



friendship
aspiration
forgiveness
justice
hope



"Do Everything in Love"
Corinthians 16:14

Newsletter Update – Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

Victory in Europe Day (VE Day)



On May 8th, we commemorate VE Day, marking the end of World War II in Europe. This day is a celebration of peace, unity, and the triumph of love over conflict. As we reflect on this historic event, we are reminded of our school values and the importance of doing everything in love.

Our school values emphasize love, peace, and forgiveness—principles that are deeply connected to the spirit of VE Day. The Bible mentions peace over 270 times, highlighting its significance in our lives. As we strive to bring peace to others, we can draw inspiration from: Matthew 5:9: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

We can bring peace to the lives of others by practicing forgiveness, as Andy and Helen from St Botolph's Church reminded us during their visit. Forgiveness is a powerful act that can heal relationships and foster a loving school.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs. Bello, our new Governor, to the school. Mr. Broughton, our Chair of Governors, joined us in extending a warm welcome to her. We look forward to her contributions to our school community.

It is concerning that 58% of our pupils did not read and record their reading at least twice last week. Reading with your child at home is an immensely impactful thing you can do to support their development. Reading not only enhances literacy

skills but also builds empathy, confidence, and a love for learning

Here are some ideas of ways you can encourage your child to bring peace into the world:

With best wishes,

Diane Wright (MA Education)
Headteacher

WAYS WE CAN BRING PEACE TO OTHERS



Butterfly class had a wonderful day at West Lodge Park. We started our day by walking to the double-decker bus, which gave us an excellent view of the journey!

We loved exploring the farm where we saw piglets, lambs, goat kids, ponies, ducks and more!

We were able to pet chicks, guinea pigs and rabbits. After this we were able to feed lambs.

What an experience!

Before our lunch, we explored more of the farm and even met an alpaca!

Lunch is always a high point of any trip, and we enjoyed ours in the barn.

We finished our day by riding the barrel ride and playing in the adventure play park.

The children loved their day, and their behaviour was exemplary, a real credit to our school!

I'd also like to send a big thanks to Diana and Olivia, who volunteered to come along with us for this first big school trip!

Mr. Middleton





Last week, some of our Key Stage 2 pupils took a fascinating step back in time with a visit to a reconstructed Anglo-Saxon village. The trip brought history to life, offering the children a chance to experience what daily life was like over a thousand years ago.

The children explored traditional thatched huts, watched blacksmithing demonstrations, and tried their hand at weaving, grinding grain, and making clay pots. Guided by expert historians, they learned about the roles of different people in the village, the tools they used, and how they lived without modern conveniences.

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Refreshments

Entertainment

Sensory Room

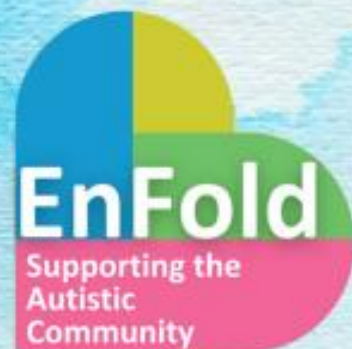
Sat 10th

May

10.30am-2.30pm

Christ the King Church
Deeble Road, Kettering, NN15 7AA

Charity and Support Organisations Marketplace



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**Cottingham C of E
Primary School
LE16 8XB**

KETTFEST KICK-OFF!

**FREE
ENTRY!**
(Parking fees apply)

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES
FREE family - friendly fun activities including sports, crafts, dance and music



WICKSTEED PARK
SINCE 1921

**FRI 13th
JUNE 2025**

**From 4^{pm}
until 8^{pm}**

Big Bopper DJ • Wicky Bear • Dancing classes • Facepainting • Cricket
Rugby • Bowling • Boards of Kettering • Crafts with Community
Decorate a Bunting triangle to be displayed in town the following day

*Open Rides include: Railway • Carousel • Sway-Rider
Rides charged at standard £3 per ticket

KETTFEST
It's where you and everyone else are!

wicksteadpark.org

*Rides and attractions at Wickstead Park are subject to availability



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THE SEB FACTOR



WE'RE BACK FOR 2025!

Last year, our winner was **thirteen-year-old Sabina** – the classical singer wowed the judges and won our inaugural trophy, and the chance to perform at the Kettering Christmas lights switch-on.



This year's show will take place at the **Lighthouse Theatre** in Kettering on **Saturday November 1st** and, once again, the prize package will include a trophy, £500 to donate to a charity of your choice, a selection of vouchers and treats – and the chance to perform at the 2025 switch-on, with thanks to Kettering Town Council.

This year we will be asking for contestants in **FOUR** different categories – 13-and-under boys, 13-and-under girls, over thirteens and groups. Contestants must be no older than eighteen on 31/12/25.

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!

You can apply to take part until Monday 30th June 2025. We will then invite applicants to a live audition day on Sunday 13th July 2025, after which we'll announce contestants in each group who have made it through to the show. We are looking for talent of all kinds – dancing, comedy, acting, music, magic – the possibilities are endless!

**YOUTH
WORKS** ✓

TEAM
SEBASTIAN

APPLY NOW



We are also looking for amazing raffle prizes and sponsors who would like to support a particular element of The Seb Factor. Please reach out to us via our website if you'd like to be a part of this incredible event!

WWW.THESEBFACTOR.COM



St Mary's Primary School



Star of the Week

Friday 9th May 2025

Year 1

Zelda



EYFS

Amelia
&
Jonah



Year 3

Kayden



Year 1/2

Renesmee
&
Daniel



Year 5/6

Benji



Year 2

Amarrie



Year 3/4

Esme



Year 4/5

Victoria



Year 6

Alex

