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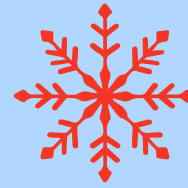
Believe It.

Live It.

Friday 21st November 2025

Weekly Round-up

Term Times



A big thankyou from Mrs Horton!

Wow wow wow! Thank you so much to everyone who donated a festive treat for the St Neots food bank.

This year we have managed to collect:

- ☀️ 156 advent calendars
- ☀️ 55 selection boxes
- ☀️ 32 other treats (biscuits, sweets and bags/boxes of chocolates etc)

So that's just under 250 items to make Christmas a little brighter for those in need 🎄

This is absolutely incredible and I will be dropping these off tomorrow. The food bank are always so so grateful and say how much of a difference it makes popping something a little festive in the food packages in the lead up to Christmas, especially for the children 🎅 🎄

THANK YOU! ❤️



SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST

1ST SOUTHOE & BUCKDEN SCOUTS

Love sending Christmas cards but not the rising postage costs?
Let our Scouts help you spread some festive cheer!

From 1st to 18th December
Post your local Christmas cards (clearly addressed)
with a donation into our special green Scout postboxes
at Nisa, Gilbert's Butchers or One Stop

Deliveries will be made between 19th and 23rd December
to Buckden, Stirtloe, Southoe, Diddington and Offord

Thank you for supporting your local Scouts and helping us
raise funds for future adventures! ★

Safe Cycling message from the Council

As days shorten, cycling through autumn and winter can still be rewarding with a few adjustments to keep you safer.

Visibility is crucial for safety, use bright front and rear lights, even in daylight, and wear reflective gear. For children, reflective backpacks and spoke reflectors help them to be seen.

Dress in layers: A moisture-wicking base, insulating middle, and waterproof outer shell work well. Gloves and thermal socks keep extremities warm.

Watch for slippery surfaces like wet leaves and frost; ride slower and check tyre grip. Make sure your brakes work.

Maintain bikes regularly: clean off grit, lubricate chains, and inspect brakes and lights. Choose well-lit, familiar routes and avoid flood-prone areas. Parents should help children plan safer school routes.

Stay alert avoid distractions and make eye contact at junctions. For children, turn rides into adventures with themed outings or reward charts. Adults and older children can enjoy quieter roads and crisp air. Cycle rides in outdoor leisure areas such as Thetford Forest, Rutland, or Grafham Water also make for lovely outings.

With preparation, cycling year-round supports health, sustainability, and fun. Embrace the season and keep those wheels turning.

Helping Our Children Stay Happy and Healthy!

We're excited to share a fantastic resource full of tips and advice on building healthy habits for your younger ones. From balanced meals to active play, these ideas can support your child's wellbeing every day.

Here's what you'll find:

- ✓ Nutrition tips for growing bodies
- ✓ Fun activities to keep kids active
- ✓ Sleep routines for better rest

- ✓ Simple ways to encourage healthy habits

👉 [Click here to explore the guide and find out more!](#)



Christmas Singing!

Our Children Are Shining Bright!

The children in our Christmas Choir have been working incredibly hard on their rehearsals for the Buckden Christmas Light Switch-On—and they're absolutely smashing it!

Their excitement is contagious, and we can't wait for you to see them in action.

Why not take a stroll down on 30th November between 1pm and 6pm to enjoy the festive atmosphere, support their amazing efforts, and watch the beautiful lights switch on? It's the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit!

Part-Time Cleaner Vacancy

We're looking for a School Cleaner to join our friendly team!

- Hours: 2.5 per day, term time only (plus some holiday hours)
- Typical times: 6:00–8:30am (flexibility available)
- Role: Cleaning a designated area of the school, equipment provided
- Qualities: Reliable, team player, high standards
- Experience: Helpful but not essential

To apply, please complete an application form, via the school website : [Click here for more details and application form.](#)

Closing date: Thursday 4th December 2025 at 12pm

Start date: January 2026





Upcoming PTA Events:

- Wednesday 26th November – Christmas Jumper Sale -after school – donate your unwanted jumpers in the donation box by the office.
- 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

Reminder

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

 Call the office

 Or email:

sickness@bpa.act-academytrust.org

Thank you for helping us keep everything running smoothly!



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](#)

Year 2 have an exciting trip coming up!

We'll be visiting St Neots Museum to explore local history and discover fascinating artefacts. Plus, we're planning a creative stop at Mary's Church for some still life drawing! This trip is now available to book on Arbor.

NHS Flu Vaccination – 27th November

Reminder! 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](#)



Pet of the week!

Answer at the bottom of the newsletter!

Christmas Dinner!

You can now book your Child's Christmas Dinner via Arbor!!

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.

 **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.



THE TABLE IS SET

CHRISTMAS DINNER

4TH DECEMBER

FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW

MENU

MAINS

ROAST CHICKEN
QUORN ROAST
WITH

YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS, ROAST POTATOES, PIGS IN
BLANKETS, CARROTS AND PEAS

PUDDING

FESTIVE FROSTED SANTA MUFFINS
FESTIVE CAKE POPS
MINCE PIES
CHRISTMAS PUDDING AND CREAM

ALL DIETARY REQUIREMENT WILL BE CATERED FOR.

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..



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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

Rainforests are like the Earth's lungs—they make lots of oxygen!



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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