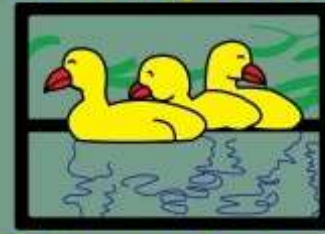


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Newsletter



Headteacher Update

As we come to the end of another highly successful half-term, it's the perfect time to reflect on what has been a truly special few weeks at Fleckney Primary School. The build-up to Christmas has filled the school with a wonderful festive buzz — twinkly decorations, excited children and plenty of cheerful singing echoing through the corridors!

A special mention must go to our new Foundation Stage children, who have now completed their first full full-time half-term at primary school. They have settled in beautifully, and it was an absolute pleasure to be with them at their recent church service. Their confidence, joy and superb knowledge of our Christian values really shone through — we are incredibly proud of how far they have come in such a short time.

This half-term also saw our Year 6 pupils head off on their residential visit to PGL Caythorpe. The children were exceptionally well behaved and embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. It was a fantastic experience for them and one I know they will remember for years to come. A very special thank you must go to the staff who gave up their week to make this possible — Mr O'Connell, Mrs Korja, Mrs Allen, Mrs Dodwell and Mrs Burgoine. These experiences simply wouldn't happen without such dedication and commitment.

Our Year 2 Nativity, Knock, Knock Christmas, was a huge hit! With over 120 parents and carers in attendance, the children delighted everyone with a wonderful performance, confidently delivering a full play and mastering an impressive eight songs. They were absolutely fantastic — there may even have been a few proud tears in the audience!

Our Key Stage 2 choir has also been spreading festive cheer, performing at three venues over the past three weeks. Thank you to Mrs Goode and Miss Lane for leading our singers and ensuring they sounded pitch perfect at every performance — a wonderful showcase of the children's talent and teamwork.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who supported the FSA disco and Christmas Fair. Thanks to your generosity and festive spirit, an amazing £2,300 was raised across the two events — a brilliant achievement and a real testament to our supportive school community.

As we head towards the Christmas break, thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes such a difference and helps us ensure our children can be the very best they can be and, of course, 'Let Their Light Shine'.

Wishing you all a joyful, restful and very Merry Christmas.

Mr Richards



Autumn Term 2 Edition



Fleckney Primary sports news



Cross Country

The Market Harborough Primary Schools' Cross Country races took place on Thursday 16th October. Children from years three, four, five and six took part, competing against schools from across South Leicestershire. All of the schools' flags made it feel like a festival of running and created a positive atmosphere. The cool weather suited many of the runners and the pace seemed faster than ever. It was great to see the children really pushing themselves to compete well. We managed to achieve some great results. There were five top ten finishers and many well placed runners. Every child gave it their all and each one put in a great effort. It was a really enjoyable event. Well done to all who took part and represented the school. Thank you to Mrs Hughes and Mr Richards for helping at this event.



Rice Bowl Football match on Thursday 27th November the school football team played in the next round of the Rice Bowl tournament. It was a tough match but the team played well, demonstrating some great skills. They worked together well as a team, passing and communicating effectively with each other. They created some great opportunities, which resulted in goals. In the end, St. Peter's won the match 5-2 but our team should be proud of the way they played. Well done.

Sporting Ambassador Training

On Friday 17th of October, four year six children travelled to Robert Smyth Academy in Market Harborough to take part in Sporting Ambassador training. Their role is to promote sporting values in our school and to inspire other children to be involved with sports and physical activity. Through the day they took part in various workshops, learning how to communicate effectively, lead playground games and encourage others to participate in physical activity. Each child received a Sporting Ambassador's tee-shirt to wear in school. Well done to all who took part.



On Tuesday 11th November, our year five and six football teams played in a tournament at Market Harborough Football Club. As it was Remembrance Day the teams all observed a minute's silence before the tournament started.

The year fives played their matches first. They delivered a fantastic series of performances, winning all three matches in style. They edged past St. Joseph's 1-0 in a tightly contested opener, followed by a confident 3-0 victory over Great Bowden, and rounded off with a solid 2-0 triumph against Farndon Fields. Across all games, the players showed superb teamwork and attacking flair, creating plenty of chances and unleashing some brilliant shots on goal, including a lovely curling strike that found the back of the net. It was a great effort from start to finish, with every player contributing to the success. Well done to all who took part.

