



# OLD FLETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Weekly Update - Monday 1st December 2025

### CARE in Action This December

As December begins, we've been tested by the challenges that come with the season — from broken heating pumps to winter bugs — but we've also seen our CARE values shine through. Whether facing difficulties or launching new ideas, our school community continues to grow stronger together.

### Celebrate Success

We're thrilled to announce that the advert for our new Headteacher is now ready to go live. Governors are beginning the recruitment process, with candidate visits due to take place in the lead-up to Christmas.

We want to celebrate our Class Reps, who shared their views so clearly about the kind of leader they want for Old Fletton — someone kind, approachable, fair and committed to keeping children at the heart of every decision. Their feedback has already helped shape the process and will ensure pupil voice plays a central role in this important decision.

And on the topic of pupil-led success, our Reps were also offered the opportunity to lead a £2,500 funded project, kindly supported by Councillor Jade Seager. After thoughtful discussion, they decided to create a Buddy/Friendship Area outdoors — a calm and welcoming space for children who might be feeling left out or overwhelmed. Their compassion and leadership deserve real celebration.

### Aim High

Even through the recent challenges, our drive to meet the needs of all learners hasn't wavered. This week, we are welcoming another Teaching Assistant into school, Miss Ali will be working with Reception. Both new appointments are part of our commitment to responding swiftly and effectively to increased inclusion needs. When we meet the needs of our most vulnerable pupils, we raise the standard for everyone — and this remains one of our highest aims.

### Respect People, Property and the Environment

We were disappointed to hear that a black scooter has gone missing from our scooter shed. We're hopeful it was simply taken by mistake, so we kindly ask all families to double-check at home — especially if you suddenly seem to have two. Please return it to the school office if found.

On the topic of respect, we've also continued to reinforce the importance of respectful parking and interaction with local residents. We are a community school, and that includes our neighbours. Let's continue to show kindness, patience and respect in the way we park, speak and represent ourselves around school.

### Embrace a Challenge

This week, we've had to face one of the tougher parts of the season: extremely high staff absence due to illnesses and circumstances. As a result, some children have not had their usual teachers for a little while. We know how important consistency is, and we are truly sorry for the disruption this causes.

Please rest assured we are doing everything possible to minimise the impact and provide stable learning experiences. Thank you for bearing with us as we support our team through these challenges — your understanding is appreciated more than you know.

We're also pleased to share that our heating system has held steady after repairs last week. While we await the full pump replacement, school has remained warm and comfortable. Thank you again for your patience as we worked through that very cold spell.

### Festivities in Full Swing

Despite everything, the school is beginning to sparkle with festive cheer. With Nativities, Santa School, Christmas songs, crafts and celebrations just around the corner, we're looking forward to a magical few weeks ahead.

Please also remember **today** is the deadline for booking the school Christmas lunch! You will need to book the meal for all children (Reception to Year 6), via ParentPay.

There is also an exciting opportunity to see a Royal Shakespeare Company production at Ormiston Bushfields Academy. First Encounters: King Lear will be performed tomorrow at 7pm. Please see the letter for details on how to book.

### Diary Dates

#### Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production

Year 2 parents - 4th December 2.15pm

Year 1 parents - 5th December 2.15pm

#### Flu Vaccinations

Monday 8th December

#### Y4 New Theatre - The Snowman

Tuesday 9th December

#### Christmas Lunch AND Jumper Day

Wednesday 10th December

#### Rocksteady Concert

Friday 12th December

#### Reception Christmas Production

Tuesday 16th December

#### Christmas Parties

Thursday 18th December

#### Games Day

Friday 19th December

🎄 **Last Day of Term** 🎄

Friday 19th December

#### First Day Back to School

Monday 5th January

### Attendance

(24th Nov - 28th Nov)

RLH	98.7%	3EB	95.6%
RML	95.6%	4RP	100%
1NG	97.9%	4SF	100%
1CF	96.6%	5SM	95.9%
2JR	92.8%	5BT	97.3%
2AM	97.2%	6SS	97.6%
3JM	96.1%	6UB	98.7%

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Healthy, Happy  
Holidays**

Children and young people who are eligible for free school meals through qualifying benefits may be able to access a fully funded holiday place, during the School holidays!

Everyone will receive a nutritious meal and have opportunities to take part in enriching activities!

For further information on the programme, available locations and provider details please contact [www.peterborough.gov.uk/HAF-Programme](http://www.peterborough.gov.uk/HAF-Programme) or Families Information Service on 01733 864446

HAF queries please contact [HAF@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@peterborough.gov.uk)

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## Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)- Christmas Holidays

School-aged children and young people (Reception-Year 11) who are in receipt of benefit-related free school meals can receive up to 4 sessions at one of our holiday provisions during the Christmas holidays at no cost.

The fully funded sessions will include a range of activities, and a nutritious meal.

We have a range of provisions and events across the city for primary and secondary-aged children and young people.

We have attached the poster for information, and a link to all the HAF providers and the booking system is below (bookings open 9am on the 24th November):

<https://eequ.org/hafpeterborough>



Senior Assistant Principals: Leigh Drew  
Care Gray  
Assistant Principals: Hasana Aarfa  
Christopher Bishop  
Jonathan Hogg  
Rebecca Rhodes  
Andrew Thorpe

Ref: DK/DMC

01 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ormiston Bushfield Academy pride themselves on being a lead school with the Royal Shakespeare Company. Due to this partnership, we are delighted to invite you to the upcoming production of 'First Encounters: King Lear', performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The performance will take place on Tuesday 2nd December, 7 p.m. at Ormiston Bushfield Academy and is appropriate for 9-year-olds and above. We would love for you to join us so that we together might witness the agony and beauty of this tragic play.

Tickets are available at the incredibly low price of £5 from here: [RSC Tickets](#).

This play is a grim and moving tale that features ingratitude, a crown laid in the dust, and the wild wanderings of a king dethroned.

Let us gather as Lear's kingdom crumbles. Whether you are Cordelia in loyalty or Edmund in cunning, this is a tale to stir the soul.

*"When we are born we cry that we are come to this great stage of fools."* — King Lear

Let us cry and laugh together. We look forward to seeing you at the show!

Yours in drama and delight,

Dennis Kirwan  
Principal