Fordham CE Primary School

15th December 2025

It take a whole community to raise a child, striving for excellence together

A note from Miss. Rankin

The penultimate week of term is always a busy one, particularly in the run-up to Christmas - and last week was no exception.

🌟**Early Years Nativity:** We were delighted to welcome parents and carers into school to enjoy the Early Years performance of Wriggly Nativity. A huge well done to all involved - it was a wonderful showcase of talent and festive spirit.

🚲**Year 6 Bikeability:** Year 6 pupils took part in their Bikeability training, delivered by Outspoken Training. This invaluable programme equips children with the skills and confidence to cycle safely and independently. The children were an absolute credit to the school. The instructors praised their politeness and commented on how attentively they listened and engaged throughout the sessions.

🍽️**Festive School Lunch:** A big thank you to Lunchtime Co. for serving up a delicious festive lunch on Thursday. We also extend our gratitude to the PTFA for providing each child with a special stocking gift—it was a lovely touch.

🎄**Christmas Jumper and Festive Socks Day:** Friday brought extra cheer as pupils and staff donned their Christmas jumpers and festive socks. Thank you to everyone who contributed donations to ACT – Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust. (The donation link can be found at the bottom of the page.)

Christmas fete: A huge congratulations to the PTFA for organising such a fantastic fayre, packed with a variety of stalls! Thanks to their hard work and your support, they raised over £1,000 to benefit our children in school. The raffle draw will take place after school today in front of our teaching staff—good luck to everyone who entered!
We currently have several vacancies on the PTFA, as many members have stepped down with their children moving on to secondary school. Any support you can offer—big or small—would be greatly appreciated! Please get in touch with the school office if you are interested, who will gladly pass on your details.

Thank yous - A huge thank you to the Isleham Community Pantry for delivering special 'Christmas' food parcels as well as Ely Toy Bank who have donated toys for our families who receive Pupil Premium funding in school.

This week continues to be busy.

Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Service: Our Christmas service will take place at St.Peter and Mary Magdalene Church on Wednesday 17th December at 9.30am and 11am. We would like to invite parents and carers from Year 3 and Year 4 to attend the service.
9.30am: Early Years, Year 2 Raccoons, Year 3 Kestrels, Year 4 Penguins, Year 6
11.00am: Year 1, Year 2 Rabbits, Year 3 Kingfishers, Year 4 Puffins, Year 5.

Saturday 20th December 6pm: Christmas Carols at St Peter and Mary Magdalene Church

Term Dates 2025 - 2026: You can find the term dates for the academic year 2025/26 on page 2 or our website by clicking here.

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. We hope that you have a lovely break and we look forward to welcoming you back to the school on Tuesday 6th January. Miss. Rankin

Diary Dates

15th December - Final week of Year 6 Pony Academy
15th December - Y2 Parents' Evening
16th December - Y3 Forest School (am) and Y4 Forest School (pm)
17th December - Christmas Service: Y3&Y4 parents/carers welcome to attend
19th December - end of term

~ Christmas Holidays ~
We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will see the children back at school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

21st January - Y5 and Y6 Parliament visitor
28th January - Christingle service in school

~ **Half Term:** 16th February ~

23rd February - Children return to school
2nd March - KS2 Oral Health workshop
3rd March - Y6 Smoking & Vaping workshop
5th March - World Book Day dress up theme tbc.
9th March - Science Week

25th March - Easter Service 9.30am and 11am. Y5/6 parents welcome to attend.

We wish you a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year,
filled with peace and hope.

Scan for info and to donate!
or search 'ACT Festive Sock Day'
act Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust
Registered charity number: 1170103

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13

FORDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026/27

Autumn Term 2026

PD Day – no school	Tuesday 1st September, 2026
Return to school	Wednesday 2nd September, 2026
PD Day – no school	Friday 23rd October, 2026
Half Term	Monday 26th October, 2026
Return to School	Monday 2nd November, 2026
Term Ends	Friday 18th December, 2026

Spring Term 2027

PD Day – no school	Monday 4th January, 2027
Return to school	Tuesday 5th January, 2027
Half Term	Monday 15th February, 2027
Return to school	Monday 22nd February, 2027
Term Ends	Thursday 25th March, 2027

Summer Term 2027

PD Day	Monday 12th April, 2027
Return to school	Tuesday 13th April, 2027
May Day – no school	Monday 3rd May, 2027
PD Day – no school	Friday 28th May, 2027
Half Term	Monday 31st May, 2027
Return to school	Monday 7th June, 2027
Term Ends	Wednesday 21st July, 2027

Congratulations

We always like to congratulate children in their outside interests in Friday's Flourisher assembly.

There have been lots of swimming awards presented this week. A special ongratulations to: Leo M for 200metre front crawl, Torren C for achieving his 10 metres, Ella P for achieving her 25 metres and Congratulations to Tom L for winning Gold in four swimming races last weekend.

There has also been some great results in recent gymnastics competitions. A special well done to Ella and Evie H for their silver and bronze medals in tumble and trampette.

A special well done to Kayden for being awarded the Blue Card at Football Fun Factory.

Police School e-scooter information

Police are continuing to advise that the use of non authorised e-scooters on public roads are not lawful. The only e-scooters that are permitted to be used are the official council schemes that are unavailable to under 18 year olds.

e-scooters are classified as motor vehicles and need to be fully compliant with those riding having a driving licence and insurance. As you are unable to obtain e-scooter insurance they are not to be used on public roads or areas. Official schemes do have insurance in effect and check driving licences.

We are seeing an increasing number of collisions involving e-scooters and provide this information to safeguard the public. Private e-scooters are generally black with low level lighting with the rider standing still. This narrow silhouette makes you very difficult to be seen.

Children are often at increased risk as they don't have the understanding of roads, lack experience, susceptible to peer pressure, carrying passengers and unnecessary risk taking. If stopped they could face a fine, penalty points and seizure of the e-scooter.

We advise parents and carers to consider the risks involved in e-scooter use and protect their children through prohibiting their use. With Christmas in some minds, they are not suitable presents for use in public spaces.

The risk of fire during charging of private e-scooters can also cause serious human and physical harm.

Your support and assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

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Casualty Reduction Officer | Partnerships and Prevention

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

CALLING ALL U10 PLAYERS!

WE ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING TALENTED YR5 PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR WITCHFORD CENTRE

Please contact guy.habbin@canaries.co.uk for further information

I'm writing to let you know about our Christmas Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) camps, taking place this December at King's Ely School and St Neots Football Club, running on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December.

Fully funded HAF places are available for eligible children, with each day offering structured, engaging activities alongside a nutritious meal. Our camps provide a positive and supportive environment, helping children stay active and connected during the school holidays.

We would be very grateful if you could share the attached poster and booking link with families via your newsletter or parent communications, so eligible families are aware of this opportunity over the Christmas break.

Please find the booking link here!

If you require any additional information or would like to discuss the programme further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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