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Friday 14th November 2025

Weekly Round-up

Term Times

# Christmas Dinner

Our Festive Christmas Dinner Menu is Coming Soon! We'll be serving a delicious Christmas meal. Keep an eye out for the full menu and all the details in our upcoming newsletter—it's going to be a treat!



On Friday 14th November, 20 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the very first Huntingdon Schools Sports Partnership Dance Festival. They had a fantastic time learning a vibrant dance routine taught by current GCSE Dance students. After plenty of practice and teamwork, they proudly showcased their routine to other schools from across the county.

We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, effort, and confidence—well done to all involved!





Wow! Check out all the amazing donations from last week's Non-Uniform Day! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed - your generosity is incredible! Raffle tickets went home with the children yesterday, so don't forget to check their school bags. Good luck to everyone entering!

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Follow us to stay up to date with all the latest news, events, and exciting things happening at Buckden Primary!  
 [Buckden Primary School](#)

We're delighted to announce that we raised an incredible £320.43 on Poppy Day!  
 A huge thank you to everyone who donated—your kindness and generosity mean so much. Every contribution helps support the Royal British Legion and the vital work they do for veterans and their families. It was wonderful to see our school community come together for such an important cause. Your support not only raises funds but also helps teach our children the value of remembrance and giving back. Thank you once again for making a difference!



Thank you for your support  
 To BUCKDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal  
 Your collection total £320.43



### Upcoming PTA Events:

- Friday 14th November - Quiz Night (get your teams ready and book now!)
- Wednesday 26th November - Christmas Jumper Sale (after school - donate your unwanted jumpers in the donation box by the office after half term)
- Sunday 30th November - Village Light Switch-On & Raffle Draw
- Friday 5th December - Elfridges Shop (a festive favourite!)

Every event helps us inch closer to that shiny new stage - so whether you're dancing, donating, or diving into quiz questions, thank you for being part of it.

Warm wishes,  
The PTA Team

### Travelling book fair

It's Travelling Books book fair time — just in time to get some good deals on some fantastic books for Christmas!

From Monday, 17 November to Friday, 21 November, Travelling Books will be available for purchase in Mrs Wall's classroom from 3:30 - 4:30. Only card payments will be accepted (unfortunately Apple Pay does not work). Please click on the link to see some of the wonderful books you can buy! [The Book Fair selection - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)


Remember, the school receives a portion of the sales of all books bought so that we can buy books for our library. Last year we were able to buy 29 new books!

### 🎄 Christmas Donations for St Neots Food Bank 🎁

We're proud to support one of our wonderful Buckden parents who is once again collecting advent calendars and festive treats for St Neots Food Bank—a tradition she's carried on for the past four years with incredible generosity from our school community.

If you're able to, we'd love for you to consider adding an extra advent calendar, tube of Christmas chocolates, or a box of biscuits to your weekly shop. Every little donation helps bring joy to families who rely on the food bank, especially during the festive season.

 A donation box will be placed in Reception for contributions.

 Donations will be delivered to the food bank around the week of 17th November, to ensure advent calendars reach families in time for December.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support. Your generosity truly makes a difference! ❤️

### Ollie and His Super Powers

We are really pleased to announce that we have been in touch with the team who offer the Ollie and His Super Powers resilience coaching for children who may be experiencing problems with self-regulation and we are in a position to offer a space after school on Tuesday's to be used for group sessions.

You may recall we invited them in to deliver an assembly and parent session in the Summer term which was well received and we had several parents expressing a wish to sign their child up.

[Here is a link to their website for more information](#)

This will be at a cost to families, but it is greatly reduced if we get a group of families interested rather than paying for individual sessions. If you are keen, please let me know at

[kwoodward@bpa.act-academytrust.org](mailto:kwoodward@bpa.act-academytrust.org) by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and I will share your contact information with their assigned coach who will take over the admin and organisation from there.

### Reminder

If your child is off school, please remember to let us know!

 Call the office

 Or email:

[sickness@bpa.act-academytrust.org](mailto:sickness@bpa.act-academytrust.org)

Thank you for helping us keep everything running smoothly!



