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Newsletter
19th December 2025

Dear Parents,

It's been a really busy and enjoyable end to the term, with lots of activities in the run up to Christmas. It was great to see so many people at the three amazing productions of 'Bethlehem Bake-Off' and I know that the performances were greatly enjoyed both by the audiences and also by the children. Also on a Christmas theme, we have had carol services, a visit from Father Christmas, a pub lunch at the Village Inn (kindly funded by LMPS Friends), Christmas cake making, Christmas Jumper day, Santa Dash, elf-hunting and a wide variety of arts and crafts. There are pictures of many of these events later in the newsletter!

Later in the newsletter there are some details of fun holiday activities for Children's University. There are codes included with each activity so that they can be entered onto the online accounts and count towards graduation totals.

Finally, I hope that everyone has a fantastic Christmas and a successful and happy new year. School re-opens for children on Tuesday January 6th 2026. Thank you all for your help and support this year.







Well done to some of our brilliant Year 6 students for organising and running their own bake sale to raise money for school lunchtime equipment. They have raised over £100 in total.
Thank you to Emelia, Hallie, Lottie, Oscar, Ollie, Scarlett and Seth!

Scarlett Raby– Wonder!

Well done to Scarlett (and Dad!) for appearing in 'The Wonder 2025' at Soul Church this month. This is a big performance in front of large audiences, and Scarlett took part in multiple performances.
There are some pictures and a link to watch the show below.





https://www.youtube.com/live/JhKwKVcdzPY?si=_HhVcPhk70j1F3Bw



Well done to our Year 1 and Year 2 Ukelele group for performing in front of their classmates this week. We are planning for them to perform again in the new Year at our popular Children's University event in the summer term.



There are also a few spaces available in the group if any other children from Year 1 and above would like to join.









Bethlehem Bake Off !





























Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash!























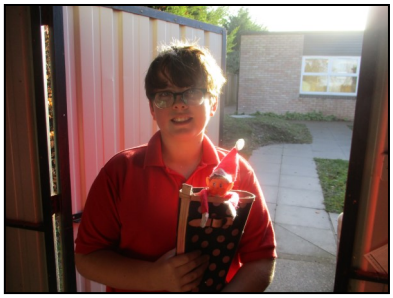
Eagle Owls and Owlets making Christmas Cakes



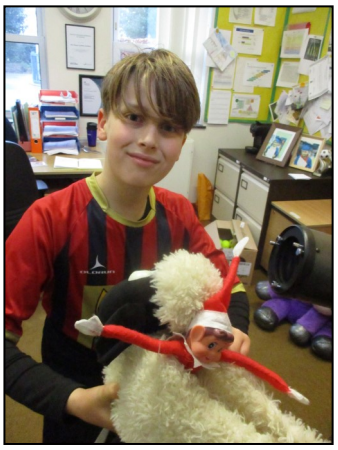










Eagle Owls Elf on the Shelf




















Lunch at the Village Inn

A big thank you to Sarah, Todd, Jo, Gail, Mary and Joe from the Friends for their support with the raffle tickets and baked good sales at the Christmas Performance, and also of course to everyone who contributed an item for the hampers. Collectively over £700 has been raised for the school!



Thank you to everyone who supported the recent poppy stall, including the Year 6 children who ran it.
In total we raised £189.97 for the RBL Poppy Appeal.

