this Halloween not just spooky, but sustainable too! Costumes welcome, litter bags provided, and community spirit guaranteed.



**HALLOWEEN**  
*Litter pick*

**31 OCTOBER**  
**11AM - 3PM**

**LOCATIONS:**

- 📍 RAILWORLD
- 📍 BRIDGE STREET (RIVERGATE)
- 📍 KEY THEATRE (EMBANKMENT)

Join us for a spooky Halloween Litter Pick Trail through Peterborough, starting at Railworld Wildlife Haven and ending at the Key Theatre, where we'll celebrate with prizes for Best Dressed, Best Recycled Costume, and more!



  

## Spooky Storytelling for Children

Join artist and storyteller Rose Croft for a spooky storytelling session full of mystery and imagination



**Saturday, October 25 at 2.30pm**  
**Woodston Library**

**FREE**

**Suitable for all ages**  
**Children must be accompanied by an adult**

**Book online at:**  
**[WoodstonSpooky.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.woodstonspooky.eventbrite.co.uk)**

**Hosted by Friends of Woodston Library,**  
**with generous funding from local businesses**

### Marvellous trouble-shooting for parents:

1. Check for app updates - make sure you are using the latest version of the Marvellous Me app.
2. Clear app data and cache - go to your device's Settings > Apps & notifications (or just Apps on some devices), find the Marvellous Me app, select it and close Storage, clear the app's cache and date
3. Restart your device - this often helps apply the changes fully
4. Try logging in again.
5. A workaround would be to use your device's browser and access the parent portal at <https://parent.marvellousme.com/>