

# DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**'That they may have life in all its fullness'**

Dear Parents,

Just like that, the first half term has flown by! It has been a fantastic start to the school year and my first half term as Headteacher. I would like to sincerely thank all our children, parents, staff, and governors for their incredible support throughout this transition and in helping to make our school such a vibrant and thriving community. Below, you'll find highlights from recent events and activities across the school, along with information about upcoming events after the half-term break.

## **Black History Month**

Mrs Hatch led assemblies throughout Black History Month to raise awareness of the achievements, contributions, and inspiring stories of Black individuals, both past and present, and to encourage understanding, respect, and equality within our school community.



## **Uttlesford Food Bank Collection**

A big thank you to some of the student council members who helped pack up the food ready for the food bank collection.

## **Cross Country Team**

Well done to all the children who took part in the recent cross-country competition. Everyone demonstrated excellent determination and resilience throughout the event. A special mention goes to Dexter, who finished 5th, Maggie, who came 6th, and Jasmine, who placed 9th — fantastic achievements all round!



## **Scooter training**

Reception and KS1 took part in a morning of Scooter training. The children were taught to ride scooters safely by covering skills like balancing, steering, and controlled stopping, as well as road safety awareness such as navigating crowded pavements and crossing roads safely.



## **Collective Worship focus**

This week in Collective Worship, we have been reflecting on our school vision: *“To live life in all its fullness.”* Together, we explored what it means to flourish and thrive in every part of our lives—not just for our own wellbeing, but to make a positive difference to others too. The children were able to identify how they:

- Make progress and excel across the curriculum
- Grow into confident, compassionate and well-rounded individuals
- Develop the learning and communication skills needed to face future challenges
- Create happy, positive memories
- Care for others through a sense of service, kindness and sense of justice, becoming active global citizens.

## **Farewell**

A heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Barca who has been a valuable member of our team for the past couple of years. We will miss your cheery smile and expertise in supporting the children at Debden. Good luck for your next adventure.

## **Key Dates for this Term**

Monday 3rd November – First Day of Autumn Half Term 2

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November- International Day

Wednesday 5th November – Art Exhibition school hall from 3.15 pm

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November- Tag Rugby (Newts and Kingfishers)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November- Ely Cathedral (Year 5/6 Team).

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Open morning

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November- Anti-bullying Day

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November- Remembrance Day (Kingfishers to help lead the service at the Debden memorial)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November- KS2 Archery competition

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – FODs movie night (1)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – FODs movie night (2)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – FODS Clothing Collection

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November- KS1 Author visit

Friday 28th November – Newts Cake Sale

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – FODS Wreath Making evening

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December – FODS Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December- KS1 Nativity 1.30pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December- KS1 Santa Dash

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Elfridges, Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner!

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December -KS1 Nativity 1.30pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December- Last day of Autumn Term.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January- First day of Spring 1.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Bailey

Headteacher