The year six team played in the second round of matches. From the opening whistle, the team demonstrated great passing sequences and confident dribbling. The attacking intent was clear, with a number of shots on goal. Defensively, Fleckney demonstrated a series of outstanding saves, denying the opposition on multiple occasions.



Playground Leader Training

On Tuesday 4th November, twenty year five children took part in Playground Leader training. The children learned to create games for younger children to play at lunchtime. They developed their leadership skills by instructing other members of the group how to play the game. It was good to see how they identified the need to be organised and make the instructions clear to the players. The training was organised through our School Sports Partnership. Mr Grundy, who delivered the training, was impressed with their enthusiasm, engagement and teamwork. Immediately after the training, the children put their training into practice by organising games with the year one and two children. Well done to all who took part.

Dojo Termly Winners

This week, we enjoyed a wonderful celebration assembly recognising our dojo winners for this half term. Golden tickets were gratefully received by their worthy recipients, each one representing hard work, kindness and the positive choices our pupils make every day.

At the start of the assembly, pupils were invited to reflect on the dojo that made them proudest when awarded. One thoughtful Year 3 child shared with the whole of Key Stage Two that her proudest moment was earning a dojo for inviting someone—who had found themselves alone at playtime—to join in. A shining example of the kindness, empathy and community spirit that make our children such a credit to the school.

The much anticipated cup for the highest number of dojos earned this half term was awarded to Eleanor H in 5DB, who achieved an incredible 127 dojos in just 33 days of school! A truly outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to Eleanor and to all of our brilliant pupils who continue to make us proud every single day. Their efforts, character and enthusiasm fill our school with positivity and we look forward to celebrating even more successes next half term.



Kindness cup winner - this half term, the kindness cup was awarded to a truly special little girl in 1RH - Liliana R

Here is what Mrs Hipkin wrote about her:

Liliana is the absolute embodiment of kindness. She meets everyone with a smile and generosity of spirit. If ever anyone is upset, Liliana is the first to offer comfort with either a tissue or kind words. Liliana is encouraging to everyone in our class and finds the positive in all situations. She really is a role model for us all on what it means to be truly kind. Well done - you are a super star and we are so proud of you.



Celebrating Excellent Attendance



Attendance League Tables

Overall

1st	•Year 3 - 95.8%
2nd	•Year 4 - 95.7%
3rd	•Year 2 - 94.9%
4th	•Year R - 94.8%
5th	•Year 5 - 94.5%
6th	•Year 6 - 94.2%
7th	•Year 1 - 93.9%

Persistent Absence

1st	•Year 3 - 7.5%
2nd	•Year 4 - 11.5%
3rd	•Year 2 - 14.5%
4th	•Year 5 - 15.2%
5th	•Year R - 16%
6th	•Year 6 - 18.8%
7th	•Year 1 - 22.7%

(% of children less than 90% attendance, national is 15.2%)

Foundation Stage



The Foundation Stage children have had a busy productive term. Our work on the "Maths Mastery" programme has been popular with the children and the "Number blocks" have been helping us to understand the parts and wholes of numbers to 5. In the counting area we have explored and been sorting 2d shapes.

In our "Understanding the world" learning we have been studying space! We can name the planets and have all enjoyed playing in our Space Station role play. We have also watched the astronaut Tim Peake in space with Miss Mouse.

In PE we have been taking part in Yoga, using our breath and making new poses, such as "Scared Cat," "Mountain," and "Spider." The children have also been refining their ball skills; rolling, catching and throwing large and small balls with a partner.

As we prepare our classroom for Christmas we have been cutting and creating paper chains, using our printing skills to make a Christmas card and new year calendar. We have used our role play ideas in the Christmas house, dressing up as Santa and decorating the tree! Advent has been the hot topic of discussion and every child has been able to take part in this special event.





