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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Diary Dates

March	30 <sup>th</sup> – Mothering Sunday
April	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Rocksteady Concert 4 <sup>th</sup> – Last day of term 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Staff training day 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Pupils return to school 29 <sup>th</sup> – Y2 visit to London



### Clocks Change

Please remember that the clocks change over this coming weekend. Clocks go forward one hour overnight on Saturday so please reset your alarms so that you are not late for school on Monday morning.

### Clubs

This week will be the last week of clubs - there will be no after school clubs next week. Letters regarding after school club offers for the summer term came home with your children earlier this week. Please complete the microsoft form by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

### World Autism Awareness Day



World Autism Awareness Day is an internationally recognized day which takes place, annually, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, encouraging Member States of the United Nations to take measures to raise awareness about autistic individuals throughout the world. In school we will be asking everyone to join the global campaign to wear something blue on Wednesday. This symbol is to raise awareness and to show support for individuals with autism. Mrs Mitchell will be talking to the children about this more in her assembly on Wednesday afternoon. Children can wear blue socks or tights, or perhaps a blue ribbon or accessory. Normal school uniform rules apply please.

### Premier Easter Holiday Camp

With Easter fast approaching our friends at Premier Education are offering holiday camps for children. This is a perfect place for children to meet their friends and make new friendships while staying active. Camps will run from Monday 7th April to Thursday 17th April Please follow this link to book your April [Please follow this link to book your place.](#)

### Year 3 Class Café

We were delighted to see so many Year 3 parents in school for the year 3 class café on Thursday morning. Miss Clarke showed how the class are learning their multiplication tables. A parent said “It was really great to see such a variety of strategies! One size doesn’t have to fit all!” Thank you to Miss Clarke for such a lovely and informative session and thank you to all parents for taking time out to attend.

### FIPS ‘Cuppa & Cake’

It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying a cup of tea and a chat in the hall as we celebrated Mothering Sunday, which takes place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you, once again to the FIPS team for arranging this lovely event.

### Rocksteady Concert

The Rocksteady bands are ready to perform to parents again this week. They have learnt some new songs this term and are very excited to be showing you what they can do.

Sadly, Henri is relocating to a new area and so we will have new tutors working with the children. Next term we will be welcoming Roberto and Susannah to school.

### Piano Tutor

Sadly Liz, our piano teacher is also relocating and so will no longer be visiting our school. Liz has been a member of our team for many years, and we wish her every happiness as she moves to a new area of the country. We would like to thank her for the many years of dedication to teaching our children.

### Big Wheel & Walk



The Big Wheel and Walk continues next week. So many of you have left the car at home this week and we hope that this will continue into next week.

Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children’s daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert and is great for their mental wellbeing.

Teachers have been recording how children have arrived at school and this data will be uploaded to the Big Wheel and Walk website where schools will be ranked to see who has recorded the greatest number of pupils

walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. A school’s best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leaderboards will receive an exclusive Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel certificate. We will let you know how well we do in next week’s newsletter.



### Lunch ordering

Innovate will be providing a new lunch menu for the Summer term. The menus are now on display in the notice-boards around the school playgrounds and are also displayed on the school website.

<https://licknielprimary.org/parents/school-menu-send/>

Can we please remind parents to pre-order meals for week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> April by mid-night on Saturday 19<sup>h</sup> April.

### Headlice

We have been told by a number of parents that their children have head lice. Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice can make your head feel itchy. Can we kindly ask all families to check your child's hair for nits over the weekend and to treat if necessary. There is no need to purchase special chemicals or head washes. Head lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. A special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) can be purchased from the local pharmacy or online. Then wash hair with ordinary shampoo and once rinsed, apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do). Comb the whole head of hair, using the detection comb, from the roots to the tips. This usually takes about 10 minutes for short hair, but will take longer for longer, or curly hair. When you have finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time. Do this wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is lice free on day 17. Thank you all for taking the time to resolve this issue over the weekend.



### Eid El Fitr

Eid al-Fitr is a special occasion for Muslim and is a time for celebration with family and loved ones. Eid ul Fitr marks the end of the month of Ramadan, a period of month-long fasting for Muslims around the world, and the start of Shawwal, the tenth month in the Islamic (Hijri) calendar. Eid ul-Fitr is expected to take place on Sunday 30th March 2025 or Monday 31st March 2025, depending on the sighting of the moon.

### Balls!

Members of FIPS were in school over the weekend rescuing footballs, tennis balls, foam balls, tennis rackets, frisbees and a huge array of other PE/breaktime related resources from the school hedges. We would like to say a huge thank you to the team for their support and efforts in saving these resources and in making school more presentable.



## Miss Graves

We are delighted to let you know that Miss Graves will be getting married over the Easter holidays. Year 1 will have to get used to her new name, Mrs Evans when we return for the summer term. I am sure you will join me in wishing her and her new husband much happiness for the future and a very enjoyable wedding day.

## Easter Activities

### @ SVC

Colleagues at Sawston Village College sports centre have organised a number of activities for the children to take part in over the Easter holidays. They could try trampolining, soft play or laser tag! For more information call (01223) 712555 or visit <https://www.sawstonsports.com/>

### @ Botanic Gardens

Between 31<sup>st</sup> March and 18<sup>th</sup> April children can take part in a free Great Garden Egg Hunt at The Botanic Gardens. Children can learn about the many birds that can be spotted at the Garden and hunt for information about their amazing eggs to claim an Easter prize! To join in, simply pick up a trail booklet on your way into the Garden and start your adventure. Springtime fun for all ages!

<https://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/the-great-garden-egg-hunt/>

### @ Anglesey Abbey

Anglesey Abbey are hosting a 'Wild in Art's Find the Flock' trail at from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Pick up a free trail map and see if you can find all twelve of the beautifully decorated Shaun the Sheep sculptures creatively exhibited around the gardens. Each sculpture has been ewe-niquely painted by twelve different national and international artists with bright colours and funky, bold patterns. Suitable for all ages, embark on a journey around the grounds with family and friends. The Find the Flock trail is free, but normal admission to Anglesey Abbey applies.

The Easter Adventures trail at Anglesey Abbey, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April in the school holidays, will also run alongside the special Shaun the Sheep sculpture display. Children can complete the sheep-themed activity alongside some of the sculptures, then collect a chocolate reward at the end. The grounds at Anglesey Abbey are open from 9.30am – 5pm in March and from 9.30am to 5.30pm in April. Please check the Anglesey Abbey website for up-to-date opening days and times before you visit. We hope you have a baa-rilliant day out!

Please understand that whilst the above events are free, standard admission rates to Anglesey Abbey will still apply.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cambridgeshire/anglesey-abbey-gardens-and-lode-mill/events/6c55d55f-79d8-4df1-8d23-e05bf7a7faac>