Year 2 have an exciting trip coming up to St Neots Museum!

This visit will give the children a chance to explore local history and discover fascinating artefacts from the past.

It's a wonderful opportunity to bring their learning to life and spark curiosity about how people lived in earlier times.

Full details, including dates and arrangements, will be shared with you very soon—watch this space!

### NHS Flu Vaccination - 27th November

We're pleased to confirm that the NHS flu vaccination session will take place in school on Wednesday, 27th November.

Parents and carers should have received an email with a link to consent or decline the vaccination for their child. If you haven't yet responded, please do so as soon as possible.

[Link for consent or decline](#)


## New Meal Menu Choices Available on Arbor

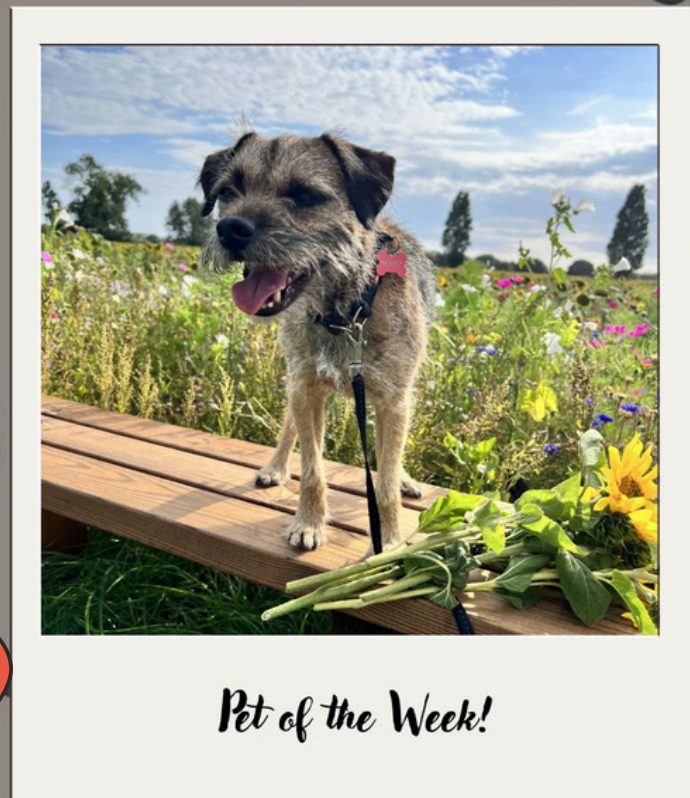
We're excited to share that after a successful trial with KS1 children, all Parents/Carers can now pre-order their child's school meal choices via Arbor, either daily, weekly or termly.

This new feature helps with planning and ensures your child receives the meal they prefer.

The menus for the second half of the Autumn Term are now available to pre-select on Arbor.

We are planning to hold our traditional Christmas Dinner on Thursday 4th December, menu details and instructions of how to pre-book your child/children's Christmas Dinner will be sent out later after half term.

 **Reminder:** You will need to ensure that you have enough balance in your Meals account to cover the cost of your current and future meal choices.



*Pet of the Week!*

Answer at the bottom of the newsletter!



1ST SOUTHOE & BUCKDEN SCOUTS



# SCOUTS BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 9AM TO 12PM**

**Full English Breakfast with drinks and unlimited toast**

**Scout Hut, Lucks Lane, Buckden**

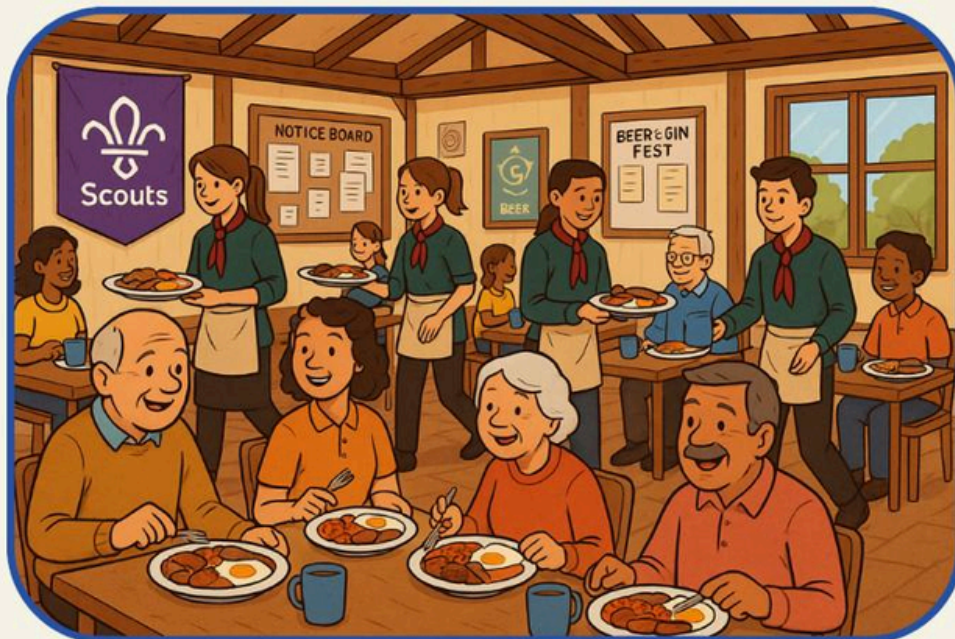
**17 Saturday 15th November**

**Serving from 9am to 12pm**

**£8 Adults**

**£5 Children**

**Bring your appetite, enjoy a hearty breakfast, and support a great cause! ♥**



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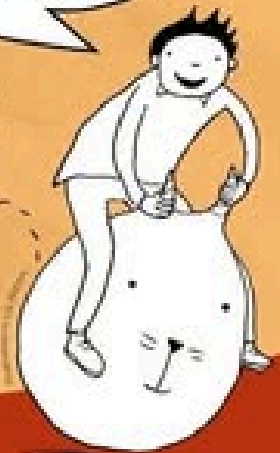
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**TIME:**

**15.30-16.30**

**DATE:**

**17<sup>th</sup> Nov- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov**

**LOCATION:**

**Mrs. Walls Year 4  
Classroom**

Find these  
characters and  
**EVEN MORE  
BOOKS**online



# ENTRIES NOW OPEN

EYFS/KS1&KS2  
CATEGORIES

hobbycraft



Create a piece of art to be proud of and be in with a chance of winning a bundle of art supplies, courtesy of Hobbycraft. Your theme is Seasons of Magic. From the warm colours of Autumn, the whites of Winter, from falling leaves to falling snowflakes, landscapes to still- life, abstract to realist - be inspired by our seasonal changes to create your own artwork using any medium you choose. Submit entries to Mrs Schmidt by 1st December with your name and class on the back for either the EYFS/KS1 or KS2 category..





## Earn prizes and WIN a Doodle goodie pack!

Between the **20th of October–24th of November**, Doodle Learning is running an exciting event where your child can earn **guaranteed rewards!**

Designed to encourage a few minutes of daily doodling, joining the fun is a great way to promote healthy learning habits and top up your child's knowledge. Plus, everyone who reaches the target can enter a prize draw to **WIN a bundle of Doodle goodies!**

### How to take part

#### 1 Create or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how to do this, see the reverse of this flyer or visit [help.doodlelearning.com](http://help.doodlelearning.com) and search 'how to link account'.

#### 2 Use DoodleMaths 'little and often'

Encourage your child to **earn 250 stars in DoodleMaths between the 20th of October – 24th of November.\***

We recommend using DoodleMaths 'little and often' throughout this period – there's no rush to reach the target!

*\*Stars earned before the 20th of October and/or after the 24th of November, and/or stars earned in DoodleTables, DoodleEnglish and/or DoodleSpell, won't be counted.*

#### 3 Check your child's stars

To see how your child is doing, visit [parents.doodlelearning.com](http://parents.doodlelearning.com), hover over **Analyse** and press **Effort**.