Year 1

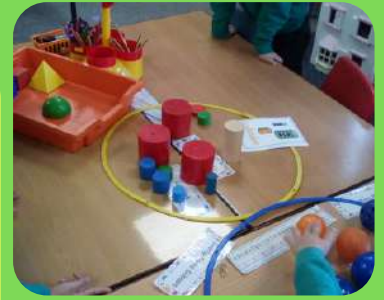
Wow! What an amazing half term we have had! The children have all worked incredibly hard. We kicked off the half term with a fantastic hibernation day where the children made clay hedgehogs, learnt about animals that hibernate and had fun hibernating their own hedgehog in the school grounds. In English, we have enjoyed learning all about non-fiction books and finding out about night animals. The children then wrote their own page for an information book about nocturnal animals. Following reading the books 'Little Goose's Autumn' and 'Space Tortoise', we have started our 'sentence stacking' lessons this half term and have been learning powerful new vocabulary and including this in our writing. In maths, we have continued to work on adding and subtraction and moved on to teen numbers and counting within 20. We enjoyed work on shape naming and sorting 3D shapes. During our science lessons, we have been learning all about different plants and trees. In RE, we have been learning all about why Christmas is important to Christians and had a special visit from Father Phillip.

Leading up to Christmas, we have taken part in lots of festive activities including our parent craft afternoon, visiting the theatre, our own Christmas party and our

yummy Christmas dinner.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to more fun and learning in the new year.

The Year 1 team.



Year 2

Over the last few weeks the corridors and classrooms in KS1 have been alive with the sounds of singing and practising as the Year 2 children have prepared to perform their Christmas play 'Knock Knock Christmas.' After two very successful dress rehearsals the children again took to the stage on Wednesday 10th December to perform to parents and carers.

This play was a twist on the traditional Nativity play, with familiar appearances by Mary, Joseph and the angels interspersed with knock knock jokes and hula hooping sheep. With festive cheer, catchy songs, and plenty of laughter, the play captured the true spirit of the season. The pupils shone brightly on stage, showing off their confidence when acting and singing. A particular highlight was the amount of children who volunteered to sing in a small group. So many in fact we had to introduce a new song to give everyone the opportunity!

It was a joy to see how much effort each child had put into learning their lines and bringing the story to life, using expression, gestures and enthusiasm. The audience was thoroughly entertained from start to finish.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the production such a success, from parents and carers for attending to staff behind the scenes. A special thanks to Mrs Holman who worked tirelessly on the costumes and props, ensuring every child looked the part. Thanks also to Mr Baum the pianist, whose music added warmth and magic to the performance.

Seeing the children on stage, often having overcome feelings of nervousness and apprehension is always a highlight of the year and we are so proud of what they have achieved.

Knock Knock
Who's There?
Mary
Mary who?
Mary Christmas!



Year 3

We have had an incredibly energetic, fun and productive half term in Year 3. Our children have been looking at some amazing literature under our English 'Wonderfully Wild' theme. We have read *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo where the children have explored life on the African Plains and have learned about the fantastic creatures which live there. Our writing outcomes have entailed: informal letters, non-chronological reports, character and setting descriptions.

We are incredibly proud of all of our children's creative writing skills, as they have made great progress in their compositions. Also on an African theme, children have been looking at the work of Kenyan artist Gakonga and have produced their own artwork reflecting the joy of the Kenyan tribal lifestyle through colour, dance and music. Our children took on the role of Seismologists in geography this half term studying earthquakes. In science, we have been focusing on rocks and soil where our Year 3 children became geologists and took part in The Chocolate Challenge where they compared the structures of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks to the compositions of Twirl, Double Decker, Mint Aero, Ripple, Chunky Kit Kat and Crunchie chocolate bars. Maths this half term has included formal calculation methods and hands on practical work using equipment with the skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



Year 4

We have been very working hard in year four this term!

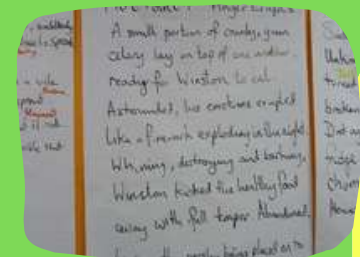
In maths, we have been developing our multiplication and division skills. We have found related fact families for a multiplication calculation. We have learned how to find the multiples of a number and the factor pairs of a number. Additionally, We have multiplied and divided numbers by ten and one hundred and can multiply two digit numbers by a single digit using the column method.

In English, we are studying a short Disney animation called, 'Feast'. The main character is a small dog called Winston. To inspire the children and spark their imagination, Mrs Goode kindly brought her lovely dog in for us all to see. The children have been writing about Winston's love of food and his interactions with the humans in the story.

