



# Newsletter

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## Cross Country

Children in Key Stage 2 took part, last week, in two Cross Country competitions in the county. The first, at Milton Country Park, was for small schools and a number of our runners gained top 10 places for their year group. The second was the 17th annual St Neots Relay Cross Country. Teams of four compete over 5km taking it in turns. The competition here is fierce, but our girls finished 97th and boys 54th. Well done everyone!



## Welcome

Last week we welcomed Poppy Henty to Year 3 which takes our school roll to exactly 100!

We are looking forward to working with Poppy and her family over the coming years. Welcome to our Fowlmere School family.

## Home Learning

We know that, as parents, you have far more impact on your children's life chances than we do here in school. It's one of the reasons why home learning remains a central part of education policy and it is monitored through Ofsted inspections.

Over the year we have added spelling and, more recently at KS2, times tables practice and so we want to make sure that the balance of tasks remains manageable. With these extra

tasks added, we now think that it will be sufficient for children to complete one yellow-book task per fortnight rather than two. This is to free up time for reading, spelling and maths practice and also encourage the submission of one good, rather than two rushed, pieces of home learning. We will make this change from this week.

This means that our homework expectations are as follows:

- All children should read at least five times per week. This includes children in Key Stage 2, who should have a guided reading book with set reading, as well as those in the early stages of learning to read.
- All children should be practising their exception words spellings in the blue book regularly. Children from Year 1 upwards will also have

a rules task to complete each fortnight.

- All children should be practising number bonds (addition and subtraction facts) or times tables regularly. Children in Key Stage 2 can use the studyzone.tv website.
- All children should complete one yellow-book task to a good standard each fortnight.

As ever, our advice would be to support children to complete their yellow book task early in the fortnight so that they understand the benefit of having things complete and being able to put them away. Reading, maths and spelling practice benefit from short regular practice more than they do one long session.

## Congratulations to:

- Zara (Class 3) for her Gymnastics proficiency award – Level 1.

## Reminders

- School is closed on Monday 7th May for the Bank Holiday.
- Class 2's assembly is on Friday 11th May.
- The PTFA Art Exhibition is on the Weekend of 19th / 20th May. Can you help....?

Best wishes,

Mr Philip Atkin  
**Headteacher**

## Musical Instrument Lessons

We currently offer instrumental lessons in school for the piano and guitar or ukulele. With a number of our Year 6 learners leaving at the end of the year, I know that there will be spaces for these instruments in September.

Cambridgeshire Music offer the full range of instruments through their teaching service and so it may be possible, if there is enough interest, to offer other options too.

If you would be interested in lessons for your child, please contact the school office for further information. If you have a particular instrument in mind, it may just be that a couple of other families are thinking the same...

## The Voyage Concert

Children in Key Stage 2 are performing in a concert on Friday 15th June at Royston Parish Church alongside children from Foxton Primary School, Foxton Singers and a scratch Chamber Orchestra.

The concert is in aid of AgeUK in Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire and tickets are available (priced £10 for adults and £5 for primary-aged children) from the PTFA site: [pta-events.co.uk/fowlmereptfa](http://pta-events.co.uk/fowlmereptfa) or from the school office. It's a great cause and it would be fantastic to have your support for our pupils.

## Fowlmere Art Exhibition

Fowlmere Art Exhibition is back over the weekend of 19th/20th May! It's a great event, bringing many people into the school and raising funds for both Fowlmere PTFA and Beads of Courage.

**To be successful, the event needs your help.** If you can spare an hour or so – from Friday evening set-up to Sunday afternoon clear up, with lots of customer care in between – please contact Angela, PTFA Chair. Without your help, we can't make events like this a success.

## Dates for Your Diary

<b>Monday 7th May</b>	School Closed – May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Friday 11th May</b>	Class 2 Assembly, 8.50am
<b>Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May</b>	Year 6 Testing Week
<b>Wednesday 16th May</b>	Class 1 New Parents' Meeting, 7pm
<b>Friday 18th May</b>	Class 2 Assembly, 8.50am <b>NEW</b>
<b>Friday 18th May</b>	Ecole Victor Hugo class visiting Class 4
<b>Friday 18th May</b>	Class 1 Fairytale Tea, 1pm <b>NEW</b>
<b>Saturday 19th May – Sunday 20th May</b>	PTFA Art Exhibition
<b>Tuesday 22nd May</b>	Class & Team Photographs
<b>Thursday 24th May</b>	Sports' Day, 1.15pm
<b>Friday 25th May</b>	Class 1 Assembly, 8.50am
<b>Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June</b>	Half-Term Holiday
<b>Wednesday 6th June</b>	Class 2 Castles Day
<b>Friday 8th June</b>	Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket Competition
<b>Tuesday 12th June</b>	Year 5 Day at Melbourn Village College
<b>Thursday 14th June</b>	Class 1 Visit to Botanic Gardens
<b>Friday 15th June</b>	The Voyage, Royston Parish Church 7pm
<b>Thursday 21st June</b>	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition
<b>Friday 22nd June</b>	Transition Afternoon 1 (New class visits and new Reception visits) <b>NEW</b>
<b>Friday 22nd June</b>	PTFA School Cinema
<b>Monday 25th June</b>	Year 6 Intake Evening at MVC
<b>Tuesday 26th June</b>	Year 6 Induction Day at MVC
<b>Tuesday 26th June</b>	Transition Afternoon 2 <b>NEW</b>
<b>Friday 29th June</b>	Class 3 Assembly <b>NEW</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th July</b>	Year 6 Induction Day at SVC
<b>Wednesday 4th July</b>	Transition Afternoon 3 <b>NEW</b>
<b>Thursday 5th July</b>	Year 3/4 Kwik Cricket Competition
<b>Friday 6th July</b>	PTFA Summer Disco and Barbecue
<b>Wednesday 11th July</b>	End of Year Reports to parents <b>NEW</b>
<b>Monday 16th July</b>	Key Stage 2 Production (TBC)
<b>Tuesday 24th July</b>	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly