



# Ab Kettleby Primary School

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## Autumn 2025 Roundup

Dear Parents & Carers,

They say life speeds up as we get older, but goodness me this Autumn term has flown by. It doesn't seem two minutes ago that we were welcoming our new starters to our school and now we end our first term, completing 16 weeks out of 39. As we head towards the most magical time of the year, I would like to update you on a few key areas.

### INNOVATE - Impact Food Group app - important changes to ordering hot dinners from January 2026

The biggest change to be aware of is the introduction of the new Impact Food Group app from January to order hot dinners.

#### Please note:

- Dinners will need to be ordered on the app **PRIOR** to the start of the school day (no later than 11pm the night before)
- **School will not be able to place an order for parents.**
- If parents do not order on time, school will have to ring you to ask you to bring a packed lunch - **there will be no option to order retrospectively.**

Please ensure you have downloaded the app and are ready to place your first order for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### Ofsted New Framework

Ofsted have released a new framework and, as we will be due an Ofsted Inspection in Autumn 2026, over the coming months I will be working with members of my Senior Leadership Team and the rest of the team to ensure we are fully prepared for a forthcoming inspection. Whatever your views are on Ofsted, expectations and standards need to be in place. Everything we do is with our children at the heart of it and it is important we are recognised for the hard work the whole team puts into our school to make it small, but mighty.



We're working towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts Council England

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## Arts in School

As you may be aware, we are working hard towards the ARTSMARK award this year. Artsmark is a national quality standard mark recognising the commitment of a school to the arts and cultural education. We are passionate about raising children's awareness of the arts, immersing children into different experiences and the award shows our commitment. We already work with Kathryn Saunby Art Studio and we are looking to extend this to other art studios, dance, drama, music and much more over the coming year.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance at school and punctuality each day is vital in ensuring the children succeed in education and are given the best possible chance in life. Our aim is for all children to attend over 96% of the school year, giving around 8 days leeway in the school year for possible sickness or unavoidable absences. Once a child's attendance drops to 90%, this means they have missed around 20 days of learning - a whole month - resulting in gaps in learning which cannot be repeated.

For a child who arrives at school at 9am each morning, missing the first 20 minutes of the day, means they will miss in total a further 10 days of learning over the academic year - again this time cannot be gained back.

Please make a New Year's Resolution to aim to arrive at school for the opening time and to reduce unnecessary absences.

## Student Teachers

We love nothing more than supporting the next generation of teachers and what better place to train than in our lovely school! Over the coming weeks and months, you will no doubt hear all about Miss West and Mr Moulton who are working in Bumble Bees with Miss Bray as part of their teacher training and we are delighted to have them with us.

## New Staff Member

We are delighted to announce Mrs Aldrich will be joining us after Christmas as Lunchtime Supervisor to help support our children over the lunch period. Our School Council played a pivotal role in helping to appoint Mrs Aldrich and we think they picked well! We are looking forward to welcoming her to our team.

## Fundraising FOAKS

FOAKS continue to support us with fundraising, for which we are very grateful. This term they organised many events including discos, non-uniform days and breakfast with Santa to name but a few! Their most recent event was the FOAKS Quiz, led by our very own Miss Bray and Mrs Gent. This event was attended by over 60 people, 80% of them were from outside of our school community and raised over £1400 in one night! What a success! I met with the FOAKS team last week and a new timetable of events for the Spring Term has been organised, including many of our favourites: Frozen Fridays, Cake Club, Easter Bingo and our infamous Summer Fair. FOAKS have just over £11,000 raised towards our running track and I will start to gain some quotes to hopefully get the work started in the summer! Thank you to each and every one of you who help to make this magic happen!

### Spring Dates

I have attached an updated copy of our Spring and Summer dates, please check for any changes we have had to make.

Please also remember that we have two inset days on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and therefore children will return to school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

As always, as we come to the end of a term, please can I remind you how hard all our staff have worked and they all deserve a well-earned rest and time with their own loved ones this Christmas. Please refrain from sending dojo messages during this time and if you need to contact us urgently, then please contact me.

All that is left for me to do is to wish all our families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year and we look forward to welcoming you all back in January!

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