We are studying electricity in science. We have learned how to create a circuit to light a bulb and incorporate other component. We have used switches and created our own using classroom materials, which we used in our simple circuits. We have also investigated which materials are good conductors of electricity and which are good insulators.

In art, we have studied Pointillism and the work of Georges Seurat. The children produced some very pleasing work, including a still life of fruit.

In January, 4MP will be swimming on Wednesday's. The first session will be on Wednesday 7th January (the first week back). 4KL will have their swimming after February half term.



Year 5



Year 5 have had a busy and productive half term, filled with exciting learning experiences, creative projects, and plenty of opportunities to challenge themselves across all subjects.

In English, the children have been crafting vivid descriptive pieces inspired by the mysterious setting of an abandoned house, using rich language to bring their ideas to life.

In maths year 5 have worked hard to improve their knowledge of fractions and we have been pleased with the way they have been improving their arithmetic skills. The children have made excellent progress in their maths learning this term, enjoying both independent work and collaborative activities that have strengthened their understanding and confidence.

During geography lessons the children have been learning about volcanoes and studying the volcanic terrane, environment and society on Icelandic Islands. The art this term has also mirrored this. We have been studying the Iceland art of Louisa Matthiasdottir, and creating pieces inspired by her work.

The children have taken a real pleasure in their science topic about Space, which will cumulate in an enjoyable trip to the Space Centre in Leicester in the New Year.

In computing, the children have been busy planning, making, and evaluating their own games; they especially enjoyed having peers and adults put their creations to the test!

Year 5 have been working on a fantastic Design Technology topic this term. The children absolutely loved it and created some amazing projects. They designed and built toy models using cams, gears, and other mechanisms, showing great creativity and problem-solving skills. We were especially impressed with how well they collaborated and worked together in groups.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your supports and wish you a Merry Christmas.

From Mrs. Wright and the year 5 team.

Year 6



This half-term began with a bang as our Year 6 pupils headed off to PGL in Lincolnshire for a week of unforgettable outdoor adventures! From soaring on the giant swing to testing their balance on the high ropes, canoeing across calm waters, fencing like pros, and even trying their hand at rifle shooting. The children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and courage.

For those who stayed behind, the fun didn't stop! They enjoyed a Disney-themed week of magic, packed with creative and active experiences: designing beautiful stained glass windows, exploring nature with bug hunts, crafting decorations, and playing superhero games. Both at PGL and in school, staff were blown away by the children's fantastic behavior and positive attitude throughout the week.

Back in the classroom, our learning has been just as exciting. In English, we've been diving into *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and exploring the art of humor. The children wrote hilarious diary entries from the perspective of our misused school stationery and equipment - some very cheeky pens and rulers made an appearance!

In Maths ratio and proportion have been our focus, and the children have worked incredibly hard to master these new concepts, applying prior knowledge to solve real-world problems. In Science, our topic on the circulatory system has been hands-on and active. We built working heart models and even used outdoor activities to understand how the heart's double pump system keeps us alive. Geography lessons have taken us around the globe as we explored how communities are affected by climate change, sparking thoughtful discussions about global responsibility. In Design and Technology, creativity was in full swing as pupils designed and made their very own slippers - a perfect blend of imagination and practical skills.

It's been a half-term full of adventure, creativity, and deep thinking. We couldn't be prouder of the effort, enthusiasm, and resilience Year 6 have shown in everything they've done!



Wellbeing Team



With brain storming, organising and training, it has been a very busy half term for the wellbeing team.

All members of the team have settled very well into their new roles and are already making a positive impact in school. FS and KS1 have benefitted from the team visiting their playgrounds at lunchtime to play games with the children. Some lucky children from Year 2 have been visiting Winnie's Den on a Wednesday to share books with Lois, Alexa and Lily-Rose. On other days of the week, KS2 children have been coming into Winnie's Den to have a calmer space to enjoy. In November, our six ambassadors attended their official ambassador training at Kibworth Mead Academy. It was fantastic to see our ambassadors listening so carefully to the speakers and witnessing their enthusiasm as to how they could make a difference to our children in school. On returning to school, they immediately started putting their training into action and have begun planning a Bake Sale next term to raise money for playground equipment. The Wellbeing Team wishes the whole school community a joyful and restful Christmas.



