



# Parker's C of E Primary Academy News

## Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Ask....and it will be given to you, Seek.... and you will find, Knock....and the door will be opened to you.  
Matthew 7:7

### ATTENDANCE



|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Ladybird Class    | -100%   |
| Caterpillar Class | -95.33% |
| Butterfly Class   | -99.00% |
| Firefly Class     | -98.15% |
| Dragonfly Class   | -95.71% |



Congratulations to Ladybird Class for having the best attendance figures this week.



### DIARY DATES

14TH OCT - FRIEND'S AGM 3.30PM IN SCHOOL  
19TH OCT - FUN SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL  
21ST OCT - REC/YR 6 NCMP VISION/HEARING  
22ND OCT - LAST DAY OF HALF TERM (THIS IS A THURSDAY)  
23RD OCT - 1ST NOV - HALF TERM  
2ND NOV - CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL  
2ND NOV - PARENTS EVENING (MORE INFO TO FOLLOW)  
5TH NOV - PARENTS EVENING (MORE INFO TO FOLLOW)  
9TH NOV - SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL /SIBLING PHOTOS  
18TH NOV - FIREFLY PARENT SESSION 9.00AM  
18TH NOV - BUTTERFLY TRIP TO GRESSENHALL  
19TH NOV - BUTTERFLY PARENT SESSION 2.15PM  
23RD NOV - DRAGONFLY PARENT SESSION 2.15PM  
2ND DEC - LADYBIRD/CATERPILLAR PARENT SESSION 2.15PM  
8TH DEC - KS1 NATIVITY (MORE INFO TO FOLLOW)  
9TH DEC - KS1 NATIVITY (MORE INFO TO FOLLOW)  
18TH DEC - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND CHRISTMAS DINNER  
18TH DEC - KS2 CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT THE CHURCH 2.30PM  
18TH DEC - LAST DAY OF TERM  
5TH JAN - CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL



### VACANCIES

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant at Caston School,

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/job/5c5ca792-0850-4652-a739-8307c501346e>

and also a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant at Caston

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/job/8c49acac-c34d-4b22-9685-cb3655966429>

Please click on the link to apply, closing date is the 11<sup>th</sup> October for both jobs

### OPEN DAYS



PARKER'S C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY  
PRE-SCHOOL AND RECEPTION OPEN  
DAYS

PARKER'S C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY  
INVITE YOU TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL

TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2-3PM  
MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2-3PM  
TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2-3PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE OR TO ARRANGE A TOUR AT AN  
ALTERNATIVE TIME CONTACT:  
01953 881601  
OFFICE@PARKERS.DNEAT.ORG



### OUR SCHOOL VALUES

HOPE RESPECT STRENGTH KINDNESS UNITY RESPONSIBILITY

THIS HALF TERM OUR VALUE IS: RESPECT

## FRIENDS OF PARKER'S SCHOOL

THE FRIENDS WILL HOLD THEIR AGM ON WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER AT THE SCHOOL STRAIGHT FROM PICK-UP (3.30PM START). WE WILL CONFIRM THE LOCATION WITHIN SCHOOL NEARER THE TIME, AND WE WILL SEEK TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY CHILDREN TO PLAY WHILE THE MEETING IS HELD. THE MEETING WILL LAST NO LONGER THAN 45 MINUTES.

AS A REGISTERED CHARITY, THE FRIENDS NEED TO HOLD AN AGM EACH YEAR TO ELECT TRUSTEES AND REVIEW THE CHARITY'S ACTIVITIES AND FINANCES OVER THE PAST SCHOOL YEAR. THE CURRENT TRUSTEE TEAM ARE LOOKING TO HAND OVER THE RUNNING OF THE FRIENDS AT THIS AGM, BUT ARE HAPPY TO CONTINUE HELPING AT EVENTS WHILE A NEW TEAM OF PARENTS/CARERS GET UP AND RUNNING.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND CHILDREN, PLEASE SPEAK TO SARAH (HUGO/ELIZA'S MUM), HAYLEY (ALEX'S MUM) OR NICOLA (SKYE'S MUM) IN THE PLAYGROUND OR CONTACT THEM AT [FRIENDSOFPARKERS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FRIENDSOFPARKERS@GMAIL.COM).

## STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPT 2027

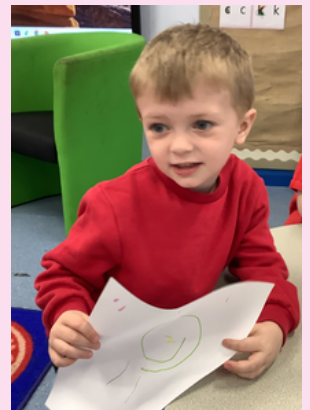
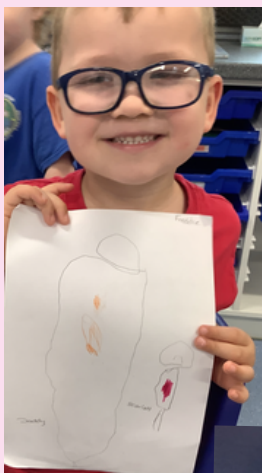
If your child is currently with us in Ladybird Class and is due to start Reception in September 2027, please remember to apply for your child's place, even though they are with us in Pre-School you do still need to apply.



## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS WEEK.....

This week we have been learning about our families, The book of the week has been called The Family Book by Todd Parr. We have discussed how all our families are different. We have drawn pictures of our own families and played a bingo game with families.

In our PE lesson we have been practising different rolls. We did the sausage and egg roll. We also practised balancing on different parts of our body. We worked together as a group to create different items. For example, a car, a castle or a snake. We also made letters using our bodies.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Friends for purchasing a selection of Puddle suits for Ladybird and Caterpillar Class.