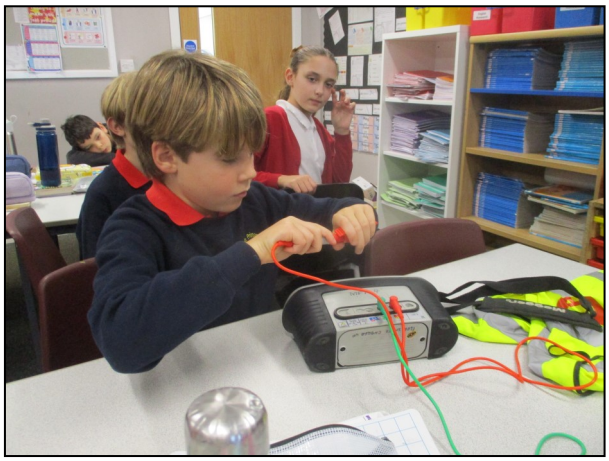




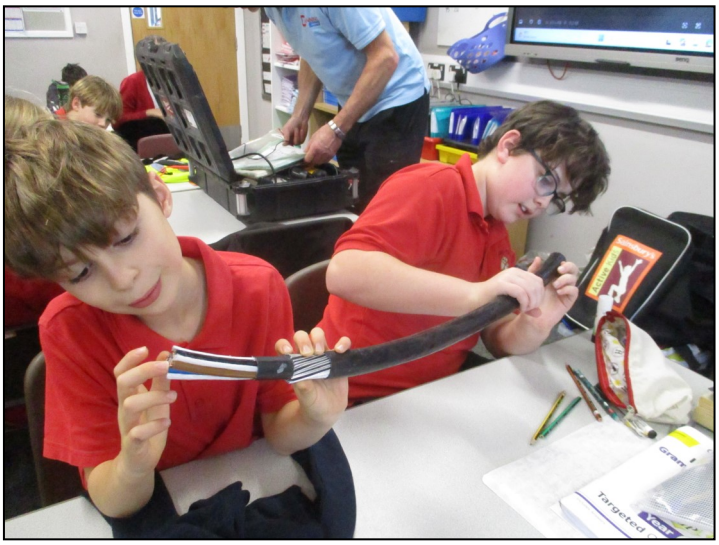
UEA Christmas Lecture 2025

The Brain and Psychology

















Many thanks to Mr Canning, an electrician and past parent of children at Little Melton, for again coming into Eagle Owls to support the children's learning in Science.

We have had lots of very positive feedback from the children about the visit and I know also that Mr Canning was really impressed with the intelligent questioning!





Well done to all of the Eagle Owls children who took part in the Norwich School Sports Partnership football tournament over three match days at the UEA. I'm sure all of the children enjoyed having the opportunity to play as a school team, and experienced a good mix of results. There was a wide range of experience in the group, including some children who had never played in a competitive tournament before. Many thanks to Mrs Davies and Mr Marshall, and parents for joining me in supervising the children.















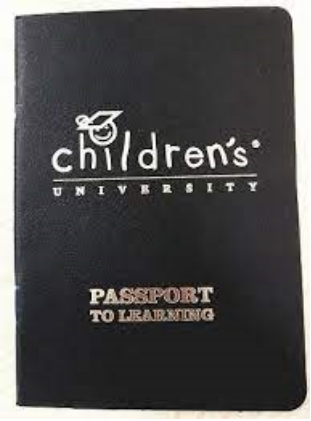


Some useful codes:

Pensthorpe	purple	6889
Gressenhall	green	9146
Castle Museum	yellow	1113
Strumpshaw Fen	red	7914
Blickling	yellow	2594
Trowse Netball Club	red	1289
Swimming	red	2383
Hethersett Rainbows	blue	3822
Hethersett Brownies	purple	zero298
Hethersett Athletic FC	blue	8020
Perfect Performers Dance	yellow	2961
Norwich Swans	green	4508
Norwich Brownies	purple	4276
Central School of Dance	green	9584
LM Karate lessons	purple	8169
Wymondham rugby club	red	7304
Heigham Park FC	red	5207
Triple Threat Drama	purple	7564
Easton Tennis Club	green	7,946
Wham Drama Club	red	9237
Woodside Cubs Group	orange	5659
Hethersett 3rd Guides	purple	5181
Crusaders Rugby	red	7263
Easton Gymnastics	purple	7862
Wymondham Beavers	orange	1073
All Stars/Dynamos Cricket	yellow	6957
LMPS Tennis Club	red	3640
Hethersett Cubs	yellow	6218
Limelight Drama	yellow	2584
Star Dance	green	7236
LMPS Uke	blue	3072

Last date for pre-graduation points is July 5th

Norfolk Ski Centre	red	4435
Norfolk Hoopstars	yellow	2799
Norfolk swim school	blue	1554
East Anglia Tennis & squash club	blue	1085
Gain Fitness Club	yellow	8531
Eska Karate	purple	2944
Norwich Penguins	orange	6120
LMPS Singing	purple	5431
LMPS Chess	yellow	9886
LMPS Boardgames	green	7340
LMPS Mindfulness	green	7814
LMPS TTRS	red	1732
FITC football	purple	6720
Hethersett Beavers	red	6963
Norwich Ballet	purple	4331
UEA Gymnastics	green	7663
David Lloyd Swimming/Let's Play	orange	1923



Please continue to email me for any regular clubs that need a code.