Poppy Appeal 2025



We would like to pass on a huge thank you on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

This years poppy appeal in school raised a total of £532.47

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poppy and donated to this years appeal.





Christmas Tree Festival 2025



Christmas Tree Festival Winners

After entering our 'Communitree' to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Nicholas Church, we were absolutely delighted to be told that our 'Communitree' had been voted the winner of the Community Groups Competition. We were given a £20.00 prize, which Mr Richards has already spent on new books for our children to enjoy.

With community being one of our school's Christian values, we were very keen to involve the whole school community in creating the tree for this year's festival.

Our families and staff kindly donated over 300 cans of food for us to display. Our teachers - who already have a jammed packed timetable every day - found time so all of our children could each create a gift tag with a Christmas themed picture and message to display on the cans. A huge thank you goes to all that were involved in providing everything that was needed to create the tree.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Cordiner who gave up so much of her time (even her days off!) to make the creation happen. And finally, an extra special thank you to Mrs Cordiner's father in law who gave up his time to create the boards that ensured the tree was safe and secure.

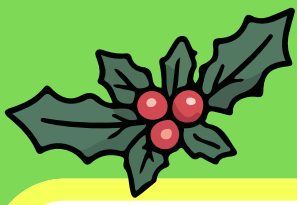
The Food Bank at The Well, Kibworth were extremely grateful to receive the donation of cans after the festival. It is heart-warming to know that those who are in need will benefit from our school community's efforts.



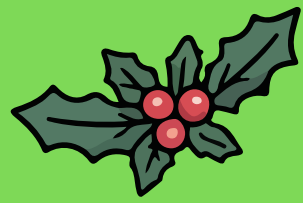
Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children

On Tuesday 9th December the whole school took part in Christmas jumper day to raise money for the charity - Save the children. The school raised over £114.00. Thank you for all your donations. It was wonderful seeing so many children and staff in their Christmas jumpers.





Rusty the therapy dog



Sending a massive **THANK YOU** to Rusty the dog and her owner Alison, who have freely given up their time to support numerous children across the school. Thursday 27th November was their last day, as Rusty and Alison have now decided to hang up their lead! The children have absolutely loved reading and playing with you and getting you to do your tricks. Enjoy the well deserved rest!

Also thank you to Pets as Therapy for putting us in touch with Alison.



School Choir

Our Wonderful School Choir

This festive season, the Fleckney C of E Primary School Choir has been spreading joy far and wide! In addition to their delightful performance at the school Christmas Fair, the choir visited Kibworth Knoll Nursing Home, The Grange in Saddington, and even entertained at the Kitten Club in Fleckney Village Hall. Their jolly renditions of seasonal favourites such as Deck the Halls, Jingle Bell Rock, and The Twelve Days of Christmas brought smiles to everyone. A huge thank you to our dedicated choir members, who meet every Thursday and have truly brightened our local community with their enthusiasm and talent.

Mrs Goode and Miss Lane.





Clubs



We have organised a new set of after school clubs, which will begin w/c 19th January 2026 and will run for 8 weeks.

- Monday - Board and card game club KS2
- Tuesday - Programming with Scratch club KS2
- Football Club Year 4
- Wednesday - Pickleball club Years 3,4 & 5
- Thursday - Football club Years 2&3
- Friday - Film club All year groups



Diary Dates and Term Dates

School opens for 2026-27:

Monday 5th January

Spring Term 2026

Mid Term break

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

Easter Half Term:

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th

April

School opens - Monday 13th April

May bank holiday - Monday 4th

May

Half term - Monday 25th May -

Friday 29th May

Last Day of summer term - Tuesday 7th

July Early close at 1.30pm

19th December - School closes at 1.30pm

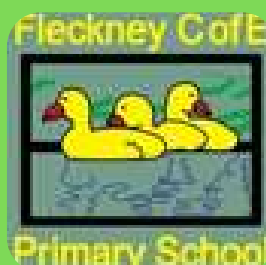
5th January - School opens

7th January - Year 4 swim lessons begin

20th, 21st & 22nd January - Parents evening sessions

5th February - RE Roadshow

4th Feb - 6th Feb - Edale residential



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