



OLD FLETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Update - Thursday 8th January 2026

A Cold, Eventful Start to 2026!

Happy New Year to all our families!

We hope you had a restful and joyful break, ready to embrace everything 2026 has to offer. It's fair to say we've had a dramatic and chilly start to the new term – but in true Old Fletton fashion, we faced the challenges together with calm heads and determined hearts.

C – Celebrate Success (Even in Chaos!)

We returned on Monday to freezing temperatures, a flooded classroom, no internet and a playground that needed salting – thank you to Mr Pike for helping me taking on gritting duty while Mr Lomax dealt with the water!

To add to the excitement and drama, we received a call (even with limited phone service!) to let us know we would be inspected by Ofsted the next day.

Despite these multiple curveballs, our children and staff rose to the challenge beautifully. We welcomed four inspectors on day one and three on day two, making us the first school in Peterborough to be inspected under the new framework.

While we are not allowed to share the outcome yet, I do want to reassure you that:

- The inspection process was rigorous, fair and professional
- The team of inspectors were courteous, curious and thorough
- Everyone – especially the children – worked incredibly hard to show what we are proud of every day

The report is now going through the quality assurance and fact-checking process, so we might receive the final version just before half term. As soon as we are allowed, we will of course share it with you.

We are proud of what was seen and shared, and I thank all of you for your continued support.

A – Aim High (Despite the Obstacles)

In addition to preparing for Ofsted, we also migrated to a new school data system this week. The timing wasn't ideal – and it has affected some of our usual communication channels. We understand how frustrating it can be when things don't work as expected, and we thank you for your current and ongoing patience.

Looking ahead, this new system should allow us to:

- Communicate directly via email for letters and messages
- Use Marvellous Me more consistently to celebrate learning and success, rather than as a catch-all communication platform

Once everything is fully in place, you should find communication clearer, more consistent and easier to manage.

R – Respect People, Property and the Environment

Our children showed immense respect and maturity during the inspection – listening carefully, speaking honestly and proudly, and showing their classrooms and learning environments with pride.

We also want to thank our families who offered support, encouragement and flexibility as we navigated internet issues and sudden demands. You are a valued part of what makes Old Fletton so special.

E – Embrace a Challenge (We've Had a Few!)

It would be impossible not to acknowledge the enormous challenges of the past week. From weather warnings to technology failures, a flooded room and an Ofsted inspection all within the first 72 hours – we've certainly had our resilience tested.

We are also keeping a close eye on potential snowstorms. While we always aim to stay open, please understand that decisions about partial or full closures are complex. We must consider:

- The distance some staff travel
- The need for qualified staff to remain open safely and legally
- The conditions on site

We will always notify you via Marvellous Me and update the council's school closures page as soon as a decision is made.

27th and 29th January – Consultation Evenings

Spring Term Consultation Evenings, where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress, their learning behaviours and next steps for achievement.

Working together continues to be one of the most powerful tools we have to support your child.

Peterborough City Council is launching an annual School Travel Survey to understand how pupils currently travel to school. This data is critical – it will directly influence future active travel projects, help us secure funding for schools, and improve infrastructure to make walking, cycling, and sustainable travel easier and safer. Could you please spare a few minutes to complete the Parent Survey at the bottom of the Diary Dates section.

Diary Dates

Census Day Lunch

Thursday 15th January

Y3 Egyptian Day

Friday 16th January

Parents Evening

27th & 29th January - details of how to book to follow

Reception Sacrewell Farm Trip

Tuesday 3rd February

Y2 Cathedral Trip

Monday 9th February

Safer International Day

Tuesday 10th February

Nursery Stay & Play

Thursday 12th February

Half Term

Monday 16th - Friday 20th
February

Parent Survey – to be shared with families.
Survey link - - <https://forms.office.com/e/UFkgjEgJRZ>



Attendance

(15th - 19th Dec)

RLH	84.6%	3EB	94.4%
RML	95.0%	4RP	98.9%
1NG	93.3%	4SF	96.0%
1CF	97.6%	5SM	93.8%
2JR	93.1%	5BT	95.0%
2AM	90.2%	6SS	98.2%
3JM	93.0%	6UB	94.0%