Some useful codes:

<u>Support with emotional wellbeing.</u>

Mrs Plant, our mental health lead, has curated a selection of free and paid for online resources and contacts for children and adults.

These can be found on our school website at:

http://www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk/school-information/support-with-emotional-wellbeing/

December 2025

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE SHEET

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and what better time to get creative, have fun, and collect some Children's University learning hours ready for graduation!

Some of you may remember taking part in the Spoken Word Festival earlier this year — now's your chance to use those performance skills (or try something new!) in our festive challenges. From magical tricks to acts of kindness, there's plenty of Christmas fun to explore, and we can't wait to see what you create!



Maja from Woodhall making ssome spooky treats.



Thomas and Alfred taking part in a money matters university challenge.

Children's University Spotlight

Show us your amazing work! You could be featured in our next Spotlight! Ask an adult to send a photo of your challenge to:

childrensuni@unityspe.co.uk

Let's Learn a Magic Trick!

1 x Learning Hour

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Some of you took part in the Spoken Word Festival with Drummond Money-Coutts, exploring the magic of performing.

Your challenge: Learn a simple magic trick — either one you learned during the festival or a new one you've researched — and perform it for someone at home or school. Magic brings joy and amazement to those around you! You can even film your performance and send it to us — we'd love to see what you do.







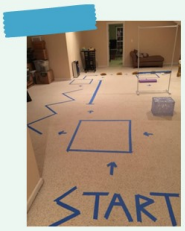
Let's Get Inventing

Your Challenge:
Santa needs new tech!
Design an invention that would help him or the elves, such as:
- A turbo-charged snow-proof sleigh
- A wrapping robot
- A cookie scanner

Draw it, label it, or build a model! You could even create a pitch and film yourself.

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1 x Learning Hour

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Lets get moving

Set up a simple indoor or outdoor obstacle course — jump over cushions, crawl under a table, and run around chairs. Make sure you consider your surroundings and keep safe.

Pretend you're helping Santa deliver presents as fast as you can!
Time yourself and see if you can beat your own record. Can you make it even faster next time?

Let's Get Eco-Festive!

Santa's elves want to cut down on waste this year — can you help?
Create a planet-friendly Christmas hack, like:
- Gift wrap made from old maps, newspaper, or fabric
- A tiny Christmas decorations made from natural items
- A reusable advent calendar or cracker

Take a photo or draw your eco creation!







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1 x Learning Hour

Let's Discover

Your Challenge:
Many of our Christmas traditions travelled from other places.
Pick one (like Christmas trees, gingerbread, carols, stockings) and find out:
- Where it came from
- How it travelled
- How it became part of Christmas today

Present your findings in any creative way!



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Lets Bake

1 x Learning Hour

It's time to get messy and have fun in the kitchen!
Your challenge:
- Decorate them with icing, sprinkles, or chocolate.
- Make them in Christmas shapes like stars, trees, or snowmen.

If you like, make extra to share with family, friends, or neighbours — spreading some Christmas cheer!

https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/sparkling-vanilla-christmas-cookies

What you need (makes about 20 biscuits):

- 140 g icing sugar (sieved)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg yolk
- 250 g butter, cut into small cubes
- 375 g plain flour (sieved)

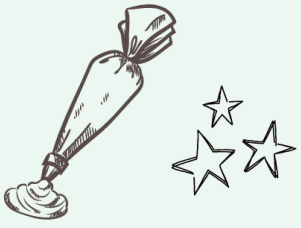
For decorating:

- 200 g icing sugar (sieved)
- Edible food colouring (optional)



1. Mix the dough
2. Put the icing sugar, vanilla, egg yolk, and butter into a bowl. Stir with a spoon (or use a mixer) until smooth. Then add the flour and mix until it becomes a firm dough.
3. Chill the dough
4. Shape the dough into two flat discs, wrap in cling film, and chill in the fridge for 20–30 minutes.
5. Cut out shapes
6. Preheat the oven to 190 °C (or 170 °C fan, Gas 5). Line a baking tray with baking paper. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface — about the thickness of two 1-pound coins. Use cookie cutters (stars, trees, snowmen, or any shape you like) to cut out shapes. Make a small hole at the top of each cookie using the tip of a skewer (so you can hang them!).
7. Bake
8. Place cookies on the tray and bake for 10–12 minutes until they are lightly golden.
9. Cool & decorate
10. Put the cooled cookies on a wire rack. Mix the 200 g icing sugar with a few drops of cold water — it should be thick but pourable. If you want, add a drop of food colouring. Spread the icing on the biscuits, decorate with the edible balls/sprinkles, and when dry, thread ribbon through the holes. Now they're ready to hang on the tree or give as gifts!

