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Primary School

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**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Diary Dates	
February	13 <sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 2 Space Workshop 13 <sup>th</sup> – FIPS Movie night 13 <sup>th</sup> – Rocksteady Concert w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> – Half-term holiday 25 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Consultations
March	w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> – National Careers Week w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> – Science Week 6 <sup>th</sup> – World Book Day 14 <sup>th</sup> - Reception Vision Screening

### Children's Mental Health Week

We have been marking Children's Mental Health Week in school this week. In assembly on Thursday Mrs Mitchell asked the children to think about their different emotions, such as joy, sadness, anger or fear. Today Mrs Tarrant has been in school working with some classes and will be in school next week to continue her mindfulness workshops.

*"Promise me you'll always remember you're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think"*

*Christopher Robin*

### Time to Talk Day 2025

Yesterday was Time to Talk Day 2025. This is a time for us all to have a conversation about Mental health. Talking about mental health is no easy, but a conversation has the power to change lives. This Time to Talk Day, we encourage you to:

- Check in with your family, friends and colleagues
- Share your experiences (if you feel comfortable)
- Take a coffee break and have a chat

A simple conversation can make a huge difference.



### Parent/teacher consultations

Parent/teacher consultations take place after half term on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Ten-minute slots for you to meet your child's class teacher are available from 3:40pm until 6:30pm on either day. Appointments can be booked via your My Child At School (MCAS) account. Please let the school office know if you do not have or are experiencing problems with your MCAS account. Bookings will open at midnight on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February and will close at midnight on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. If you experience any issues making your booking, please contact the school office team.

Please remember to allow sufficient time between appointments if you have more than 1 teacher to see.

### Year 5

Miss Aboujieb and year 5 went on a walking tour of Sawston last week. They did a survey amongst the general public to find out what they thought about the local amenities. While they were out, they took some time to sketch St Mary's Church and learnt about the history of Sawston Hall.



Year 5 and 6 would like to say thank you to Dr Udgata, Ana's father, who visited us this week to talk to the children about Hinduism. Year 5 prepared questions to ask Dr Udgata. George said "Dr Udgata was really interesting. I enjoyed it when he talked about re-incarnation"

### After School Clubs

Letters will come home to KS2 families on Monday regarding after school clubs for after February half-term. If your child is already attending a club, they do not need to resubmit a request for a space. They can remain members of their club until the end of the Spring term. A new range of clubs will be offered for the Summer term. Parents are asked to return their completed request forms by the end of next week please. Thank you.

### Term Dates 2025-26

Anglian Learning have agreed that all schools in the trust are to be allocated an additional staff training day. This will mean that there will be 6 staff training days during the next academic year. Dates are now available on the school website.

<https://icknielprimary.org/term-dates/>



### Rocksteady Concert

Parents of children who attend Rocksteady are warmly invited to join us for a performance of this term's work at 2:30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The Bloodthirsty Hounds, The Rocking Kit-Kats, The Sigmas and Horrid Henrys have been busy rehearsing their songs and are looking forward to this end of half-term performance.

### FIPS Movie night – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

FIPS are busily preparing for Movie Night next week. The film the children have chosen to watch is The Wild Robot. This exciting event takes place in the school hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 3:30pm to 5:15pm. The cost per child will be £3 which includes popcorn and a drink. To book tickets scan the QR code or click on the link below;



<https://www.icknielpta.org/shop/tickets/movie-night-ticket/>

Please note that this film is rated PG for 'action/peril and thematic elements'. Please be aware of this before booking tickets for your children.

### Preloved School Uniform

We will be holding another pre-loved school uniform in the school hall on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Come along to the library at pick up time and see what is available. Uniform is FREE or you can offer a small donation if you would like to. If you have any outgrown uniform, PE kit, shoes/boots and coats you could donate please drop them in to the school office team.

### KS2 Space Workshop

KS2 are really excited about a special Space Workshop taking place on Thursday morning next week. Children will have the opportunity to become astronauts and explore space wearing virtual reality headsets. This is an immersive experience which we hope will ignite curiosity and perhaps inspire a few to become scientists or even astronauts themselves.



## Holiday Camps

### Premier

The Premier team will be running their usual holiday camps during February half term. Camps will be open from 8:45 – 4:00pm from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. If you would like to book a place, please click on the link below;

[Holiday Camps - Premier Education](#)

### Cambridge City Football club

Our friends at Cambridge City Football Club are also running some half term football camps. Children will receive coaching from First Team Manager and former **Premier League** footballer, **Jamie Cureton**. Jamie will be supported by our 1st team coach, **Jim Duggan**, who boasts over 22 years of experience from leading academies. This presents a unique opportunity for young footballers to learn from two esteemed professionals, and the sessions will be the first to take place at the new stadium in Sawston. Clubs will run from 10:00 – 2:00pm from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February. More information is available on the link below;

<https://www.cambridgecityfc.com/event-details/february-half-term-camp>