



January 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,



Happy New Year and welcome back to an exciting new term at Lakenheath CP School. We hope you all had a fun-filled Christmas break. As we dive into the new year, we're looking forward to a term packed with engaging learning opportunities, creative activities, and new adventures for all our students. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make this a fantastic start to 2025 for everyone in our school community!



Twilights: Our After-School Club Success!

We're thrilled to share how well Twilights, our after-school club, is going! The children have been embracing a variety of fun and enriching activities, including baking delicious treats, engaging in playground games, exploring their creativity with arts and crafts and computing.

It's been wonderful to see so many smiling faces as they learn, play, and make new friends in a safe and supportive environment. If you haven't yet joined the fun, there's always room for more—we'd love to welcome your child to Twilights!

Facebook Page:

As always, we regularly put updates, reminders and news on our school Facebook page. For new parents, here is a link to our group. (You will be asked to say the name of your child and we do not accept people we do not recognise on the group. Speak to a member of SLT if you've requested access but haven't been accepted).



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December News:

Christmas Jumper Day: A Wonderful Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Jumper Day last term! Together, we raised an incredible £120. As part of our commitment to pupil voice, the children chose to donate the majority of this money to Karen's Hedgehogspital (Hedgehog Rescue Centre) in Brandon. This cause is especially close to our hearts after rescuing several baby hedgehogs from the school field last term. Karen cared for them and ensured they were ready to be safely released back into the wild. Later this term, we hope to support Karen further as we plan to help her release some of her hedgehogs into our forest area—a fantastic way to teach our pupils about wildlife conservation and community kindness. Thank you for helping to make a difference!



Our Festive Santa Run

Our school Santa Run was a fantastic way to end the term on a high note! Dressed in their Christmas jumpers, the children walked together down to the village playing fields, creating a lovely atmosphere filled with excitement and teamwork. It was heart-warming to see the older pupils lending a helping hand to the younger ones as everyone joined in the fun. Every child gave their best effort, running laps around the field with smiles and plenty of festive cheer. The highlight for many was, of course, the snow machine, which added a magical touch to a truly memorable day. We certainly worked up an appetite for our school Christmas dinner which was lovely to come back too! Thank you to everyone who helped make this event so special!



Spreading Christmas Cheer in the Village

Children from Ocelot and Fox classes brought the spirit of the season to the village lunch club for older residents, where they performed a selection of songs from their school nativity. Their beautiful singing and enthusiastic performances were met with warm smiles and heartfelt applause from the audience. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to share their talents and connect with the local community, spreading joy and festive cheer to everyone present. A big thank you to the lunch club for welcoming us so warmly and to the children for their fantastic effort in making this such a special moment!

I have to say how impressed I was with both the Raccoon and Wombat performance, and the Fox and Ocelot nativity this year. The children certainly did themselves proud!



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On the last day of term, our KS2 children walked down to St. Mary's Church for a beautiful carol service assembly to celebrate the festive season. The church was filled with the joyful sound of carols and reflections on the meaning of Christmas. A heartfelt thank you to St. Mary's Church for hosting us and to Pauline Wickham for her lovely Christmas message to the children.



Our Year 6 children who have earned their leadership badges brought festive joy to the village community by delivering Christmas cards and warm holiday wishes to local residents. Their kindness, maturity, and cheerful smiles made a lasting impression, reflecting the true spirit of giving during the season. It was a proud Headteacher moment to see our young leaders representing the school so beautifully, demonstrating the values of care and community that we hold dear.



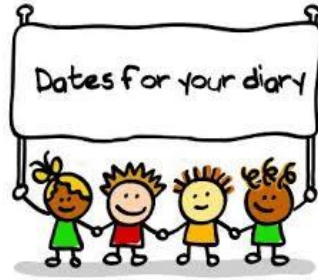
Rocksteady Concert Rocks the School!

The Rocksteady Concert was an absolute hit with all the children, showcasing some amazing talents of children from all year groups! Performing to the whole school, the children brought the house down with their rock 'n' roll energy and great team work. From guitars and keyboards to drums, bass, and singing, each performance highlighted their hard work and enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see some budding musicians shine on stage and inspire their peers with their confidence and creativity. A huge well done to all the performers—you truly rocked!





Important dates for the diary:



Term Dates:

Spring term

Starts Monday 6 January 2025

Half term Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Ends Friday 4 April 2025

Spring (Easter) holiday Saturday 5 April 2025 to Monday 21 April 2025

Summer term

Starts Tuesday 22 April 2025

Half term Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Ends Tuesday 22 July 2025

PD days (children not in school)

**Monday 21st July
Tuesday 22nd July**



Please see our planned dates for various events throughout the year. Further information about each event will be sent out nearer the time and some dates may be subject to change but we will let you know if this is the case.

January:

21st: Children in the Y5/6 Young Voices choir perform at O2 arena

28th: Parent Coffee and Chat morning - all welcome

February:

11th and 12th: Parents Evening 3:30-6:30

17th - 21st: February Half Term

25th: Parent Coffee and Chat morning - all welcome

March:

5th-12th - Scholastic Book Fair

6th - World Book Day

May:

12th - 15th - Year 6 SATs week

21st- 23rd - Eaton Vale Y6 Residential

26th - 30th - May Half Term

June:

2nd - Y4 Multiplication Check assessments

3rd - Class photos

9th - Y1 Phonics screening checks

14th - PTA Summer Fair

July:

7th Sports Day Carousel

8th Sports Day races: Parents welcome 9-12

Polite Reminders:



- If the office is unmanned, we now have a doorbell next to the office window, please ring this and somebody will be with you promptly. Mrs Rolph no longer works at the office on a Wednesday afternoon so this will be the case during this time.
- If your child is off school through illness, please make sure you contact the office and either leave a message or speak to one of the office staff. This will save staff a lot of time chasing information as to why a children are absent.



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- Breakfast Club - please do not park on the school grounds (including visitor bays) when dropping off your children. It is not safe with so many cars coming in and out and children walking into the club.
- Please avoid parking on School Close (private road) and on the yellow lines out the front of school.
- We have a number of children and staff with nut allergies in school. We do not allow any nuts in school so please avoid these in snacks and lunch boxes.
- **Please avoid using mobile phones when dropping off and collecting children - this is to safeguard our pupils.**

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, we are excited for the many activities and learning opportunities planned for our students. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Wishing you all a wonderful year ahead...

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M Tingey', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely,' text.

Michael Tingey