



NEWSLETTER

Inspire ~ Nurture ~ Celebrate

Dear Families,

Wow - what an amazing week we have had! Wednesday was a particularly busy day in school:

- We welcomed our new school pet tortoises! The children are currently thinking of new names for both of them and there has been a buzz throughout school about their arrival!
- Peterborough United also visited, bringing their mascot, 'Peter Burrows'! Each child was given tickets to visit POSH's match on Friday 18th April.
- Our netball team went to the Peterborough Schools Finals after winning the Soke Schools Finals last week... and we are delighted to say we won! We now progress to the County Finals in May!
- Buttercross and Woodgate had a visit from a Police Officer and PCSO. They asked lots of brilliant questions and were thrilled to sit in the police car (with the sirens and lights on!). Their highlight was seeing Mrs Nicolson handcuffed and being 'taken away!' The visiting officer is an ex-John Clare pupil, so he was able to also talk to the children about his experience at our school!



Finally, thank you to all parents/carers who attended their child's Parent/Teacher Consultation this week - we greatly value the partnership we have with you all and our teachers have relayed all of the very positive feedback received - thank you!

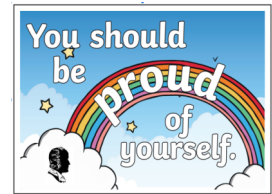
Best wishes,
Mrs Nicolson

Positive Posts

Martha T - for excellent progress this term.

Ennio T - for thinking of thoughtful questions to ask our visiting police officer.

Swaddywell - for showing such kindness to our work experience student, Eddie.



Reading Corner

The importance of reading for pleasure in primary education

The confidence gained by children choosing from a wide range of rich reading material and genres from a school library, or a collection of books at home, will define a child's approach to and enthusiasm for education.

Reading for pleasure is key to maintaining a child's appetite for books, learning and improving reading ability. Learners who are immersed in a 'reading for pleasure' culture from an early age are far more likely to transition to secondary school with a bedrock of literacy ability and enquiring minds.

[School Reading List](#) have put together list of diverse, interesting and approachable books for all ages.



IMPORTANT - Parking

Parents/carers are **only permitted to use the school car park between: 7.30am and 8.00am and after 4.00 pm***

When using the carpark during these times, please drive carefully and considerately. We also ask that families are considerate when parking around the village: please do not obstruct access to properties and keep the time you are waiting to a minimum.

** with the exception of Disabled Badge holders.*

Class Attendance for the Week

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Whole School Attendance for the Week

97.0%

Please ensure that all absences are reported to the School Office by 8:30am daily - please call 01733 252332

Change of footwear

Please ensure that your child has a change of footwear in school every day, including PE days.

Some children have not been bringing a change of footwear on PE days and are having to wear their muddy trainers in the classrooms.

Nut and Seed Free School

Our school endeavours as far as possible to be a nut-free school, this includes sesame seeds.

Therefore we request that any food brought into school for lunches or snacks does not include any nuts or sesame seeds, this includes hummus.

John Clare Kitchen Menu – Week 3 – W/C 31/03/2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Roast Turkey with Cranberry Sauce, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy Quorn Fillet with Stuffing	Beef Chilli Con Carne (Mild) Vegetarian Chilli	Cheesy Chicken and Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake	Chicken Burger in a Bap Quorn Chicken Burger	Italian Cod in a Herby Tomato Sauce Quorn Fillet in a Herby Tomato Sauce
Served with Carrots and Peas	Served with Brown Rice and Tortilla Crisps	Served with Garlic Bread	Served with Rainbow Coleslaw and Potato Wedges	Served with Wholegrain Pasta and Garlic Bread
Salad bar to include lettuce, tomatoes, sweet peppers, cucumber, sweetcorn and carrots A selection of hot and cold puddings, freshly baked wholemeal bread, fruit and water				

School Noticeboard

Please check our school website for [upcoming events!](#)

- March**
- 31 Oundle Music Festival (KS2)
- April**
- 3 Easter Technology Day
- 7–21 Easter Holidays
- 25 Year 5 Trip to Railword