Click on the **DoodleMaths** icon in the top right-hand corner of the screen and select **custom time**. Set the **start date as the 20th of October and the end date as today's date**.

We'll email you as soon as your child earns 250 stars in DoodleMaths. To receive this email, please ensure you're subscribed to the 'work programme updates' email category.

#### 4 Receive FREE rewards and enter the prize draw!



For more information, please visit [doodlelearning.com/competition](http://doodlelearning.com/competition).

Any questions? Please visit [help.doodlelearning.com](http://help.doodlelearning.com) and press on the green circle icon to chat to our team.



Once your child earns 250 stars, they'll receive a **printable certificate AND an exclusive in-app badge!** You'll also be able to enter a prize draw to **WIN a Doodle goodie pack**. To do this, scan the QR code or visit <https://r7fwva4ubvq.typeform.com/autumn-comp>.

10 winners will be selected at random and emailed after the 24th of November to let them know the exciting news.



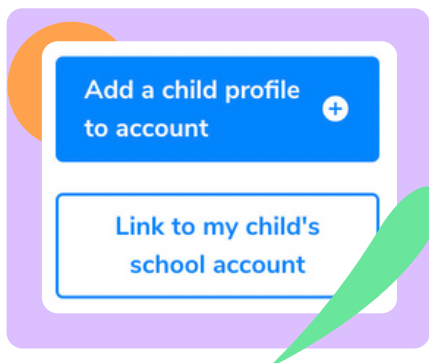
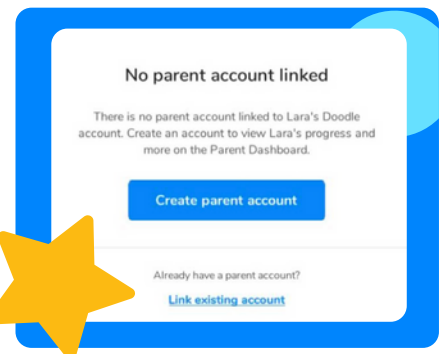
## How to create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account

Creating a parent account is really important (and really easy!). By doing this, you'll be able to enter the Autumn Competition and receive your child's exclusive certificate!



## How to create and/or link a parent account via the Doodle apps

- 1 Log in to any of the Doodle apps using the username and password provided by your child's school. **If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.**
- 2 From the Learning Zone, click on the arrow icon in the top left-hand corner of the screen
- 3 Select **Settings** and press **Parent details**
- 4 If you're new to Doodle, choose **Create parent account**. If you already have a Doodle account, click on **Link existing account**.
- 5 Enter your details to link your email address to your child's account



## How to create and/or link a parent account via the Parent Dashboard

- 1 Visit [parents.doodlelearning.com](https://parents.doodlelearning.com)
- 2 If you're new to Doodle, click on **Create account** and follow the instructions. After you've done this, log in to [parents.doodlelearning.com](https://parents.doodlelearning.com). If you already have a parent account, log in to [parents.doodlelearning.com](https://parents.doodlelearning.com).
- 3 Once you've logged in, hover over **My account** and select **Child details**
- 4 Click on **Link to my child's school account** and enter the username and password provided by your child's school. **If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.**

If you'd like to join the competition but your school doesn't subscribe to DoodleMaths, you can receive 20% off a home subscription by visiting [doodlelearning.com/competition-offer](https://doodlelearning.com/competition-offer).



Good luck, and happy Doodling!

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Do you have an hour to spare? We are looking for volunteer readers for our children. If you think you can help with this please speak to your child's teacher.



How much do you know about keeping your child safe online? Click this link to learn more.

### Live it - Eco Fact

Trees are nature's superheroes - they give us oxygen to breathe.



Check out 'Everything Environmental' on the website for plant based recipe. [click here!](#)

**Catch Up on Past Newsletters**

*What's going on locally? click here to find out*



Homework

Talk

Linking learning from the classroom to life at home can help to improve language and communication skills. We will continue these discussions in class next week.

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