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Christmas Holiday Ideas from Children's University– codes included.



Recent or Upcoming Birthdays:

Gianna 6, Poppy 7, Alice 7, William N 9, Harry 10, Penelope 10, Thomas 10, Scarlett 11



Attendance year to date is: 95.6%



(L Love of Learning, M Make it Your Best , P Persevere S Skills for Life)

Owlets: All of Owlets for their first Christmas Play! (S)

Snowy: Freddie, Wilf (L), Isla, Elliot, Erin (P), Rose (L,P)

Barn: Lenny, Camley, William, Jack, Clara and Sienna (S)

Eagle: Harry, Tabi, Toby, Hannah, Emelia, Lottie, Lucas M, Oscar, Ollie & Seth (M)

Housepoints: Scarlett 1100, Charlotte 1000, Bessie 800

House-points		2024-25		
This Term:	1861	2252	1955	1804

Yours faithfully,

Alex Pritchard, Headteacher.



Tuesday January 6th -Return to school
Tuesday January 6th -UEA Y5 Nurses Training Morning
Thursday January 22nd– Road Safety Magic Show (KS2)
Tuesday January 27th– Y3/4 Girls Football Festival
Monday February 16th-Friday February 20th – Half-term
Wednesday March 18th– Y1 Tennis at Easton
Friday March 20th– School Disco
Tuesday March 24th– Friday March 27th– Eagle Owls PGL Residential
Friday March 27th– End of Spring Term
Parents Evenings– Summer Term
Tuesday April 21st, Wednesday April 22nd, Thursday April 30th(Eagle Owls only)
Wednesday 15th July– Leavers Performance (6pm) @ Hethersett Village Hall

Uniform

Any parents wanting to buy uniform can purchase it direct from this website:



https://www.superstitch86.co.uk/product-category/schoolwear/primary-schools-academies/little-melton-primary-school/

Nut Free School



A general reminder that we operate a nut-free policy in school for all food. Please be particularly careful with any food provided to celebrate birthdays as some chocolate can include traces of nuts. We do have some children with severe allergies in our school and we obviously want to look after them to the very best of our ability.

Tree-cycling

Making Christmas tree recycling easy!



Collection dates: 8th and 9th January 2026

Register your collection TODAY at charityxmastreecollection.com

Your support will make a real difference to your local children's hospice

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The Nook
East Anglia's Children's Hospices

Registered CharityNo. 1069284

Registration closes: Sunday 4th Jan '26
(may close early if capacity is reached)

Register, donate, leave your tree for collection – it's so simple!

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NATIONAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS TENNIS CAMP

Action packed Christmas camp with themed challenges, tennis skills, games & prizes

All equipment provided, no experience neccesary

22 - 23 DEC

9:00 - 11:30AM

£16 per day
£27 both days

5 - 10 YEAR OLDS

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WINTER HOLIDAY CLUB ACTIVITY TIMETABLE

TIME	MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER	TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER	FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY	MONDAY 5TH JANUARY
08:00-09:00 (EXTENDED DAY)	Settling in Activities and Club Introduction			
09:00-10:00	Bags of Character			
10:30-11:15	Physical Development			
11:15-11:30	Mid morning snack			
11:30-12:30	Physical Development			
12:30-13:30	Lunchtime, Enrichment and Wellness			
13:30-14:30	Active & Creative Mind Time Snow globe Creation	Active & Creative Mind Time Yarn Wrapped Festive Creations	Active & Creative Mind Time Firework Art	Active & Creative Mind Time New Year Wishing Wands
14:30-15:00	Physical Development			
15:00-15:30	Awards Ceremony			
15:30-18:00 (EXTENDED DAY)	Mini Games, Physical Activity & Cool Down			



EARLY BIRD'S SAVE 10%

Save 10% with code **EARLYWINTER10**
Expires 10th November 2025

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES (ROADSHOW ACTIVITY)	
NERF Games	Mat-Ball
Football	Bowling
Basketball	Hockey
Archery	Glow in the Dark Dodgeball
Performing Arts	Cricket
Netball	Tennis
Gymnastics	Handball
Cheerleading	Fencing





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