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

If your child was due to have their Flu Immunisation on Monday but was not in school, a catch up clinic is taking place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct in the morning. If you had not signed your child up for the this but would like them to have it on the 20th Octpber, please click on the link <https://www.manage-vaccinations-in-schools.nhs.uk/consents/rIFPnZqPMj/flu/start>



In science, Butterfly Class have been exploring the trees and leaves. We have investigated about deciduous and evergreen trees and looked for these at school.

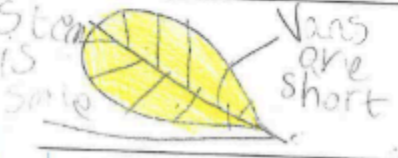


Date: Monday 5th October 2026 Learning objective: To measure and compare leaves.

Name: Erin

Kapow Primary

Are all leaves the same?

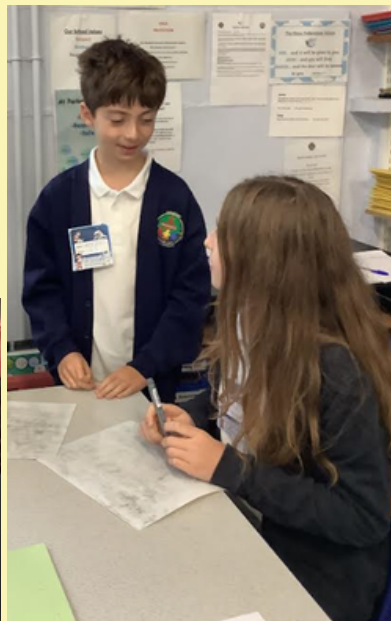
| Leaf description                                                                                     | Type of tree   | Size of leaf  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| brown and green<br> | deciduous tree | 5 blocks long |
| Long stem<br>       | deciduous tree | 5 blocks long |
| spiky<br>           | ever green     | 2 blocks long |
| Stem is small<br>  | deciduous tree | 4 blocks long |



As scientists, we explored how light travels, reflects and creates shadows. We compared different materials, made notes on the types of shadows, and reflected on which materials were opaque, translucent and transparent.



Dragonfly Class- In English, the children were acting as astronauts and interviewers to help them with their upcoming piece of writing. They carefully considered what information they would share with an interviewer about the moon landing and ensured that they gave the information in a formal manner and full sentences.



Where are we



## Breckland – October 2026 Engagements

### Community Events - for Parents, Carers & Young People

The family hub team will be available at these community venues to answer your questions, share information on a wide range of activities, groups and organisation that can help you and your family

#### Andrea - October 2026

Friday 2nd October - Attleborough Library, 14:00 - 15:30

Monday 5th October - Thetford Library, 10:30 - 12:00

Monday 5th October - Breckland Family Hub, 14:00 - 16:00

Tuesday 6th October - Swaffham Library, 10:30 - 11:30

Wednesday 7th October - Watton Library, 10:30 - 11:30

Thursday 8th October - Wayland Academy Teen Agency & Community Event, 13:30 - 17:00

Monday 12th October - Thetford Library, 10:30 - 12:00

Tuesday 13th October - Swaffham Library, 10:30 - 11:30

Monday 19th October - Thetford Library, 10:30 - 12:00

Monday 19th October - Breckland Family Hub, 14:00 - 16:00

Wednesday 21st October - Watton Library, 10:30 - 11:30

Monday 26th October - Thetford Library, 10:30 - 12:00

Monday 26th October - Breckland Family Hub, 14:00 - 16:00

Tuesday 27th October - Watton Family Day - Watton Community Centre, 09:30 - 13:00

Tuesday 27th October - Wellbeing Event - Health Promotion and Support within the Community, 13:30 - 15:00

Wednesday 28th October - Watton Library, 10:30 - 11:30

Wednesday 28th October - Parent SEND Café at Thetford Library, 13:30 - 14:30

#### Megan - October 2026

Monday 5th October - Dereham SEND café, 13:30 - 14:30

Mondays 12th, 19th and 26th October - Dereham Bounce and Rhyme, 10:00 - 11:30

Tuesday 13th October - Swaffham Bounce and Rhyme, 10:00 - 11:30

You are also welcome to drop-in at the Family Hubs: Kingsway, Thetford ECFS base, Thetford, IP24 3DY or call

01362 654567

Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm



**BEST  
START  
IN LIFE**

in the community



# Free Hoopstars session for Young carers

Looking for a free activity to do during the school holiday?  
Then come along and join us for 1 hour's basketball training with other Young Carers in Norfolk.

An opportunity to develop your skills, get moving and meet other Young Carers all while having fun.

We can't wait to meet you

**Venue: Watton Community Center**

**Date: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**Time: 2:00 - 3:00 age 8+**

**Time: 3:00- 4:00 age 13+**

**Sign up here**



**by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

For more information please contact Sally at [sally.rigby@benjaminfoundation.co.uk](mailto:sally.rigby@benjaminfoundation.co.uk)

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Positive outcomes for children, young people & families





# Messy<sup>®</sup> Church

at St Mary's

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct: | 10am-12 |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov: | 10am-12 |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec: | 10am-12 |

**CRAFTS**

for primary age but all families welcome

**FREE!**

**STORIES**

**FOOD/DRINK**

St Mary's Church, Church Rd, Watton, IP25 6DQ  
01953 881252 | [wattonchurch@gmail.com](mailto:wattonchurch@gmail.com) | [stmaryswatton.org](http://stmaryswatton.org)