



“ A caring school; serious about learning. ”

Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd September - Y1 Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September - Dress down Tombola donation day

Tuesday 29th September - Flu vaccinations

Tuesday 29th September - Year 2 Coffee Morning

Thursday 1st October - Census Day Lunch

Friday 2nd October - Autumn Fayre

Tuesday 6th October - Y3 Coffee Morning

Wednesday 7th October - Yr 1 Bus trip

Friday 9th October - Individual Photographs

Tuesday 13th October - Year 4 Coffee morning

Tuesday 20th October - Year 5 Coffee morning

Thursday 22nd & 23rd October - Training days

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W/B 26th - 31st October

OFPS Updates



We are delighted to share some wonderful news from our Old Fletton community - we have a published author in our staff team! Our fabulous caretaker, Mr Lomax, has recently had a children's book published. Mr Lomax's love of writing began when he was just 8 years old, when he won a Headteacher's Award for a story he had written. Years later, he found himself creating bedtime stories and funny poems for his own two young children. Seeing how much they enjoyed his stories inspired him to share his creativity with everyone else, and we are incredibly proud of him for turning his love of storytelling into a published children's book. What a fantastic achievement!



We would also like to remind families about the changes to Free School Meals (FSM) introduced from September 2026. Under the new arrangements, households must be receiving Universal Credit for their children to be eligible for FSM, regardless of household income. There are now two categories: Targeted Free School Meals, for families with household earnings of £7,400 or less, which also helps schools receive Pupil Premium funding, and Expanded Free School Meals, for families receiving Universal Credit with earnings above £7,400. Children in this category will still receive a free school meal, although the school will not receive additional Pupil Premium funding.

All families should apply through the online form at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. The Educational Welfare Benefits Service will check eligibility and inform the school of entitlement for the whole school year. If you think your child may be eligible, please take a few minutes to apply, as this can make a real difference to both your child and our school.



Class Attendance Top3



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Year 5 Space Centre trip

The day was packed full of amazing information, fascinating facts and exciting interactive activities. The children had the opportunity to explore the wonders of space, learn about space exploration and discover what it takes to become a real astronaut!

One of the highlights of the day was our rocket launching competition, where the children put their creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills to the test.

It was wonderful to see the children so engaged, curious and enthusiastic throughout the day. A brilliant learning experience filled with fun, laughter and learning.

A huge well done to Year 5 for being such fantastic representatives of our school. What an incredible day!

Illness and Absence



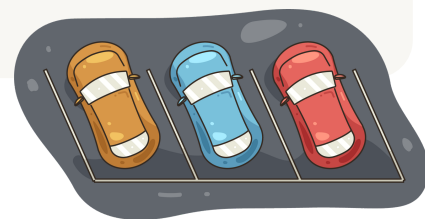
As we return to school, it's very common for children to pick up the occasional cough, cold or seasonal bug, particularly as the weather changes and children spend more time together. We understand it can sometimes be difficult to know whether your child is well enough to come into school, so we hope the NHS guidance below will be a helpful reminder of when children can attend and when they should stay at home. Thank you for helping us to keep our school community healthy while also ensuring children don't miss school unnecessarily.

Parking

Please can we remind you that the larger of our car parks is for staff use only.

As a large school, our parking is quite limited, and we need to ensure that our staff are able to park on site so they can be in school and ready to welcome and support your children each day.

We really appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping the staff car park clear.



Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government

NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'