

## Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

### Headteacher's comments

The children have settled really well this half term. We are already getting ready for all of the Christmas celebrations so please do keep an eye on the dates at the bottom to see what is happening in school.

As the weather turns colder please ensure your child comes into school with warm clothing and ensure that it is all named. This includes a warm coat and hat. Please also be mindful that the walk down to the school can become slippy so walk with care. Please also ensure your child is not riding their bike or scooter on school grounds.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Laura Fielding

### Parents lunch

We are continuing our parent lunch sessions this year. Please check the diary for the date of your child's class and ensure you book your lunch via the office by the Friday before so we can cater for the right numbers. Thank you!

### **Dates for the diary- Parent lunches!**

26<sup>th</sup> November - Foxglove

21<sup>st</sup> January- Clover

4<sup>th</sup> February- Iris

11<sup>th</sup> February- Lily

4<sup>th</sup> March- Poppy

11<sup>th</sup> March- Daisy

22<sup>nd</sup> April- Butterfly

29<sup>th</sup> April- Caterpillar

### Wacky hair day

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a Wacky hair day for a voluntary contribution towards our Christmas Fayre tombola. I am looking forward to seeing the imaginative ideas the children have!

### Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December and will run from 1515-1630. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Sweet cones

Your child should have come home with a sweet cone wrapper for the Christmas fayre. Please can you fill this with pre-wrapped sweets and return. Thank you!

### **Education Inclusion Family Advisor**

As a school we are fortunate to have Michelle West who is able to support parents with information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment.

These areas include:

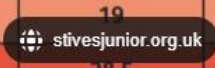
- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence.

Please see the leaflet below for more information.

### **Attendance**

I would like to remind you about the importance of attendance in school. It is crucial that children attend school punctually and regularly. Every session missed can have a detrimental impact on children’s outcomes:

% attendance in a school year	Days of absence in a school year	Weeks missed in a school year
98%	4	Less than 1 week
95%	9.5	Almost 2 weeks
90%	19	Almost 4 weeks
85%	28.5	Almost 6 weeks



### **Children in Need**

A massive THANK YOU for all your support for Children in Need, the children looked amazing in their spots and dots! We raised £228 selling the Pudsey ears.



**Dates for your diary**

December 2025	
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas decoration morning with parents
10 <sup>th</sup> December	SEND coffee drop in 1430
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch Christmas jumper day
12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 carols with parents @ 1400
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Dress rehearsal nativity to school @ 1400
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception nativity to parents @ 1400
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas party afternoon
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas party afternoon
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas sing along @ 0915
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas party afternoon
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Progress report home to parents

**ELY MUSEUM**

Heritage Fund

**Festive Family Evening at the Museum**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
4pm - 8pm

Join us for festive family fun after hours at Ely Museum. Enjoy festive story telling, play games in the galleries and make some Christmassy crafts. All included in the ticket price.

Pre-book online

Tickets: £5 per person (under 2's go free)

[www.elymuseum.org.uk](http://www.elymuseum.org.uk)  
Charity Number: 1156024

Spring Meadow Infant School

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

December | **16** | Cost £8.25  
3:15pm - 4:45pm

It's the most wonderful time of the year – and we can't wait to celebrate. Join us for a magical Christmas Party filled with fun, laughter, and festive cheer. Children can enjoy:

- Christmas Creations,
- Festive music and dancing,
- Party games,
- Delicious seasonal snacks and treats!

This will be a lovely way to finish the term and get everyone into the Christmas spirit! Spaces are limited, so don't forget to book your child's place early to join the festive fun.

Scan the QR code for bookings or email [info@activeplayeducation.co.uk](mailto:info@activeplayeducation.co.uk)

## What have the children been learning?

### **Nursery/ Pre-school**

This week Nursery and Preschool have been reading the book 'The Naughty Bus'. Some of the activities they have been doing have been based around the story and journeys. Children have been using the junk modelling to make their own buses. Outside we have had enjoyed riding the bikes, scooters and cars.

### **Reception**

Reception have been very excited this week investigating the missing gingerbread man! We have also been on shapes hunts, explored representing numbers to 5 and enjoyed the colder weather outside!

### **Year One**

This week in Year One, the children have been busy writing their own sets of instructions inspired by How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth. They created imaginative guides on caring for all sorts of animals, including fierce snakes, cute rabbits and fast cheetahs. Through this work, they learnt how to use titles, sub-headings and numbered steps to organise their writing clearly.

In maths, we have been practising subtraction using a range of helpful resources such as number lines and tens frames. The children have been developing their confidence in working out answers in different ways.

During DT, the children designed and built their own basketball hoops using paper straws and pipe cleaners. They carefully considered how to make a wide, stable base and even used playdough as a counterbalance to stop their hoops from toppling over.

In science, we explored how animals can be grouped by what they eat. The children learnt that carnivores eat meat, herbivores eat plants and omnivores eat both.

### **Year Two**

In Year 2, we have been learning the story of Cinderella. We have completed a class innovation this week, changing some of the characters and the setting! In Maths, we have been practising mastering our addition and subtraction skills. We have been crossing a 10, so learning to exchange. In Science, we drew rainforest and desert habitats and the different animals and plants that live there. We have also been busy this week, practising singing and signing some Christmas songs!

### **Clover, Iris and Lily**

In Iris and Clover class we have been telling sensory stories linked to journeys. Iris class have enjoyed the story 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels', where they made the sound of the bicycle bell and used water and soap to wash the bike. Clover class enjoyed 'The Lion on the Bus' story where different wild animals travel on the bus. The children enjoyed playing with the toy bus as well as painting a red bus and exploring wild animals in gloop during messy play. In Lily class they have enjoyed the story of the 'Rainbow Fish' about friendship. They have also explored different sensory experiences with water beads and wet sand.